



PICKAWAY
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Pickaway County Agricultural Society **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

October 14, 2019

7:00pm

251 DAYS UNTIL FAIR!

*FFA/Future Farmers of America...GAP/Gun-A-Palooza...HH/Heritage Hall...HHB/Heritage Hall Ball...JFB/Junior Fair Board...
L&S Committee/Livestock & Sale Committee...ODA/Ohio Department of Agriculture...PAEC/Pickaway Agriculture & Event Center...
PCAS/Pickaway County Agricultural Society...PCVB/Pickaway County Visitors Bureau...SFB/Senior Fair Board*

- I. Call to order – by President, Von Cremeans at 7pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Darin Myers
- III. Roll Call - Directors not present: Chris Pence, Jennifer Pontious, Frank Reisinger, Brad Shannon, Craig Weiler. Tracey Ritinger arrived at 7:02pm.
- IV. Special Guests – no presentations to board
- V. Secretary Report – Brad Lutz moved to approve 9/9/19 meeting minutes. Scott Pritchard seconded. Motion Carried.
- VI. Treasurer Report

PCAS Monthly

- Checking/Pickaway County Banking Center \$64,966 **printed incorrectly on statement distributed to directors (no longer writing checks out of there)*
- Checking/Kingston National Bank \$33,590 **printed incorrectly on statement distributed to directors*
- Savings/Pickaway County Banking Center \$5,013
- Petty Cash \$100
- Total funds in bank \$103,669
- Income \$27,917
 - Building rentals \$16,648
 - Camping \$4,920 (from Pumpkin Show & Fall Fest Campout)
- Expenses \$27,460
 - Utilities \$16,522 – new electric meter has skyrocketed usage rate/cost, inconsistent billing rate, reason unknown/being investigated with AEP. Meter is reading as “actual”. Bill being mailed to PAEC address, “billed to” name is Pickaway County. Account was set-up by Corna Kokosing. Will get changed. House Bill 6 should help the electric costs for all fairgrounds. Adjusting air conditioning in HH (has on timers set to not run as often when not occupied), light poles turned off.

- Service Contract with PCVB/Building Rentals & Promo \$1,680
- Service Contract with Pickaway County/Maintenance \$3,000
- Brad Lutz moved to approve PCAS Treasurer's Report. Randy Smith seconded. Motion carried.

GAP Monthly

- GAP Checking/Pickaway County Banking Center \$217
- GAP Checking/The Savings Bank \$179,353
- Income \$127
- Expenses \$54,376 (event was in August, all expenses have been paid...includes PCAS facility rental, wages, camping, port-a-lets, prize winnings, food & beverage)
- Brad Lutz moved to approve GAP Treasurer's Report. Darin Myers seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

a) Jr. Fair Board/Joy Sharp

- 4 interviewers for JFB interviewers. 54 applied. 43 have been selected, including 4 junior fair advisors (college age). Letters will go out at the end of the week.
- 4-H hosts horse meetings. Meet occasionally to improve horse show. Feedback from group to SFB:
 - Announcements should include all other livestock shows and activities happening during the day.
 - Recommend to add rule that all riding in arena be supervised by adults.
 - Fans/heat in the horse barn was not satisfactory. Two plugs are concern for safety.
 - Signage to keep people off railing in show pavilion.
 - Outdoor speakers for livestock sale were louder on Saturday than speakers in show pavilion during PAS.
 - Consider letting kids try out at other shows.

b) Livestock & Sale Committee/Jeff Wippel

- Keep market shows "as is" partial terminal vs terminal.
- Decided not to add breeding gilt show this year.
- There was discussion on split sale. Decided to keep sale the same (on Saturday). If exhibitor misses their spot in sale they have to move to end of species.
- December 14 – steer weigh-in 10-11:30am
- Showmanship names changed. "Beginner" changed to "junior" 8-10, "intermediate" 11-13, "senior" 14-18. Need SFB approval (see "new business").
- Dairy beef feeder. All can sell in sale instead of just top 6. Need SFB approval (see "new business").
- Exhibitors pay \$25 per animal for late online entry fees for those that register May 30 to June 20 (move-in day). Need SFB approval (see "new business").

- Officers for LSC remain the same. Jeff Wippel/President, Bennett Musselman/Vice-President, Judi Reynolds/Treasurer, Jenny Patterson/Secretary.
 - Shared that he heard a lot of positive comments about the jackpot hog show at PAEC this past weekend.
- c) Gun-A-Palooza/Von Cremeans
- Director's received copy of final GAP report for 2019 event. Event produced \$148,469 profit.
 - 4,300 tickets were sold
 - Check for 75% of profit (total of \$111,352.50) was presented to Pickaway County Commissioners Harold "Champ" Henson, Brian Stewart and Jay Wippel who were in attendance at meeting. Commissioners each personally thanked the board for their partnership.
 - Over \$200,000 donated to revitalization in two years from this event.

