

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

Nancy Myers was excused.

Also present was Sara Peters, Sondra McCabe, Tyler Smith, C. Scott Anderson, Leslie Cooksey Carrie Stoneburner, Rachel Stoneburner, Kendall Foster, Gail Ellinger, Greg Coulter, Morgann McNichols, Kevin Tarbert, Renae Logsdon, Cori Kandal-Galloway, Michelle McClaskey Hutchison, Dale Fox, Michelle Moneymaker Fox, Madison Fox, and Matt Bader.

Comments from guests.

Gail Ellinger mentioned that in the goat barn one of the parents broke her finger trying to open one of the pens (silver). They were the ones that we purchased to from Pickaway Co.

Secretary Report: Sec. Peters

Motion by Mark Sharp, second by Phil Miller to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 minutes after adding wording for MQP hogs to motion to bring back Rate of Gain in 2023. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by David Keller, second by Doug Shaw to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2022 minutes after adding the date to when we come out of recess. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Cori Kandel-Galloway questioned the meeting date. She also requested minutes from the October meeting. Doug Leith explained to the guest the purpose of the meeting at the beginning and end of the fair. He said that at the meeting date and time was mentioned at the September meeting.

Financial Report: Treas. Marcinko

6:09 PM 11/04/22 Accrual Basis	FAIRFIELD CO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Balance Sheet As of November 4, 2022	Nov 4, 22
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ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
100 · Checking A		117,588.71
1310865 · PNB - Main Checking (New Main Checking for the Agricultural S...		590,066.39
120990 · FNB - LOTS - CD - 2/24/23 (OLD CD # 1061500115437 CAN N...		23,682.81
0214977 · FAIRFIELD NATIONAL BANK-SAVINGS		5,004.15
109 · FAIRFIELD CO FOUNDATION CAP IMP		5,328.32
110 · FAIRFIELD CO FOUNDATION X-MAS		5,157.51
3941199 · BREMEN BANK CENTER -CD-10/10/22 (NEW CD #3941199 1...		26,705.99
6041097 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL S&I -ATM ACCT (BANK ACCOUNT SPECIFC...		6,963.92
6080791 · FAIRFIELD FEDERAL - CD 3/15/23 (NEW CD FOR 12 MTHS. AT ...		26,134.47
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 - 3/3/23 (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- 7/08/22 (TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FNB C...		30,281.05
0039519 · THE SAVINGS BANK - MM (INSURANCE MONEY FROM OLD GRA...		83,488.41
30135 · THE SAVINGS BANK - MM ACCT (MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT @.10...		5,150.81
23743 · THE SAVINGS BANK - CD - 12/1/22 (12 MONTH CD @ .45% DUE ...		20,255.09
2205793 · COMMODORE - CK-JR FAIR BLDG. (JR FAIR BLDG FUND)		3,022.92
Total Checking/Savings		1067442.08
Total Current Assets		1067442.08
TOTAL ASSETS		1067442.08
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		0.00

Motion by Phil Miller, second by Regina Bresler to accept the financial report as of November 5, 2022. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Jr. Fair Building Fund Report:

Treas. Marcinko

Motion by Phil Miller, second by David Keller to accept the Jr. Fair Building Fund Report as of November 5, 2022. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Report on Gate Admission

Treas. Marcinko

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022
Fair Admission	52,372	53,554	52,005	49,622	51,271	52,459	53,516
Senior Tickets	4,259	4,665	3,037	2,889	4,064	3,282	3,053

Report on Concessions & Ride Commission.

Treas. Marcinko

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020-2021	2022
Concession	\$188,889.00	\$201,905.50	\$194,896.28	\$201,964.40	\$202,813.40	\$241,691.70	\$254,794.70
Ride Commission	\$87,606.93	\$94,288.50	\$84,049.28	\$89,781.40	\$88,578.40	\$107,714.70	\$115,889.70
	\$324,749.00	\$349,500.00	\$311,564.00	\$297,378.00	\$293,528.00	\$356,629.00	\$386,299.00

Directors Report on 2022 Fair:

Jr. Fair Report:

