Franklin County Agricultural Society Meeting August 15, 2023

The Franklin County Agricultural Society Meeting on August 15 was called to order by Gary Fellure. The following members were in attendance: Gary Fellure, Cassie Fellure, Dave Fleshman, Emily Gabriel, Chuck Buck, Sharla House, Debbie Johnson, Shirley Russell, Abby Bates, Rachel Bausch, Rita Bausch, Derek Vincent, Chris Johnson, Julie Krebs, Cameron Krebs, Becky Applegett, Dave McGinnis, and Kathy McNutt. Also in attendance was Amy Fleshman, Fair Manager. Beth Boomershine and Rachel Stoneburner from OSU Extension Franklin County. Kendra Kane and Todd Parker were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Fleshman.

Newly elected 2024-2026 Board Members, Dave McGinnis, Cameron Krebs, Becky Applegett, Cassie Fellure, Kathy McNutt, Booney Conkright and Emily Gabriel were sworn in by Abby Bates..

The Secretaries Minutes from the July 11 and July 23 meeting were reviewed and approved to be submitted as emailed by Dave Fleshman and Booney.

Treasurer’s report was reviewed as emailed. Report was submitted for audit.

Fair Managers report was approved as presented by Kevin seconded by Booney.

Todd Parker from F5 Design presented info about what is needed to start the bathroom renovation process. After he left, Kevin moved to approve a $5850 up front design fee, to get this process started. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried with 1 opposed.

**Old Business:**

Bates Contract: Bates will let us know by 5/1 what vendors he is bringing with them. Prevailing rate will be charged for trailers, stock trailers and campers.

The Golf Cart Company is reviewing what happened with this year’s carts. We signed a 3 year contract with them in 2023.

Rebecca O’Koon – Booney moved to not allow her to show at the Franklin County Fair. Emily 2nd the motion. Motion Carried. Letter will be sent to her.

**Committee Reports: Plus and Minus of Fair Events**

Jr. Fair – Interviews are scheduled for the end of the month for new members/interns

Entertainment- Good mix of offerings. $90,000 budget and spent $30,000. Kids Tent additions (Bubble Barn, Duck Races, Chicks, Mural were awesome. Family Fun Day Breakfast was successful addition. Sensory Day and Ag Day Hay Maze well received. Senior Day needs to find a way of moving people to Entertainment Tent. Buntings were nice touch.

Kevin moved to spend up to $1000 for audio mixer, computer, microphone for Fair Announcements. Booney 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Parking/Gates: Working on final numbers and attendance with Hometown. Discovered that we offer a whole lot tickets. Is there a way to streamline, condense. Like to offer a day with presale tickets for those who need help with purchasing online. Moose did a great job. Perhaps add flags to ticket booths to help with parking.

Grounds: Trash pickup was awesome. Track looked good. Environmental court individuals helped with pens.

Parade: Chris moved to ask City of Hilliard for $25,000, which includes insurance. Dave Fleshman 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Home, Fine Arts and Horticulture – Had 813 entries. $3,190 was awarded in premiums. $706 for Judges, $4310 in Sponsors, $600 donated to Building Fund.

Tents: Expensive but awesome.

Social Media: Kendra did an awesome job. There is a Google Drive Photo folder. Please dump fair photos there for future use.

**New Business:**

2024 suggested fair dates were tabled until the next meeting.

Booney nominated Cameron for President, Cameron declined. Cameron nominated Kevin Wiley for President. Cassie 2nd the motion. Kevin was elected President. Chuck nominated Abby Bates for 1st Vice President, Gary seconded the motion. Abby was elected 1st Vice President. Gary nominated Cassie Fellure for 2nd Vice President. Booney 2nd the motion. Cassie Elected 2nd Vice President. Emily nominated Kathy McNutt for Secretary. Sharla 2nd the motion. Kathy elected Secretary. Kathy nominated Emily Gabriel for Treasurer. Abby 2nd the motion. Emily Elected Treasurer. Cameron nominated Becky Applegett for Assistant Treasurer. Dave Fleshman seconded the motion. Becky elected Assistant Treasurer. Gary Fellure will serve as Past President.

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting, Booney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted, Kathy McNutt, Secretary