VIII. Old Business

- a) Halloween Camping & Trick or Treat/Von Cremeans
- First annual event.
 - Need volunteers 11/2 to help with games/activities. \$60 in advance by 10/28. \$75 day of.
- b) Livestock & Sales Committee restructure/Von Cremeans.
- Von has spoken with Jeff Wippel and the LSC.
 - Likes Ross County Fair's committee structure.
 - Von Cremeans and Scott Pritchard assign committees. Committees go into effect in November.
 - Proposed all rules will be done by species committee. Von will present an outline/diagram/list of how that will work at November meeting. More efficient. Solves issues quicker.
 - There will be a general livestock committee added.
 - There will be meeting timeline and due dates for when new rules need to be finalized/proposed/approved.
 - PCAS Directors will be committee chairs for species.
 - Livestock & Sale committee member will be barn superintendents.
 - Phone numbers of barn superintendents (designated first contact) will be posted in barns. "Chain of command" necessary to alleviate confusion, frustration and assure accuracy.
 - Scott Pritchard moved to approve that all livestock rules be done/approved by species committee. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion carried.
- c) 1370 Case Tractor/Von Cremeans – received no response from any horsemen on if they wanted it. It needs sold asap. It runs. Something wrong with transmission. Von will look into some options.

IX. New business

- a) OFMA Convention SFB, JFB, and queen costs to be covered by PCAS/Christy Pence
- OFMA Convention is Th Jan 2 – Sun Jan 5 at Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus
 - All senior fair board members are highly encouraged to attend. Great info and topics that will help us plan and manage a more successful fair. Very educational and great networking opportunities to learn from other fair managers.
 - Has tradeshow with exhibitors. Entertainment extravaganza with mini sets for a variety of acts to consider. Officer and district meetings. Queen contest. Keynote speaker at general session. Good team building – dinners and luncheons together. Topics/sessions include: grounds maintenance, concessions, merchandise, harness racing, beer sales, livestock specific topics
 - Christy Pence needs finalized responses for RSVPs at November 11 monthly meeting. Christy sent a sheet around to all directors present for them to rsvp with their intentions for attending.
 - Asked for board to consider covering costs for attending 2020 OFMA costs & OFMA Convention costs:
 - *SFB approved expenses for queen at September 2019 meeting for application fee of \$100 and hotel room allowance up to \$100*
 - Tracey Rittinger moved to have PCAS pay for \$200 for 2020 OFMA Membership. Sean Mayhugh seconded. Motion carried.
 - Carlee Stewart moved to have PCAS pay for 2020 OFMA Convention costs for directors, livestock & sale committee and spouses that include...\$50/attendee for general registration, \$36/attendee for queen's luncheon, \$34/attendee, ODA luncheon, \$100/table President's Showcase, \$100/table Extravaganza, \$22/attendee Awards breakfast, up to \$100/director reimbursement for expenses. Randy Smith seconded. Motion carried.
 - Steve Barthelmas moved to have PCAS pay for 2020 OFMA Convention costs for JFB and chaperones that include...\$10/attendee cash for lunch, up to \$15 reimbursement/chaperone for parking, meals, gas, etc. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion carried.
- b) PCAS has a float in each evening parade for Pumpkin Show (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday). Carl Myers is driving the truck through parades. Randy Smith will get a truck to borrow from Coughlin, and drive truck and float down to parade route in afternoon. All directors and their families are welcome to ride, and encouraged to ride at least once or twice throughout the week. Meet at float around 7:45pm. Junior Fair royalty will be riding each night too. The theme of the float is a farm with red barn, straw bales, mums, pumpkins, animal statues, and white picket fence. Will look similar to last year's but a much nicer, upgraded version.