P. Miller & C. Miller

- A. Jr Fair was successful.
- B. 3 Dairy Feeders that were disqualified for DNF forms.
- C. Couple Dairy Feeders that were castrated earlier and had to be re-castrated. The vet cleared them to show.
- D. One goat was too old to show, but exhibitor was allowed to do showmanship.
- E. One dead hog during the fair. Also Jr. Fair Directors had to investigate possible tampering.
- F. Outside complaints with Rabbits. The concerns were addressed.
- G. New location for Poultry was effective and the committee did a great job setting up and cleaning up.
- H. Pygmy Goat superintendents did a great job.
- I. Beef Superintendents has a great first year.
- J. Chuck & Phil highlighted their accomplishments:
 - a. Re-introduced skill-a-thon.
 - b. Started computerized entry program.
 - c. Worked with the Junior Fair Book.
 - d. Implemented the new QA.
 - e. Involved with selecting an Awards Coordinator a couple times.
 - i. All 2022 invoices have been paid, which is a first.
 - f. Pushed completing record books.
 - g. Attended 437 meetings.
 - h. Push to provide each exhibitor with an equal opportunity to exhibit at the fair.
 - i. They talked of the appreciation they had for all those that have helped them throughout the years.

- j. Chuck Miller thanked Phil Miller for all his help. He said he couldn't have asked for a better partner.
- K. Carrie Stoneburner thanked LeAnne, Leslie and Aubry.
- L. Phil Miller said he had a good time and he enjoyed it. It was always about the kids.
- M. Leslie thanked everyone for their support. I know the new computer program took some of a learning curve, but we are headed in the right direction.
 - a. See attached handout.
- N. President Lamp thanked Chuck Miller and Phil Miller on behalf of the Fairfield Co. Ag. Society for all their hard work as Junior Fair Directors over the years.
- O. Connie Smith asked about the effectiveness of DNA samples. Chuck Miller said it is a better option than nose prints.

Sale Committee Report:

Malone & P. Miller

- A. Total Receipts from Jr. Fair Auction – \$879,923.42
- B. Jennifer Hinton had some issues with the computer program. But we are all still learning the computer program.
- C. Add on were cut off November 1.
- D. Invoices were just sent out.
- E. Checks will be printed December 3.
- F. Packer bids were up.
- G. Successful Livestock Sale for 2022.

Entertainment Report:

Swinehart

- A. Ticket Sales for Monday \$16,976
- B. Ticket Sales for Fri. Demo Derby \$17,496
- C. Ticket Sales for Sat. Demo Derby \$17,845

Derby Tickets were down because we could not use the wooden bleachers. Greg Swinehart told the board we will have to address it before 2023.

- A. See attachment to minutes.

MON.: Granpa Cratchet, Veterans Celebration and A-Bar Rodeo.

Granpa Cratchet started Monday. The showtimes were 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day. The size of crowds varied.

Veterans Celebration was in the WLOH tent, and it was full.

A-Bar Rodeo had 20 bull riders and 40 barrel racers.

TUES.: Draft Pony & Draft Horse Pull, Mule Races and Bon Jovi Concert

Horse Pull for 2022 – 7 light weight & 5 heavy teams

Mule races started at 3:30 p.m. We had 14 mules. One rider was thrown off.

David Wayne Concert in Art Hall – very low attendance.

Bon Jovi Concert had a bigger crowd than in 2021.

WED.: Truck & Tractor Pull

Olivedale danced by the office.

Kids color contest had no entries in the youngest group. Other groups had 60 entries.

Truck and Tractor Pull started on time. We were able to get 30 hooks in before rain. Several no shows due to inclement weather. No entries in the light limited pro tractor class.

THURS.: Combine Derby & Power Wheel Derby

Combine Derby had 15 entries. This was a record.

Human Tractor Pull did a battle of the first responders. Ohio State Patrol won.

FRI. & SAT.: Auto Demo Derby

Friday Demo Derby had 79 cars and 4 classes.

Saturday Demo Derby had 65 cars and the same classes.

Doug Shaw thanked everyone for their help with the different events.

Recommendations for 2023:

Greg Swinehart said we need to get all bleachers inspected and decide whether to replace wood with aluminum bleachers.

Use chain link panels from Rent a Fence for crowd control instead of snow fence.

Speed -

Lynn Landis

- A. See attachment.
- B. We have good response from sponsors.
- C. It took 1 ½ hrs to print --- programs.
- D. Had nice weather both days.
- E. Fairfield County Antique Tractor sold the programs.
- F. Our track is in great shape. We received praise from the drivers and trainers at the OCRA meeting.
- G. Lynn Landis told the Board that he is stepping down but has enjoyed it. He stated that he would like to be a historian for the Board.

