

Lancaster, OH

January 18, 2022

7:30 P.M.

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society with President Barb Lamp, presiding. Other directors present were: Regina Bresler, David Keller, Barb Lamp, Lynn Landis, Doug Leith, Sean Malone, Jim Marcinko, Chuck Miller, Phillip Miller, Mark Sharp, Doug Shaw, Connie Smith, and Greg Swinehart.

Nancy Myers, Cheryl Ricketts and Charlie Schultz were excused.

Roll Call – Quorum.

Also present was Sara Peters – Secretary, Andrew Yost – Concession Manager, Sondra McCabe – Assistant Secretary, Greg Grube, Stan Smith, Mark Francis, John Hablitzel, C. Scott Anderson, Gail Ellinger, Makenna Liff, and Greg Coulter.

Comments from guests.

Mark Francis wanted to discuss issues with camping. He stated that concessionaires were doing illegal drugs. He feels that we should segregate camping for concessionaires and 4-H. He wants to be part of the solution and is willing to help in any way possible.

Greg Grube wanted to get input from the Board on several changes to the hogs. Tagging will be done July 16 at the fairgrounds. Hogs will remain on the trailer during tag-in. Regina Bresler asked Greg Grube what about the kids that live on a farm and aren't allowed to take a pig off the farm and bring it back. There is a handful of families that could be affected. More information will follow.

Gail Ellinger said she heard that we are eliminating the 80 lbs. rule for Goats at weigh-in in July. She let the Board know that she would be in favor and hopes we are in fact doing that at tonight's meeting.

**Sec. Report:**

Sec. Peters

Motion by Phil Miller, second by Regina Bresler to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting with a change to the word barrow to borrow. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

**Financial Reports:**

Treasurer Marcinko

Motion by David Keller, second by Mark Sharp to accept the financial report as of January 18, 2022. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Lynn Landis, second by Regina Bresler to accept the Jr. Fair Building Fund Report as of January 18, 2022. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

FAIRFIELD CO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
Balance Sheet  
As of January 17, 2022

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
100 · Checking A	95,033.74
1310865 · PNB - Main Checking (New Main Checking for the Agricultural ...	34,383.11
120990 · FNB - LOTS - CD -2/24/22 (OLD CD # 1061500115437 CAN N...	23,682.81
0214977 · FAIRFIELD NATIONAL BANK-SAVINGS	5,003.52
109 · FAIRFIELD CO FOUNDATION CAP IMP	5,414.44
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3941199 · BREMEN BANK CENTER -CD-10/10/22 (NEW CD #3941199 1...	26,705.99
6041097 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL S&L -ATM ACCT (BANK ACCOUNT SPECIF...	6,963.92
6080791 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL - CD 3/15/22 (NEW CD FOR 12 MTHS. AT ...	26,085.59
6083676 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL - CD 7/2/22 (BALANCE OF CD # 1018113...	35,794.74
0310249 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL -G/S SAVINGS (TRANSFERED MONEY FRO...	854.76
4463823 · FIFTH THIRD BANK - CD - 3/3/22 (MONEY TRANSFERRED FRO...	23,824.56
303177 · KINGSTON NATIONAL - CD-11/1/22 (OLD CD #302935 NEW C...	25,585.72
5441476 · PEOPLES BANK - CD - 10/20/22 (TRANSFER FUNDS FROM CD ...	32,551.75
1340149 · PEOPLES BANK -CD- 2/10/22 (TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FNB C...	30,279.10
0039519 · STANDING STONE BANK - MM (INSURANCE MONEY FROM OLD...	83,479.07
30135 · STANDING STONE BANK - MM ACCT (MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT ...	5,152.81
23743 · STANDING STONE BANK -CD-12/1/22 (12 MONTH CD @ .45% D...	20,251.65
2205793 · COMMODORE - CK-JR FAIR BLDG. (JR FAIR BLDG FUND)	3,021.79
Total Checking/Savings	798,735.80
Total Current Assets	798,735.80
TOTAL ASSETS	798,735.80
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Committee Reports:

