



## **Pickaway County Agricultural Society**

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**May 13, 2019**

**7:00pm**

*32 DAYS UNTIL FAIR!!!*

*Abbreviations:*

*FFA/Future Farmers of America...GAP/Gun-A-Palooza...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 Jim Arledge
- III. Roll Call – Directors not present: Brad Lutz, Carl Myers
- IV. Special Guests - none
- V. Secretary Report – Darin Myers moved to approve 4/8/19 PCAS meeting minutes. Chris Pence seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer Report –

#### PCAS

- Checking/Pickaway County Banking Center \$71,206
- Checking/Kingston National Bank \$10,000
- Savings/Pickaway County Banking Center \$102,601
- Petty Cash \$100
- Total funds in bank \$173,908
- Income \$22,446
  - Commercial vendors/rides \$2,630
  - Concessions \$2,000
  - Horse Barn Rentals \$6,500
  - Sponsorships \$7,150
- Expenses \$24,569
  - Electrical Materials/Repairs/Expenses \$7,477
  - Utilities \$1,592
  - Fair Expenses \$1,955
  - Service Contract/PCVB \$1,680

## GAP

- GAP Checking/Pickaway County Banking Center \$4,284
- GAP Checking/The Savings Bank \$20,000
- Income
  - Pre purchased tickets \$200
- Expenses
  - Supplies \$165
  - Ticket & Brochure Printing \$885
  - Promotional/Giveaway \$3,843
  
- Craig Weiler moved to approve Treasurer's Report. Darin Myers seconded. Motion carried.

## VII. Committee Reports

### a) Jr. Fair Board

- JFB members Mikayla Binkly, Gracieanne Gray, Ambrosia Havan, Avalon Havan, Ryanna Morrison, Allison Remick, Makayla Robinson, John Stiver, Makayla Lange, and Ryan Justus reported
  - Ambrosia reported JFB had a work day Saturday, planted flowers in new pots and took a tour of the newly constructed buildings.
  - King & Queen applications due May 28. Especially need king applicants.
  - Working on finalizing committee activities for fair week.
    - Cloverbud Committee - Fairgrounds tours to Cloverbuds during fair. Committee members stationed in barns during Cloverbud time to talk about basic animal care and info in barns.
  - Gracieanne Gray reported – JFB voted to staff a stand with chips, candy (no chocolate), pop (Pepsi products) and water located in warming kitchen. They have a sign-up sheet for JFB members to sign up for shifts (have at least 2 JFB members per shift).
- Joy Sharp reported:
  - There have been a lot of questions on poultry. She has been in touch with superintendent Carlee Stewart. Need to have a plan and put it in writing. Poultry that comes from out of state needs pullorum-free certificate (NPIP) or have certified paperwork from vet. Dr. Forshey, vet from ODA responded to their questions, confirmed and confirmed the above.
  - Fair booths will go in south end of Heritage Hall. Email will go out to advisors.
  - Von Cremeans going to check on alternative Skillathon location.
  - Quality Assurance, 9 haven't completed. Most were planned drops. A couple others made arrangements at Hocking and Madison. 2 kids cannot show market animals because they did not participate in quality assurance.

b) Livestock & Sale Committee/Jeff Wippel

- Thanked fair board members for help with tag-in on April 20.
  - 362 hogs. 82 market goats. 57 market lambs. 37 dairy & beef = 537 animals tagged in 4 1/2 hours (approximately 120/hour).
  - Von Cremeans thanked Jeff and his committee for their hard work and their efforts that day.
- June 3 committees need to get together for a planning meeting. Send list of needs (reports, Jr. Fair exhibitor needs, etc.) to Secretary@PickawayCountyFair.org before the meeting.
- May 15 is last day for online registration.
- Sale order is listed correctly on page 4 of fair book (bottom right corner). It is listed incorrectly on page 52 of fair book under Jr. Fair Sale.