Motion by Doug Shaw, second by Cheryl Ricketts to recess for lunch at 12:05 p.m. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Cheryl Ricketts, second by Sean Malone to come out of recess at 12:58 p.m. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

APR Grant Update:

Ricketts

- A. Nov. 22 at 10:00 a.m. – Cheryl was asked to talk.
- B. Ideas for grant with Fair Entry –
 - a. More training
 - b. New computers
- C. Cheryl Ricketts thanked the staff and volunteers for their patience and understanding as it was a trying year from a technological standpoint.
- D. Several bills will be turned into the commissioners for repayment. With the remaining money we will look at new computers and even see about purchasing Fair Entry for 2023.
- E. We worked with Krile Communications again this year. Connie Smith and Cheryl Ricketts feel that they can run social media for 2023.
- F. Important for us to partner with Visit Fairfield Co.

- G. Ask for input from Jr. Fair Superintendent on what they want to see on social media.
- H. Connie Smith said Soil and Water will clean up the map.
- I. Krile Communication created 43 social media graphics.
- J. 2-3 daily posts were made by Krile Communication. Connie Smith and Cheryl Ricketts made some fair week posts as well.
- K. Doug Leith said he didn't see much about the fair in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette. He asked if it was important for us to try to get them interested in writing about the fair again. Connie Smith said that there are currently only 5,000 individuals that receive the paper the old fashion way.
- L. Doug Leith mentioned other technology items that would be good to purchase with the grant is more EID wands or scale heads. The existing scale heads it is hard to find parts.
- M. We have put a deposit down on the website. The process will be started soon.
- N. Cheryl Ricketts went over the handout and informed the Board on areas where there are funds left over.
- O. Cheryl Ricketts reminded the board that we need to be proactive on looking for grants.
- P. Cheryl Ricketts asked Doug Leith if we can get two bids on (3) EID wands and scale heads quickly. Further discussion took place.
- Q. Cheryl Ricketts asks that we come back and make decisions to use the remaining funds.

Directors Reports on Departments:

Horses-

Connie Smith

- A. See attachment.
- B. With this being her second year, Connie Smith said she looked more at the space the horses take up.
- C. Some exhibitors would like to enter online and not say what they are bringing.
- D. Connie Smith said the Open Show doesn't make much money. But the numbers for 2022 were up.
- E. She thanked Greg Swinehart and Doug Shaw for allowing the horses to parade around the racetrack. Greg Swinehart said if they were going to continue to parade she needs to let the people parking cars in the infield know ahead of time so they can stop traffic.
- F. Some discussion is to have the horses come in on Sunday rather than Saturday.
- G. Connie Smith said the judge was great.
- H. Connie Smith said we will need a new concessionaire by the arena.
- I. Another issue is the amount of space they block off. It is fine during the day but could probably be taken out after the shows.

Beef Cattle & Feeder Calf Show-

Leith & Myers

- A. See attachment.
- B. Open Class Breeding Show will have some fair book changes.
- C. Beef exhibitors were given two coupons for cheeseburgers. Cattleman's Association also provided them with pizza and donuts.
- D. There is an app that beef exhibitors use on show day. Other species can look into it.
- E. Thanks to Sean Malone, Cheryl Ricketts, Sydney, and Leslie Cooksey for helping get Open Feeder Calves entered and split the same day of the show.

Dairy Cattle-

Regina Bresler

- A. Numbers were about the same.
 - a. 5 out of county / 8 in county

- b. 62 entries
- B. Best of Show and Best Display awards were personalized tumblers.
- C. Regina Bresler wants to make changes and split the Dairy Show into Junior Show and Senior Show.

Sheep-

Phillip Miller

- A. 14 exhibitors
- B. All Fairfield Co. exhibitors.

Swine-

Barb Lamp

- A. Handout attached.
- B. Hog weigh in was on October 8. The Swine committee did a great job.
- C. Jr. Fair Swine Showmanship and Swine Show went well with little problems.
- D. Barb Lamp thanked Doug Leith for printing the programs.
- E. Again in 2022, the Amanda Soccer Team cleaned the hog barn and set up 125 pens.
- F. The Saturday show started at 8:00 a.m. and was finished by 11:30 a.m. in time for the Open Feeder Calf Show.