Junior Fair-

C. Miller & P. Miller

A. Jr Fair Proposal

- a. Proposals are attached to the minutes.
- b. Swine –
  - i. We have had a lot of complaints about tags.
  - ii. Proposed changes to Swine include:
    1. Define Immediate Family in General Rules.
    2. Proposed Change to Tagging in which all market hogs will be tagged and photographed at the fairgrounds on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon.
    3. Proposed change to Housing Form is that the Deadline for filling out this form is tagging date and must be turned in the day of tag-in.
    4. New Rule: Only water may be used, any oil or what appears to be oil or powder will not be permitted. This would follow the same wording as the Ohio State Fair grooming rules.
    5. Proposed change to Health Papers is that DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before 3 days of weigh-in. DUNF forms must be filled out by Noon on the Friday before weigh-in.
    6. Proposed change to Ractopamine and Drug Free rule is to remove the statement “In addition, all hogs are required to be Ractopamine free and exhibitors are required to submit an affidavit online verifying this prior to Fair.

7. Proposed Changes for Classes. The market hog classes will be divided by barrows and gilts and then by weight.

Motion by Chuck Miller, second by Phil Miller to approve item No. 1- Defining Immediate Family in General Rules, No. 3 – Housing Forms deadline date change, No. 4 – Adding the New Rule on grooming practices & No. 5- Changing the date for turning in DUNF Forms . Motion carried. 0-abstained.

c. Market Goats –

i. Proposed Rule Changes for Meat/Market Goats:

1. Proposed schedule change to the Meat Doe/Market Goat Show at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
2. Proposed changes to Meat/ Market Goat Showmanship Divisions. This would split Ages -15-18 into Division I – Ages 17-18 and Division II – Ages 15-16.
3. It has been proposed to delete the Rate of Gain Contest for Market Wethers (see attached sheet).
4. Addition of Market Goat Muscle Quality & Performance (MQP) Contest (see attached sheet).

Motion by Chuck Miller, second by Phil Miller to approve all the proposed changes for the Meat/Market Goats. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

d. Pygmy Goats –

i. Buddy Goats –

1. Proposed request for buddy goats to be used in showmanship. Junior Fair Directors/OSU Extension recommend that buddy goats be entered into appropriate classes to be eligible to be shown in showmanship.

Motion by Chuck Miller, second by Phil Miller to approve the proposed change for Pygmy Goats. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

B. Skillathon Funding

- a. Last year, the Board had provided the meal for workers. The Skillathon Superintendent requested that we budget money for the meal again and also upgrade the awards as an incentive to improve their skills and knowledge.
- b. Chuck Miller suggested that the Board provide the meal for the volunteers, and we provide the Superintendent with \$1,000 from the Junior Fair Awards account to be used for Skillathon awards. Lynn Landis recommended that the incentives be offered by age.
- c. Chuck Miller stated that Connie Smith and Cheryl Ricketts sponsored \$25 gas cards for out of county volunteers as a way to say thank you. He feels that even if we can't find sponsors that the Board should continue to show appreciation to the out of county volunteers.
- d. Connie Smith asked about whether it would be more beneficial to offer premiums for skillathon and book completion over how well they show animals at the fair. She suggested forming a committee to look into this.

- e. Motion by Chuck Miller, second by Phil Miller to provide \$1,000.00 to be used as an incentive for skillathon participants, and a meal to workers. Motion carried. 0-abstained.
- C. Motion by Chuck Miller, second by Phil Miller to approve up to 12 people as weigh masters for 2022 at \$10.00 per person. Motion carried. 1-abstained.
  - a. Weigh Masters – Sean Malone, Tom Bobbitt, Phil Miller, Chuck Miller, Ray Stoneburner, Regina Bresler, Rachel Stoneburner, Carrie Stoneburner, Jason Robinson, Greg Coulter, Kim Root, and Jeff Bondurant.
- D. Chuck Miller said we received the resignation from Beef Superintendents Chris Turner and Brandon Thomas. He emailed a Thank You letter of to the directors that he would like to send out with Board approval. Motion by Chuck Miller, second by Doug Leith to send a letter of recognition to Chris Turner and Brandon Thomas and put in minutes. Motion carried. 0-abstained.
- E. Chuck Miller let the Board know that a job posting for Beef Superintendent and Jr Fair Awards Coordinator are online.

