



Pickaway County Agricultural Society
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2020
67 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...RFP/request for
proposal*

- I. Call to order at 7:00pm by President, Von Cremeans
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call - Directors not present: Caleb Eversole
- IV. Correspondence from public: emails received from Judi Reynolds and Roxanne Davis were read to the board
- V. Secretary Report
 - March 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes were amended as a result of feedback from Sean Mayhugh to update verbiage on Treasurer's Report. Scott Pritchard moved to approve 3/9/20 meeting minutes. Chris Pence seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer Report

PCAS Monthly

- Checking/Kingston National Bank \$102,628
- Petty Cash \$100
- AEP Credit \$9,891
- Total funds (including credit from AEP)/Kingston National Bank \$112,619
- Income \$16,207
 - Building, barn and horse stall rentals \$11,231
 - Sponsorships \$4,400
- Expenses \$24,321
 - Utilities \$7,593
 - Back fence repair \$8,945 **Von Cremeans noted that it was paid for with insurance monies, a couple thousand under estimate*

GAP Monthly

- GAP Checking/The Savings Bank \$2,179
- Money Markey/The Savings Bank \$34,629
- CD/The Savings Bank \$20,116
- Total Funds in bank/The Savings Bank \$56,924
- Income \$35.17 (interest earned)
- Expenses \$7,720
 - Equipment purchased (pig pens & blade for pulling track) \$7,320
 - Racks built to hold pens for easier tear down and more efficient storage
 - Blade for track was already in motion before pandemic challenges. Since PCAS funding anticipated to be low Von Cremeans authorized funds to come from GAP account
 - Misc. expenses (web) \$400

Chris Pence moved to approve PCAS and GAP Treasurer's Report. Craig Weiler seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Report

Junior Fair Board/Joy Sharp

- JFB Members in attendance: Advisor/Beth Allen, Gracieanne Gray, Makayla Robinson, Jacqueline Battigaglia
 - Last meeting was a virtual meeting.
 - Decided on t-shirt design.
 - Reviewed Jr. Fair rules and tested knowledge using a software/app game.
 - Will have another virtual meeting in May to work on committee work.
- Joy Sharp reported:
 - Livestock supplies for fair available and ready - DUNF forms, pen tags
 - YQCA – all jr. fair exhibitors (493 4-H and FFA members) are required to complete online by May 1 if they have market or lactating animals to show for fair. Screenshot of certificate must be sent to Joy Sharp. 50 received so far.
 - Fair booths – extension office has sent out two emails. First email came from Ohio 4-H on Wed 4/8.
 - Difference between 4-H and Jr. Fair
 - Jr. Fair encompasses all jr. fair youth organization including 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts of America, and Boy Scouts of America
 - You must be a member in good standing with one of those organizations to participate/show at the jr. fair
 - Everything that happens at fair is categorized as Jr. Fair and falls under Sr. Fair Board, except the 4-H Misc./Special Interest/Nutrition/Clothing Project judging days

- As long as ODA permits fairs to take place and Sr. Fair Board decides to proceed with the fair all youth are able to participate in Jr. Fair activities
 - Can 4-H members show their livestock at fair? Yes
 - Can 4-H members enter the same way as they have in years past? Yes
- 4-H Misc./Special Interest/Nutrition/Clothing Project judging will take place after OSU Extension's July 6 date as quickly as possible so that projects can be selected in time for state fair. Date has not been set yet.
- Style Review will not happen during fair.
- 4-H Camp cancelled.
- 4-H Booths are optional this year.
- No members of OSU extension are permitted to take part in any face to face/in person activities before July 6. Joy and her staff cannot assist during fair on behalf of OSU Extension.
- Skillathon judging is a jr. fair activity that will need to be coordinated and decided upon by Sr. Fair Board because Joy is not permitted to lead/assist in person. All livestock project books should be completed to participate in livestock judging at jr. fair.

Livestock & Sale Committee/Jeff Wippel

- Last meeting on 3/20 was virtual
- Purchasing a chute for loading/unloading livestock has been put on hold. Have found one to borrow for this year.
- Exhibitor checks will be mailed this year. Costs approximately \$250.
- 2020 fair recommendations from committee to be considered by Sr. Fair Board:
 - Pen assignments - done by species committee chairs
 - Goats – separate pens from market and dairy goats
 - Cattle – rate of gain winner to be announced before cattle show
 - Duties – written and communicated before fair. Who is responsible for what. Species chairs, barn superintendents and committees get together to assign duties
 - Poultry – additional shelving around barn for tack is being worked on for improvement
 - Sale – challenges with getting jr. fair exhibitors lined up in order and timely. Include club name on bill of sale. Put digital number signs in the barns. PA system has been improved.
- Reclining Chair Auction – the front row recliners will be sold off first during sale. Proceeds go to revitalization fund.

Fair Book/Von Cremeans

- Final draft has been submitted to Circleville Herald
- Christy, Von, and Joy have the final draft for review by request.
- Advertisers not purchasing ads in fair book as they have in years past. A PDF only version online may be made available instead of a printed version.
- Joy Sharp stated that if the fair book is not available in print the 901.19 rules will still need to be printed and made available upon request.
- Even if a fair book is not printed we will still provide a printed schedule of events.