Farm Products, Grange & Flowers-

Mark Sharp

- A. See attached handouts.
- B. Many compliments on the number of exhibits.
- C. Mark Sharp said he was down on entries, but the percentage of entries that exhibitor brought in was up.
- D. Dropping Cropland seed.
- E. 19 entries in tallest weed – 13 showed up. 18 ft was the tallest weed for 2022.
- F. Honey was up 25 entries. There were 34 exhibitors.
- G. Judge suggested having a chart at the fair to assist honey exhibitors

Food for the Home and Pie & Cake Auction-

David Keller

- A. See handout.
- B. Entries were up.
- C. Record Blue Ribbon Auction.
- D. Cheryl Ricketts commended David Keller & Mark Sharp on all their hard work the entire week.

Needlework, Hobbies & Crafts and Antiques-

Sean Malone

- A. See attachment.
- B. Sewing is up 60 entries.
- C. Charlie Schultz said he enjoyed working up in the Art Hall with Sean Malone. He stated that Sean was very organized.

Photographs & Fine Arts -

Ricketts

- A. See attached handout
- B. Looking at changing up the fair book categories.
- C. Cheryl Ricketts recommends the Art Hall Directors meet later in November to identify custom report and processes for next year.
- D. Cheryl Ricketts praised the new computer program. It gives you a lot of options we never had before.

Fair Manager Report:

- A. Thank you all for your help at the fair.
- B. Ride commission was up from last year.
- C. Signed a new 3-year contract with Triple Treats.
- D. The new trash company worked out well. They seemed to get better as the week went on.
- E. The restroom company did pretty good.
- F. Dale Fox and the maintenance crew did a really good job. They worked hard and worked together. It did help having Web Rice and Joel Spires here to assist.
- G. Mandy Davis has moved out of the house, and it is in pretty good shape. I have called Ben Kitchen Pest Control to spray the house. We did see some bugs.
- H. Brick layer is working on the pillar. He hopes to have it done be next week.
- I. The #22 restroom is to be demolished soon. Jim Marcinko purchased the metal roof and trusses for \$1,000.00 to be used on his farm.
 - a. Jim Marcinko said it took 17 hrs. for 5 people to remove roof and trusses. Doug Shaw said it's not an easy job. He felt the offer is more than fair because he wouldn't give that much.
 - b. Discussion took place. It will be brought back up in New Business.
- J. Clean up of buildings is almost done. Now getting ready to start winter storage on Wednesday, November 9.
- K. David Keller praised Dale Fox for all his hard work. He said he did a great job for this being a first year. Regina Bresler said there wasn't very many trash cans on --- side of grounds.

Old Business:

- A. Stock the Trailer / Fill the Pantry Campaign Update. Smith
 - a. Handout attached to the email.
 - b. 6,726 lbs. – 4th Place.
 - c. We will receive \$500 for participation.
- B. Scarecrow Trail at the Fairfield County Fair Update. Smith
 - a. Worked with Visit Fairfield Co.
 - b. Poultry Barn Scarecrow was the winner.
 - c. We encouraged 4-H & FFA to participate.
 - d. We can discuss later if you want to do it again in 2023.
- C. Doug Leith asked Dale Fox to think about what the Directors can do to alleviate some of the pressure from him.
- D. #22 Bathroom Update
 - a. Jim Marcinko provided the Directors invoices from Eversole Builders, Roberts Electric and Miller Services for the new #22 bathroom.
The total cost \$355, 326.00.

Election Results (2:30 p.m.):

Oath of office given by Attorney Gregory C. Wentz to: Charles Schultz - Bloom Twp., David Keller - Liberty Twp., and Cheryl Ricketts - County at Large.

Other newly appointed Directors not present to be given the oath of Office were Link D. Shell - Greenfield Twp., Abigail Skinner -Rushcreek Twp. and Eric Keener - City of Lancaster. They will need to be sworn in before the next meeting on December 13, 2022.

The constitutional amendment to change the date of the annual election failed.

Von Cremeans spoke about how Pickaway tried the voting during the fair and it failed. They had to get a new petition to change it.