Sale Committee Report:

P. Miller & Malone

- A. \$7,985.67 outstanding and six invoices.
- B. The topic of communication was discussed. They felt that we should have a phone on the ground's year around.
- C. Taxes have been paid and committee is planning an audit.
- D. There will be a new Treasurer, but other officers remain the same.

Entertainment Report-

Swinehart

- A. Contracts have been received from A-Bar Rodeo and Tuesday Concert.
- B. We have received the contract from Granpa Cratchet. By signing early, we saved \$6,000.
- C. Greg Swinehart asked the Board if they wanted to have a Derby during the summer. He feels we shouldn't have one. An event like the derby takes a lot of time. The office staff has a lot of other projects to work on this summer.
- D. Barb Lamp said with the grant money we need to do a couple small projects to show commissioner that we are helping to promote the community of Lancaster. Jim Marcinko suggested promoting events that are already on the grounds. Connie suggested a multi-county horse workshop to bring people into the county.

5 Year Planning Committee-

Landis

- A. The purpose of the committee is to review the revenue stream coming into the Ag Society and plan updates accordingly.
- B. Lynn Landis discussed with the Board the meeting the committee had with Steve Eversole and Dean Miller on Saturday. There are a lot of unknowns with the Art Hall restrooms that they felt we should switch to the #22 restroom as the first project.
- C. The intent was to renovate the existing building, but it was proposed to demolish the existing building and start new. See attached proposal.
- D. Issues with the current restroom – We have no family restrooms. The new proposal would offer two family restrooms and be able to be used year around. Additional issues – Urinals in women's restrooms and stalls with no doors.
- E. Lynn Landis suggested that the Board look over the proposal and take some time to think about it. The amount of money is not something we should take lightly. The proposed amount doesn't include fixtures or demolition.

- F. Lynn Landis also mentioned to the Board that we don't have to put the restroom in the same location. It's something to think about.
- G. Regina Bresler brought up that the new proposals doesn't have showers. Jim Marcinko says that showers are not used as much as now as they were in the past.

#### Grant Report-

- A. Attached to the minutes is Cheryl Rickett's report.
- B. Connie Smith spoke on Cheryl's behalf. She stated that there is money from the Commissioners that we can use towards the new restrooms. Having a better restroom is needed since the South side of the grounds is the most used.

#### **Fair Manager Report:**

- A. OFMA Convention Recap –Jim Marcinko stated that the OFMA Convention went well. He stated that he went to many different sessions. Barb Lamp stated that she went to meetings on Ohio Sunshine Law, the Red Book, and Recognizing Sponsors. She enjoyed it. Phil Miller & Doug Leith went to the Premium Book. Lots of fairs were having problems with sponsors sponsoring the books and not auction. Doug Leith went to a session with Cindy Bodie and they talked about leasing breeding animals. It will likely become a county decision. Phil Miller went to a meeting with Howard Call about admission prices. Most fairs charge \$10.00, and some have incentives with that price. Sean Malone went to a meeting about the changing the constitution. One major point discussed were background checks for the directors. He also attended one on alcohol sales. Mark Sharp attended a meeting on online ticketing. Although the idea of online tickets sounds good, it is expensive.
- B. Jim gave the Directors an update on the grounds crew. Travis Snyder and Bill Danner are working well together.
- C. After talking to Tim Schaffer, he discussed ways to add electric to the AAA by converting some of the breakers originally used for lights into ones that can be used for fans and/or grooming stations. The problem is that these big fans pull a lot of electric.
- D. Fans for Hog Barn carrier bearings went out but can be replaced.
- E. Jim has contacted Fence Solutions about getting an estimate on a rolling gate at main entrance and roadway to the office. He hasn't received an estimate yet. Sean Malone recommended having a key code for cases of emergencies.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Table the Russell Alt Award and Dave Benson Concession Award until February meeting.
- B. Motion by Sean Malone, second by Doug Shaw to approve the purchasing of tickets from Fair Publishing House before the end of January to receive the 15% discount. Motion carried. 0-abstained.
- C. See attached handouts. Sean Malone provided the Board with an update on the two computer programs. The difference between the two programs is that Fair Entry is web-based. Fair Entry allows access to your data from any device anywhere.