c) Revitalization & Construction Update/Von Cremeans

- Full possession around 1<sup>st</sup> of June. That is when work days can start. Pens and stalls cannot be assembled until then. Need live safety to be able to remove vests and hats on site.
- Work lists currently being put together, like assembling 40+ benches. Easy to assemble.
- Buildings are 95% done. Hog barn should be done end of next week.
- All electric done inside all buildings except hog barn. Doing “load” tests to assure everything works together at the same time and doesn’t overload the system.
- Heritage Hall done. Just needs an external minor repair in one area.
- Steer barn, should have dirt or clay in it next week.
- Show pavilion, dirt should be in it next week.
- A lot of touch-up work going on. Likely won’t be 100% done by fair. There will be unfinished punch out items, which is expected, but will be functional for needs. Corna Kokosing will continue to be onsite after fair until all punch list items are complete. Contracted electricians and plumbers will be onsite for 3 days during fair and on-call as needed.
- Office furniture is ordered. Micro Systems donated \$17,000 in office furniture.

d) Sponsorship/Mark List

- All Directors are required to sell at least one \$500 banner sponsorship
- All sponsors have paid or been invoiced to date.
- No banners will be ordered by PCAS/Christy Pence after Wed 5/22. However, sponsorships can be accepted right up to fair if sponsor provides their own banner.
- Von Cremeans shared that we have about \$6,000 more in sponsorships for 2019 than 2018 so far.
- Golf cart signage will be 7”x32” corrugated plastic. Durable and will not block view for backing up.
- Businesses want their name out there and this is a prime advertising opportunity for them.

- Banners will hang in Heritage Hall and on fence along entrance walkway.
- e) Gates/Chris Pence
- Westfall and Teays Valley Band Boosters covering 2 main/B&C gates, and Lighthouse Church covering Lancaster Pike/A gate.
  - Wrights set up and confirmed for ticketing.
- f) Concessions & Vendors/Scott Pritchard
- 33 food concessionaires & 33 commercial vendors in 2018.
  - 21 food concessionaires (27 invited) & 15 commercial vendors (includes 5 new, 27 previous vendors were invited) in 2019.
  - All contracts due by May 17, 2019
  - Outdoor space only for commercial vendors is hurting participation. Inside space is preferred.
  - Ride vendor is pleased with space.
- g) Gun-A-Palooza/Von Cremeans
- Tickets are on sale. Betsy Cremeans will have packets to sign-out after meeting. Have to sell entire packet of 30 before exchange for 1 comp ticket with Bev.
  - Gun list is done.
  - More promotion will be done after fair, including flyers being mailed out.

#### VIII. Old Business

- a) Purchase of Drag Master or other equipment for show pavilion/Von Cremeans & Jennifer Pontious
- Roto Master not recommended for show pavilion.
  - Drag Master has been highly recommended by multiple people. Chris Pence helped with a quote and negotiating a discount. Has various functions for depth and texture of dirt.
  - Lots of potential for professional horse shows. Jennifer Pontious shared that there is a lot of interest by national horse associations.
  - Von Cremeans requested the board to approve purchase of Drag Master for \$18,086.
  - Brad Shannon moved to approve request to purchase Drag Master for amount of \$18,086. Scott Pritchard seconded. Motion carried.
- b) Porta John Rental Agreement/Randy Smith
- \$5,853.92 16 single units, 4 handicapped, no trailers.
  - Bathrooms in Heritage Hall will automatically be taken care of (cleaned and tissue replenished). We set the hours for them to be onsite. PCAS supply tissue, cleaning supplies, etc.
  - Service campers \$20/each. SFB does not get any percentage.

- Chris Pence moved to accept request to contract Gator John for fair week services. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion carried.
- 24/7/365 service - Decision on service beyond fair tabled to next meeting.

c) Pritchard Tents/Randy Smith

- 30'x40' stake and pole for beer tent , and 30'x45' framed in master series (will need concrete blocks) for top of hill atop amphitheater.
- Beer tent estimated cost is \$2,075.
- \$2,500 sponsorship will cover cost.
- Got quantity of 13 60" round tables @ \$9/each (per VA's request). Don't need to rent chairs.
- Will also be used for senior's luncheon and Cloverbuds activities.
- Brad Shannon moved to approve expense of \$2,075 to rent tent. Carlee Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

d) Amphitheater video/Randy Smith

- Scott Pritchard and Randy discussed playing a slideshow and/or video on a screen on the amphitheater stage when there is nothing happening on the stage (during transition, between acts, set-up, etc.)
- Randy requested that a cost of \$1,500 to produce a video by a media company be approved by the board.
- After discussion by the board it was mentioned that Corna Kokosing is providing a construction time lapse video that will used in the slideshow that Christy Pence is putting together for Heritage Hall Ball that will be used instead.
- There was no motion by any board members to approve the request to spend \$1,500 on creating a separate video by the media company.