New Business:

Motion by Cheryl Ricketts, second by Doug Shaw to pay for the expenses at the 2023 OFMA Convention for Directors, spouses, and necessary fair employees on January 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, 2023. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Greg Swinehart, second by Sean Malone that the Society pay the \$100.00 entry fee for the Jr. Fair Queen Alison Sponseller into the Ohio Fairs Queen Contest at the 2023 OFMA Convention. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Charles Schultz, second by Regina Bresler to pay for the meals of the Directors, Spouses and guests at the Annual Christmas Dinner on December 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Ricketts Hall. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Mark Sharp, second by Sean Malone to authorize the Secretary and Treasurer to pay all sundry bills for 2023. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by David Keller, second by Doug Shaw to send \$50.00 to OFMA for 2023 convention gift. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Cheryl Ricketts, second by Regina Bresler that the Fairfield County Ag. Society pays the International Association of Fairs for the insurance for Directors, Secretary, and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor under the age of 70 for one year at a cost of \$4.00 per person. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Charlie Schultz, second by Doug Shaw to accept Jim Marcinko's bid of \$1000 for the metal roof and trusses off the #22 restroom. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Salary Committee needs to meet before the December meeting. Cheryl Ricketts says we need to have HR committee with Andrew Yost's resignation. This way we can look at the staff needs and duties.

HR Committee – Sean Malone, Doug Leith, Cheryl Ricketts and Connie Smith

Motion by Greg Swinehart, second by Sean Malone to give Alison Sponseller \$300 for travel expenses. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Greg Swinehart says we need to look at weekly ticket prices.

Regina Bresler brought up the issue of camping and increasing the price to compensate for plugging in early. Von Cremeans said Pickaway requires campers to have insurance on their campers.

Camping & Golf Cart committee - Regina Bresler, Doug Shaw and David Keller

Motion by Greg Swinehart, second by Cheryl Ricketts to have Granpa Cratchet back for 2023. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Have a grounds committee assigned in December.

Annual Reorganization Meeting and Election of Officers for 2023 (2:45 p.m.).

Cheryl Ricketts nominated Sean Malone for President, second by Connie Smith. Jim Marcinko nominated Barb Lamp for President, second by David Keller. Nominations closed on motion by Doug Leith, second by Cheryl Ricketts. A hand vote was taken Sean – 7; Barb – 4. Sean Malone was elected President.

Regina Bresler nominated Doug Leith for First Vice President, second by Cheryl Ricketts. Nominations closed on motion by David Keller, second by Cheryl Ricketts. A hand vote was taken Doug – 9. Doug Leith was elected First Vice President.

Connie Smith nominated Cheryl Ricketts for Second Vice President, second by Regina Bresler. Greg Swinehart nominated David Keller for Second Vice President, second by Barb Lamp. Nominations closed on motion by Mark Sharp, second by Doug Shaw. A hand vote was taken Cheryl – 6; David – 4. Cheryl Ricketts was elected Second Vice President.

Barb Lamp nominated Sara Peters for Secretary, second by Charlie Schultz. Nominations closed on motion by Greg Swinehart, second by Charles Schultz. A hand vote was taken Sara- 10. Sara Peters was elected Secretary.

Barb Lamp nominated Sondra McCabe for Assistant Secretary and Data Entry Clerk, second by Doug Leith. Nominations closed on motion by Cheryl Ricketts, second by Charles Schultz. A hand vote was taken Sondra – 11. Sondra McCabe was elected Assistant Secretary.

Greg Swinehart nominated Jim Marcinko for Treasurer, second by Doug Leith. Nominations closed on motion by Doug Leith, second by David Keller. A hand vote was taken Jim – 10. Jim Marcinko was elected Treasurer.

Motion by Greg Swinehart, seconded by Cheryl Ricketts to table the nomination of Fair Manager. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Doug Leith, seconded by Cheryl Ricketts to table the nomination of a Concession Manager. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Greg Swinehart, second by Cheryl Ricketts to table the nomination of a Grounds Superintendent until the Salary Committee can meet and discuss with Dale Fox his suggested salary amount. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Charlie Schultz, second by Cheryl Ricketts to destroy all ballots. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Motion by Greg Swinehart, second by Charlie Schultz to appoint Sean Malone Delegate and Doug Leith Alt. Delegate for the 2023 OFMA Convention.

Motion by Cheryl Ricketts, second by Charlie Schultz to adjourn meeting at 4:20 P.M. Motion carried. 0-abstained.

Barbara A. Lamp

Barb Lamp, President

Sean Malone

Sean Malone, Incumbent President

Sara Peters

Sara Peters, Secretary