Connie Smith clarified that the Fair Entry program works with the current Jr. Fair Enrollment program and the Livestock Auction.

Jim Marcinko and Chuck Miller shared their concerns with the program. Chuck Miller felt that we need more detail. Jim Marcinko stated that we don't have perfect internet access on the grounds.

John Hablitzel, Poultry Superintendent, stated that using this program would require all buildings to have internet access. Jim Marcinko stated that we currently do not have that. Chuck Miller says we need to look at pricing for the internet first because we could be talking about thousands of dollars.

Mark Sharp and Regina Bresler asked about online entries and how they would pay if we are not doing Credit Cards this year. Sean Malone pointed out that exhibitors would do their entries online and mail payment to the office. Once received, the office staff would complete the entry process on the computer.

Connie Smith asked if it would soften the blow by doing online entries by printing a book. Mark Sharp said that's another discussion. Jim Marcinko also pointed out that Hartford Fair had a lot of problems that they went away from online entries.

Mark Sharp asked about doing Junior Fair the first year and leaving Open Class with Martech. Connie Smith suggested doing one area this year - specifically Photography and Fine Arts.

Regina Bresler mentioned giving the Superintendents present a chance to speak.

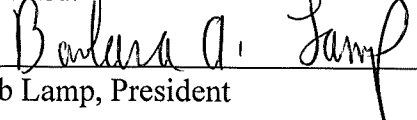
Greg Coulter, Rabbit Superintendent, said he thinks it would be ideal to have a program that links everything together. Mckenna Liff agreed that the program would be beneficial. Mark Francis says he feels that this is a good opportunity to have the youth help the older generation.

Motion by Sean Malone, second by Connie Smith to purchase Fair Entry for Junior Fair and Open Class at a cost \$750 and \$1,250. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

#### **New Business:**

- A. President to appoint an audit committee for 2022 to look at 2021 numbers -Committee members – Dave Keller, Doug Shaw & Regina Bresler
- B. Committee to look over Fair Entry & Junior Fair Books & Skillathon – Committee members - Mark Sharp, Connie Smith, Sean Malone, Phil Miller and Chuck Miller.
- C. Sara Peters asked the Directors to get her their changes for the Fairbooks.
- D. Connie Smith asked Jim Marcinko if there would be enough time to get the Outdoor Arena ready with Reality Dreams having a horse show at the end of September.
- E. Barb Lamp brought up forming a camping committee. Jim Marcinko said his biggest issue with the camping problem is that no one let him know in the office and the police weren't notified. Doug Leith asked for us to move forward with trying to segregate concessionaires and 4-H families. He is worried about the liability of knowing there is a problem and not doing anything about it.

Motion by Doug Shaw, second by Regina Bresler to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

  
Barb Lamp, President

  
Sara Peters, Secretary

March 16, 2021 revamped May 18, 2021, revamped **December 14, 2021** and sent to Show Superintendents, Jr. Fair Board Officers, 4H Office, Chuck and Phil Miller and presented to the Senior Fair Board December 14, 2021

Regular font is from March 16, 2021, the items that were taken care of have been removed. Italics are from May 18, 2021 and the **bold** is today, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

To: The Fairfield County Senior Fair Board, Jr. Fair Board, Department Superintendents, Extension Agents, Chuck and Phil Miller Jr. Fair

From: Cory Galloway, Gail Ellinger, Rick Hutchison, Nick Lee and Brock Thompson

*At the end of last month's meeting, Regina Bresler senior fair board member asked if any of the issues listed below were going to be addressed. Chairperson, Nance Myers informed the members and visitors that they were not going to discuss this during the meeting, but it would be addressed after the meeting. After the meeting, Nancy Myers asked Cory Galloway and Gail Ellinger to come up to her table and talk. Regina Bresler also walked up with us. The items in Italics reflect the advice that we received from Nancy Myers and one item that Jim Marcinko advised us on as well.*

*We felt that these items should have been discussed during the meeting to get the entire boards thoughts. Nancy Myers stated that the Senior Fair Board doesn't have anything to do with these junior fair items and that they are concerned with the Midway, rides, concessions and entertainment. We wanted to express this at a regular open meeting as we feel an open atmosphere is always more conducive to effective decision making.*

Thank you for the opportunity to present some ideas that we have. Please know that these are not meant to be criticisms. Our hope is to create a working relationship with your board in order to achieve what we both want and that is to improve what is already a great fair for our 4H and FFA Exhibitors.