e) Sign update/Von Cremeans

- Sign is ordered. Will be delivered end of week the week of May 27 and installed week of June 3.
- Marvin the steer is being restored. Will not be installed on the sign until after Heritage Hall Ball on June 11.

IX. New business

a) Heritage Hall Ball/Christy

- Invitations were sent. Event is June 11. Last day to register/rsvp is Monday, June 3.
- Big preview event. The huge "reveal". BIG DEAL!
- Fundraiser for revitalization.
- Guests will park in parking lot, register at main entrance, take guided tours (by Jay Wippel, Mike Schmidt, Von Cremeans and other designated guides). Hors d oeuvres and bottled water stations will be in each barn for guests to enjoy as they're touring. Is "black tie optional". Swanky. Important to dress up! No work clothes. No jeans.

- Barn superintendents are expected to be present. If they cannot be present they are expected to designate committee member(s) to be present. A night to show how proud of all the work that has been done and have a moment for the community to see the faces behind the work.
  - Dinner, hors d'oeuvres, etc. are only for guests who pay the \$50 to attend the event. Includes sit down dinner. Live Auction, Yeti Cooler Mystery Chest raffle (thousands of dollars in prizes inside), Diamonds & Champagne raffle will also occur at the event.
  - All board members expected to be in attendance. We should all be proud of our facilities and be willing and active participants in what is going on here. Ask where you can volunteer if you haven't been asked to specifically plug in or contribute in a specific area. Looking for volunteer bartenders and golf cart drivers.
  - Expected to sell out (approximately 500 attendees). So far 11 VIP tables (x 8 guests) have been sold + dozens of other individual tickets. Elected officials, ODA, OFMA, and all fairs in OFMA District 6 have been invited.
- b) June Meeting/Von Cremeans
- Requested approval to move June meeting from June 10 to June 3.
  - Mark List moved to approve the request to move June's meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sean Mayhugh seconded. Motion carried.
  - Christy Pence will make sure it is announced in the newspaper.
- c) EMS/Pickaway Township – Sean Mayhugh.
- Alternate Amanda Clearcreek and Pickaway Township each year.
  - Pickaway Township interested in providing EMS service at fair this year.
  - Cost is \$250/engine, \$250/squad.
  - Mark List moved to have Pickaway Township be the EMS provider during fair. Steve Barthelmas seconded. Motion carried.
  - Scott Pritchard requested that they not spray down the grandstands because the water leaks down under into the conduits. Will schedule a work day to clean it.
- d) PCAS/race blanket sponsorship – Sean Mayhugh
- Requested board approval to sponsor one race blanket for \$100 for harness racing.
  - Brad Shannon moved to approve request to sponsor race blanket for \$100. Mark List seconded. Motion carried.
- e) Fence relocation/Von Cremeans
- 20' between old fence and new fence at Gate C. No gates currently. Move Kerr chain link fence to angle so it's in line.
  - Rocky Fork quoted \$1,468 to move fence.
  - Darin Myers moved to approve request to move fence as proposed. Craig Weiler seconded. Motion carried.

f) Electrician proposal/Scott Pritchard

- Proposed Pritchard Electric be official electrician during fair Wed 6/12 – Sat 6/22 on call 24 hours a day. Provide bucket truck. Will have a stock truck on site with supplies - extra breakers, receptacles, materials, supplies, hoses. Pritchard Electric will pay for a vendor spot for that trailer.
- Most work will be on camp ground and infield.
- Atlas on-call (arrive within hour).
- Mark Arthurs is taking care of sound.
- Scott left room during discussion by board.
- \$6,500 was quoted by another contactor. Ian Pritchard will be doing majority of work.
- Von Cremeans and Darin Myers talked with another contractor at OFMA convention. Von invited them to reach out to him and they did not.
- Charge for the trailer onsite.
- Chris Pence moved to approve proposal for Pritchard Electric to be official electrician during 2019 fair week. Frank Reisinger seconded. Went to vote with 16 yes's to approve Pritchard Electric as the official fair electrician for 2019. Carlee Stewart and Scott Pritchard abstained from vote.