Sponsorship/Randy Smith

- \$16,500 in commitments and payments have been received to date
- Over half way to goal of \$30,000
- Some waiting to see what happens before committing.
- Thanks to Chris, Von, Betsy, Craig, Mark and Jim for reaching out to businesses for sponsorships

Concessions & commercial vendors/Scott Pritchard

- Food vendor/concessions contracts went out. None returned yet.
- Commercial vendor contracts – larger vendors have committed and paid. Most small local vendors have not responded yet.

Entertainment & Attractions/Von Cremeans

- Von got an email from the derby company saying they just need a week's notice if there is a cancellation for return of deposit. Autocross is the same. Unsure about Rodeo company. Von asked Mark List to reach out to them.

VIII. Old Business

- Octagon House Painting/Steve Barthelmas
 - The Pickaway County Historical Society said they would agree to borrowing the painting for up to 30 years. Need a printed letter stating that and make sure painting is marked on frame with PCAS contact information. Christy Pence will write letter and make sure painting is marked accordingly on frame.
 - Darin Myers moved to approve loaning the Octagon House Painting to the Pickaway County Historical Society for up to 30 years, with PCAS maintaining ownership. Randy Smith seconded. Motion carried.
- Gator John/Randy Smith
 - Cost will remain same as 2019 fair and they will do Heritage Hall.

IX. New business

- Loan from bank/Von Cremeans
 - Small Business Disaster and CCC loans available for hardship during pandemic. PCAS qualifies. Applying through Kingston National Bank. If we don't have a fair it will be necessary to have monies available to help cover operating expenses.

- CCC loan will cover payroll for office employee payroll (does not include contractors). Bank can grant it to us and forgive up to \$2,600. If they do not forgive it is 1% interest rate for 10 years.
 - Chris Pence moved to approve application process for CCC loan through Kingston National Bank. Darin Myers seconded. Motion carried.
 - Sean Mayhugh will process paperwork
- Small Business Disaster Loan – apply directly through Small Business Association. It is not forgiven but is low interest rate for non-profits. 0% for up to 30 years. Based on review and evaluation of 2019 net, gross, cost of goods, and bank account. Necessary to cover operating expenses.
 - Darin Myers moved to approve application process for Small Business Disaster loan. Jay Jude seconded. Motion carried.
 - Sean Mayhugh will process paperwork
- Tag-in/Von Cremeans
 - Tag-in has been postponed.
 - Mallorie Boggs on LSC has ideas for online/virtual tag ins with photos to be submitted by April 25. Photo of exhibitor with animal, ear notches, 4 angles (front, back, both sides, etc.)
 - Chris Pence moved to approve a virtual tag in. Craig Weiler seconded. Motion carried.
- Decision making/Von Cremeans
 - Von Cremeans requested the board’s approval for the officers (Scott Pritchard/Vice-President, Sean Mayhugh/Treasurer, Christy Pence/Secretary) to temporarily have the flexibility to make executive decisions on modifying rules and logistics for 2020 fair (like tag in, skillathon, fair booths, etc.) without board approval to avoid frequent special meetings and be more timely and efficient under the current pandemic circumstances faster decisions need to be made. The decision to have the fair will remain a decision voted on by the board. Decisions about spending money will remain a board approved decision.
 - Randy Smith made a motion to approve temporary flexibility for officers to make executive decisions on modifying rules and logistics. Sean Mayhugh seconded. Motion carried.
- Fair outlook & plan/Von Cremeans
 - As of now the fair is still scheduled to take place Saturday, June 20 – Saturday, June 27, 2020.
 - Von Cremeans suggested that an official final decision on any scheduling alterations be voted on by the board at the board meeting on Monday, June 8. Most vendors need approximately two weeks notice. We should try everything we can to hold the fair on original scheduled date, our community needs our fair to happen.

- Frank Reisinger moved to approve that a final decision to have fair as scheduled be voted on by the board on Monday, June 8. Craig Weiler seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussions will start to be had amongst committees to come up with alternate plans to show safely and in compliance if the fair should get rescheduled, cancelled or otherwise altered.
- Chris Pence stated to the public attendees that he wanted the community to know that the best interest of our youth is the heart of our board. The board is working hard to make sure they get to show in some capacity that is safe and compliant. We are asking for patience and understanding, as this is uncharted waters the board is navigating and it is going to be impossible to satisfy 100% of those affected no matter what is decided. The kids and the community are the priority of our board, and we are working to do everything we can to have a fair.
- Sean Mayhugh reminded everyone to get all judges contracts in asap. Everyone should call their judges to make sure they know when we are making a final decision on fair.
- Office is closed, other than by appointment only or when Sean is available to come in for a few hours at a time. Bev Crawford will not be back in the office until Monday, May 4

X. Correspondence

- Pickaway Senior Center sent a note of thanks for PCAS donation for their annual fundraiser
- Westfall Education Foundation sent a note of thanks for PCAS donations for their annual fundraiser

XI. Adjournment – Darin Myers moved to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 11 @ 7pm

UPCOMING DATES...

**Online livestock registration due May 15*

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

**Gun-A-Palooza – Sat, August 22*

**Pickaway County hosts OFMA District 6 Fall Meeting – Th November 5*