- c) Mark List moved to have 2020 fair June 20-27. Caleb Eversole seconded. Motion carried.
- d) Sean Mayhugh asked for approval by the board to host harness racing during 2020 fair on Sat 6/20, Sun 6/21 and Mon 6/22 so that he can finalize and send in paperwork required by state. Brad Lutz moved to approve request. Darin Myers seconded. Motion carried.
- e) OCRA (harness racing association) Banquet will be on November 17 in Urbana. Sean Mayhugh and his 3 subcommittee members attend annually. Sean requested board approval of \$20 per attendee (total of \$80). Tracey Rittinger moved to approve request. Brad Lutz seconded. Motion carried.
- f) Flooding down hill runs down over road to bottom of hill because of engineering design flaw. Catch basin is not catching the water. Needs raised up. All camping spots down there will be elevated. Only way to fix is tear down winners circle and build levy. Getting estimate from Darby Creek Excavating. Already reworking parking. Rocks put beside drive down to grandstands to slow water and more evenly distribute it. Commissioners will pay to tear down winners circle area. Getting costs of getting 50 feet of elliptical drain tile and build temporary winners circle directly in front of grandstands. Brad Lutz moved to approve request. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion carried.
- g) Von Cremeans requested approval for applying for harness racing association grant. Association matches costs for repairs up to \$10,000 when ag society spends up to \$20,000 for repairs/updates. Funds would be used to finish replacing stalls in barn 7. \$18,000 for 24 stalls. Brad Lutz moved to approve request to spend up to \$20,000 for barn 7 stall replacements pending grant approval to get up to \$10,000 back. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion carried.
- h) Mark List moved to approve LSC recommendation to sell all dairy feeders. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion carried.
- i) Mark List moved to approve LSC recommendation to rename “beginner” showmanship to “junior” showmanship. Caleb Eversole seconded. Motion carried.
- j) Brad Lutz moved to approve LSC request to charge \$25 late entry fee for junior fair participants. Scott Pritchard seconded. Motion carried.
- k) Von Cremeans and Jeff Wippel get overwhelming number of requests from parents of junior fair participants inquiring who judges will be for fair. They proposed a rule be enforced that judges for all species will not be announced until 7 days after possession date. Livestock Committee will determine if judges return by majority vote. Brad Lutz moved to approve request. Carlee Stewart seconded. Scott Pritchard opposed because the rule should have been written up and presented before proposed. Motion carried by majority of board vote.
- l) November 8 PCCA Chili Cook Off. SFB serving beer. Sean Mayhugh, Scott Pritchard, Christy Pence, Mark List, Brad Lutz, Darin Myers, Chad Black volunteered to work 5:00pm-9:30pm. Grant will take care of setting up. Approximately 500 people attending.

- m) Randy Smith inquired on if Shriners could pay to store their vending booth. Von Cremeans and Scott Pritchard said they could not store it on the grounds because they never paid for the last time they stored it.
- n) Von Cremeans thanked Shirley Lear for her service to the SFB.
- o) Christy Pence reminded everyone that the next meeting on Monday, November 11 will be the annual meeting immediately followed by the monthly meeting. New director Jay Jude will be sworn in. Betsy Cremeans will check to see if Sherrie Duck can attend as notary. Officer nominations and election will take place. All sitting directors are required to purchase their PCAS membership that evening. Cost is \$30.

X. Correspondence

- COTPC sent a thank you note for having them at the fair. They will be at OFMA convention.
- Ryleigh Wolfe from Saltcreek Livestock send a thank you note for sponsoring their market goat show ribbon.
- Jan Shannon sent a thank you card on behalf of the Farm Bureau and Soil & Water Conservation District for the use of the 4th and 5th grade Ag Days this year. Over 1,600 kids participated.
- Pastor Jeff Palmer from Clearcreek Community Church sent a thank you card for letting them store their pews on site for a couple of days.

XI. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 11, 2019 @ 7pm

**Livestock & Sale Committee Meeting – Mon, November 18*

**DBA Christmas parade – fair float – Sunday, December 1 @4pm*

**SFB & LSC Holiday Party – Fri, December 13 @ 7pm*

**Steer weigh-in – Fri, December 14 @ 9-11:30am*

**OFMA Convention – Th, January 2 – Sun, January 5*

- Th Jan 2 @ 6:30pm – OFMA Queens Pageant

- Fr Jan 3 @ 8am – District 6 Meeting

- Fr Jan 3 @ 9:30am – 5pm - General sessions

- Fr Jan 3 @ 11:30 – ODA Lunch & Meeting

(TICKET REQUIRED/MUST RSVP TO CP)

- Fr Jan 3 @ 6pm – Presidents Reception/Showcase

(TICKET REQUIRED/MUST RSVP TO CP)

- Sat Jan 4 @ 8:30am – 4:15pm – General sessions

- Sat Jan 4 @ 9:30am-11am – Main session

- Sat Jan 4 @ 5:00pm – Group Dinner at Buca Di Beppo (MUST RSVP TO CP)

- Sat Jan 4 @ 6:00pm – Extravaganza

(TICKET REQUIRED/MUST RSVP TO CP)

- Sun Jan 5 @ 9am – Awards Breakfast

(TICKET REQUIRED/MUST RSVP TO CP)

- Sun Jan 5 @ 10:45am – Annual Meeting

**2020 Pickaway County Fair – Sat June 20 through Sat June 27*