g) Dump wagon/Sean Mayhugh

- Currently have 2 dump wagons for horse barns.
- 2 new stables moved in. More waste.
- Purchase to dump manure in pile.
- Big Texas is who he contacted. Hasn't heard back yet.
- Scott Pritchard moved to approve purchase of dump wagon up to \$5,000. Darin Myers seconded. Motion carried.

h) Rumpke/Von Cremeans

- Will do clean up at night, no mid-day clean up
- Estimated cost \$14,896.63
- Two 8-yarders instead of one 30-yarder at second drive in ball field campground. Two 15-yarders in in-field. They will be dumped as needed. Three new dumpsters will be placed permanently.
- Brad Shannon moved to accept proposal for Rumpke waste service for \$14, 896.63. Chris Pence seconded. Motion carried.

i) Tractor Warranty/Von Cremeans

- 120 Tractor warranty expires 6/22.
- We have it for at least 20 years.
- Von proposed to upgrade the warranty. Best deal is zero deductible \$3,106/1,500 hours (60 months) for Protection Plus. Standard not enough. Premium too much.

- Brad Shannon moved to approve proposal to upgrade warranty to zero deductible for \$3,106 for 1,500 hours (60 months) for Protection Plus coverage. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

j) Internet/Von Cremeans

- Internet from this building to Heritage Hall. Conduit is in. Needs fiber pulled. County will pay for all fiber except last run. \$4,720 is cost.
- Brad Shannon moved to approve request of PCAS paying \$4,720 for last run of fiber. Craig Justus seconded. Motion carried.

k) Young Ag Professionals/Carlee Stewart

Wants to do a reception in grandstands on west side Friday evening before tractor pull.

l) Fireworks on Monday of fair/Von Cremeans

- Two emails were sent to the info@PickawayCountyFair.org today (5/13) by Kim McFarland and Sue Dennis. They each expressed concerns about the fireworks on Monday of fair startling the livestock. Both cited an incident that occurred at Madison County during fireworks. Someone was allegedly riding a horse during the fireworks and the horse got spooked.
- Von stated that several board members reached out to Madison County for more information and they expressed no concerns around this issue.
- Von stated multiple horse owners/advisors were consulted, including owners of some of the estimated \$1m+ valuation in horses housed year round in the barns on site who are there during the annual July 1 community fireworks, no major concerns were expressed. Haven't been any issues.
- A common point expressed by those consulted was that this is no different than loud noises that occur in their home habitats during thunder storms and gun shots from hunting.
- Jr. Fair exhibitors will be advised for all livestock be put in stalls, pens and cages before fireworks begin.
- Music will be played throughout barns during fireworks show and fans will be going on high speed to minimize outside noise.
- The fireworks will be shot off from old horse arena opposite of all the barns, a good distance away.

X. Correspondence

- An email was received by Sue Dennis with concerns about the fireworks during fair. Concerns were discussed by board in new business. A response will be issued on behalf of the board.
- An email was received by Kim McFarland with concerns about the fireworks during fair. Concerns were discussed by board in new business. A response will be issued on behalf of the board.



- State Representative Gary Scherer sent a note with a newspaper clipping with Marvin the steer photographed at the welcome center.

XI. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: TBD

*\*Livestock & Sale Committee Meetings: Mon, May 20, 2019 @ 7:00pm*

*\*Species meeting for all superintendents and committee members: Mon, June 3 @ 7:00pm*

*\*Livestock Skillathon @ Emmett Chapel – Th June 6 & Fri June 7 – 11am to 8pm*

*\*Heritage Hall Ball (PAEC Revitalization Fundraiser and Community Preview Night) – Tue, June 11*

*\*All PCAS specie/barn superintendents are required to have all club pen assignments complete and marked Wed June 12*

Submitted by Secretary, Christy Pence