



Pickaway County Agricultural Society
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020
39 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 7pm by President, Von Cremeans
- II. Roll Call – all directors present
- III. Secretary Report – April 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes were emailed to all directors for review on Th 5/7. No additions or corrections. Darin Myers moved to approve 4/13/20 meeting minutes. Caleb Eversole seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer Report

PCAS Monthly

- Checking/Kingston National Bank \$104,151
- Petty Cash \$100
- AEP Credit \$9,891
- Total funds (including credit from AEP)/Kingston National Bank \$114,143
- Income \$30,254
 - Rental income \$5,104
 - Donation from county \$21,271
- Expenses \$28,692
 - Utilities \$3,479
 - PCVB service contract \$3,520
 - Repairs \$13,974

GAP Monthly

- GAP Checking/The Savings Bank \$1,205
- Money Market/The Savings Bank \$34,634
- CD/The Savings Bank \$20,146
- Total Funds in bank/The Savings Bank \$55,986
- Income \$35.50 (interest earned)
- Expenses \$974
 - PCAS reimbursement for sympathy flowers \$88.63

- Printed tickets for GAP event \$974

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

V. Committee Report

a) Junior Fair Board/4-H OSU Extension

- Joy Sharp reported:
 - Virtual JFB meeting was Sat 5/9
 - Committees did breakouts
 - Education committee will have printed species info banners for SFB to review soon
 - YQCA is at 90% completion. 441 projects require quality assurance. 48 have dropped (4-H and FFA). 41 still left to complete.
 - King and Queen applications will be posted later this week.
 - Dolores has ordered all awards.
 - Split newsletter. 4-H newsletter (special interest, misc., non-livestock) has a lot of changes and is going out first. Judging been rescheduled for July 15, 16, 17 in Heritage Hall. Has safety plan for social distancing, mask wearing, etc. Skillathon judging will consist of completed project books only. Required upon arrival at fair. Will have designated boxes/collection area. DUNF forms will be passed out upon arrival to fair or distributed electronically.
 - Jr. Fair newsletter will go out after tonight's meeting and livestock & sale committee meeting. Livestock committees will be asked to review before it is distributed next week.

b) Livestock & Sale Committee/Jeff Wippel

- LSC has not met since last SFB meeting. Will meet next Monday, May 18 @ 7pm.
- Jeff has contacted packers from last year. All are onboard to help with our fair this year. There are packer/buyers for every species lined up.

c) Fair Book/Von Cremeans

- Christy & Von received fair book final draft Friday.
- Just working on last minute finishing touches like photos of last year's champions.
- Herald has changed format of printing due to pandemic. Taking longer. Should have fair book by end of month.

VI. Old Business

- a) Status of loans from bank/Von Cremeans
 - PPP loan was approved. \$2,665. Sean and Von closed on it at end of April. Will possibly be forgiven.
 - Advance on disaster loan is \$1,000 per employee. We got approved for \$1,000. Still in process.
 - State of Ohio decided that fairs do not have to match the “up to \$50,000” for grant program. Will still give to us as “capital grant”. Cannot be used for expenses. Have to use the way we said we would use it when we initially applied. We won’t buy anything with it until after June 30 when funds are available.

VII. New business

- a) Rodeo Company Cancellation Policy/Mark List
 - Spoke with Sandy. Informed her the June 8 was the day we were making final decisions on fair plans. They did not require upfront deposit. No cost for us to cancel.
 - Von Cremeans has been in touch with the demolition derby to confirm that there is no charge if we cancel. Autocross just needs 48 hours notice to cancel.
 - Craig Weiler said that tractor pulls just needs 24-48 hours notice to cancel.
 - Von asked Christy and Tracey to check contract with Menus on cancellation. Mark recalls that it is a week or so notice.
 - Randy has been in touch with all entertainment/attractions he has scheduled to let them know our plan.
- b) Skillathon Judging/Von Cremeans
 - All Jr. Fair must complete whatever their organization requires (4-H project books, FFA worksheets, etc.). Those items are required to be turned in upon arrival fair week. Cannot show if they are not turned in and completed.
- c) Fair Electric Contract/Von Cremeans
 - A copy of Pritchard Electric’s proposal for fair week was emailed to all directors prior to meeting.
 - 2019 rate was \$6,500. Onsite Wed-Sat. New buildings. Unsure of needs.
 - 2020 rate is \$4,500. Onsite Sat-Sat. Outlook/estimation of needs should be less than last year.
 - Jay Jude stated that dates on proposal were incorrect. Needs updated to Sat 6/20-Sat 6/27.
 - Scott Pritchard was moved into “waiting room” on virtual meeting so that he could not hear discussion or take part in voting of board on electric contract.
 - Jay Jude moved to approve proposal by Pritchard Electric of \$4,500 for onsite service during fair Sat 6/20-Sat 6/27. Darin Myers seconded. Motion carried.

- Scott Pritchard was moved back into “general discussion” of virtual meeting after vote.
- d) Contract with PCVB & PAEC Rentals/Von Cremeans
- At the end of April the officer committee decided to suspend the service contract with PCVB. Cost savings of \$1,600/month. Currently getting zero income due to not being able to rent buildings because of pandemic restrictions. May explore other more cost effective opportunities that yield higher return.
- e) Services Audit/Von Cremeans
- Sean and Von have been reviewing service costs to decrease services/costs where possible. Was able to reduce costs for electricity and waste removal. Removed dumpsters and went to will call to save \$1,500+/month.
 - Working on getting voice over IP phone system installed that will save about \$90/month.
 - Asked Directors to ask questions and propose ideas for other cost savings.
- f) Fair outlook and plans/Von Cremeans
- Von did an interview with ABC 6 news today. Fair outlook to Von is that we will continue planning for a full fair. Hopeful that Governor will do the right thing and relax some restrictions around amusements and entertainment.
 - There is a work task force/committee in place by OFMA that have been working through alternative plans/options with state legislators in an effort to propose a full fair plan to the Governor’s office. Includes no limits on admittance, limits crowds in grandstands, limits in show arena/barns/buildings. Will have to mark social distance markings all arounds the grounds. Ride companies have come up with alternative plans to safely operate rides.
 - Von is getting frequent updates from members of that committee and is very encouraged.
 - We will certainly have to do some things different for safety reasons because of the pandemic.
 - Von said stay tuned. SFB will make final decisions on fair plan based on all information and restrictions we have as of the June 8 meeting.
 - There will be work days closer to fair but unsure of workload/projects due to current restrictions. Going to start working on ordering sanitation supplies, signage, etc. Will need to assemble, install, and place things closer to fair.
 - Mark List said that the OH Pig Show will take place last weekend of May pending Pickaway County Department of Health approval. Can leave show arena up for fair since there will be no other events until then.
 - Von spoke with three promoters today that want to have horse shows as soon as June 5. A lot of interest in buildings/grounds rentals.

- Mark List moved to accept the Plan B proposal that was emailed to all directors on Sunday, May 10. Scott Pritchard seconded. Motion carried.

- g) Scott Pritchard moved to move to executive session to discuss contract terms. Mark List seconded. **Phone line was cleared of all participants except directors, Jan Shannon, and Christy Pence and locked at 7:38pm.*

- h) Chris Pence moved to return to general session. Scott Pritchard seconded. Motion carried. **Phone line was unlocked and opened back up to public at 7:52pm upon moving back into general session.*

VIII. Correspondence - none

IX. Adjournment - Sean Mayhugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris Pence seconded.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 8 @ 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*