#### FEEDERCREEK ARENA

- 1) A few big fans for better air circulation for exhibitors, animals, workers and spectators. This creates a healthier environment and could possibly make it more appealing for use and rent during the summer months. *Senior Fair Board Item, could we have your permission to look into possibly getting fans donated? **This was really never addressed, we are willing to help possibly get donations for the fans.***

#### AG SOCIETY

- 1) Extend the opportunity for new Ag memberships through Fair Week, making the cutoff at 4pm on Saturday the last day of fair. More people would be able to obtain a membership. The limited hours at the Senior Fair Board Office make it difficult for the average working person to join since it has to be in person to obtain a membership. This would create a more diverse membership and increase revenue. *After speaking with Nancy Myers after last month's meeting, she advised that she didn't want to change this with an amendment to the existing constitution. Our committee feels that this should be brought up to the entire group to vote on. **This was never really addressed and we would like some open discussion about what can be done to increase membership and the opportunity for members to vote.***

## 2) GOATS

- 1) The goats do not have a Sr. Fair Board Member assigned to them as a director. If there is an issue that comes up there is no director to go to. *Per Nancy Myers, Chuck Miller is in charge of any issues that come up in the goat barn if the superintendent cannot resolve them.*
- 2) It was wonderful having the goats with the other livestock projects last year. The barn was airy, with good lighting and the wash racks were concrete, not muddy.
- 3) In a normal year, the lambs and goats could be weighed in one after the other and the scales would not have to be moved another time for weigh in.
- 4) With the goats on that side of the track, the exhibitors who show lambs, hogs and beef as well as goats would not have to make the trek across the track to care for their animals and show.
- 5) The goats typically have been the second highest specie (in numbers) and they have outgrown the barn and the #50 old swine arena to show in. The indoor/outdoor carpet space that they have to show in is so small, it restricts movement and being able to show well in the ring. The exhibitors in a lot of classes end up on top of each other with little or no space to turn and show their animal.
- 6) There is enough room to house the lambs and the goats in the Triple A building. *This is a senior fair board item **and a copy of this is being sent to all referenced above***
- 7) There is a rule that goats cannot weigh over 80 pounds at July tag-in. This rule eliminates the exhibitor from showing that animal at all. If a child brings a goat that weighs 79, they can show it, if it weighs 81 they cannot. We feel this is **not** something that should be determined in July. Let the exhibitor finish the project instead of being eliminated in July after that family has already purchased the animal. All animals grow at different paces, this rule does not allow the exhibitor to finish and learn best feeding practices. *Per Nancy Myers, after last month's meeting, these goat items need to be given to Chuck Miller and brought up to the Jr. Fair Board, this committee will do this. **A copy of this is being sent to all referenced above.***
- 8) ***It was mentioned at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting by Chuck Miller that when the goats were in the Triple A building a video was made of some, taking their goats to trailers and back to the barn. The violators were able to be seen from the Triple A building. The existing goat barn is so dark makes it easy to sneak out of that barn.***

## LAMBS

- 1) Upgrade the electric in the Triple A building so that blowers can be ran off of it. *Senior Fair Board Item **This item was never addressed.***

## HOGS

- 1) Cover the chute between the barn and the show arena so that area would be protected against the weather.
- 2) Make sure the chute is set up so that the hogs cannot turn around while going to the show arena. *Senior Fair Board Item (Upgrades and Pens) along with Junior Fair Superintendent. **We applaud Greg Grube for allowing and helping to make some great changes for the hogs this last fair.***

**Please take these suggestions in the way they are meant and that is to improve and make better our Fairfield County Fair that we are all passionate about and hold dear in our hearts.**