

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of November 15, 2022

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday November 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the York County Extension Office for their regular monthly meeting, directly after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. The meeting notice was published in the November 8, 2022 York News Times along with public posted notification at: York County Extension Office, York County Court House, York State Bank (York Main Office), Cornerstone Bank (Waco Branch) and the York County Fair Website.

Ten (10) Directors were present; Cast, Chrisman, Ditloff, Gloystein, Heskett, Jackson, Quiring, Rathjen, Ziegler and Ziemke. Five (5) Directors were absent; Heine, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Johnson and Zoubek.

There were no Guests present

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

Secretary Ziemke announced to all those in attendance that the Open Meeting Act has been placed on the meeting table for one and all to examine.

No additional items to be added to the agenda.

Gloystein introduced our new director Julie Cast (appointed to fill out the remainder of Barbara Woodruff's 3-year term).

Election Of Officers

President Gloystein passed the leadership role to Vice President Ziegler, who proceeded to ask for nominations for President three (3) times. Chrisman nominated Brad Gloystein. Motion #1 was duly made by Cast that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Brad Gloystein as President. Seconded by Rathjen. No further discussion. Motion #1 carried, ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against by voice vote.

Elected President Gloystein then resumed leadership role and asked for nominations for Vice President three (3) times. Jackson nominated Christopher Ziegler. Motion #2 was made by Chrisman that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Christopher Ziegler as Vice President. Seconded by Heskett. No further discussion. Motion #2 carried, ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against by voice vote.

President Gloystein asked for nominations for Secretary three (3) times. Quiring nominated Douglas Ziemke. Motion #3 was made by Chrisman that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Douglas Ziemke as Secretary. Seconded by Rathjen. No further discussion. Motion #3 carried, ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against by voice vote.

President Gloystein asked for nominations for Treasurer three (3) times. Rathjen nominated Craig Heskett. Motion #4 was made by Ziegler that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Craig Heskett as Treasurer. Seconded by Jackson. No further discussion. Motion #4 carried, ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against by voice vote.

Minutes of the October 18, 2022 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

The Board reviewed the October 2022 Financial Report. Discussion on: Assured Fire Protection \$923.00, annual inspection, they inspect the range hood in the 4H Building and will also be inspecting all fire extinguishers in 2023; J&R Heating and Air Conditioning \$115.00, service call. Also noted that J&R would like us to look into replacing the South Air Conditioning unit on the 4H Building, it is continually giving us issues and it is showing its age; Lincoln Journal Star \$226.76, Placing our Budget Hearing notice in the York News Times (the York News Times is owned by the Lincoln Journal Star), the price seems quite high just to have the notice printed in the local newspaper, Ziemke pointed out that it was about the same amount for the Thayer Cemetery District to have their Budget Hearing notice publicized. Motion #5 was duly made by Rathjen to approve the October 2022 Financial Report and the October 18, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Chrisman. No further discussion. Ten (10) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #5 carried.

Under Old Business:

Memorial Donations and Grant money at present date: Gene Bergen \$3,011.00; Lou Bergen \$1,100.00; Dale Moore \$2,800.00; Richard Hankel \$800.00; Charles Kaliff \$3,050.00; Dan Barrett \$25.00; Dale Olson \$1785.00; Heine donation for Antique Tractor Barn \$100.00; High Lopers donation \$2,300.00 and DuPont grant \$5,000.00.

Return of Fairgrounds keys: Still waiting for return of keys from the Bergen family.

Under the Building Committee Report:

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center Audio & Video Project – Heskett presented that Rees, Heskett and Ziemke met with Striv Audio Visual Thursday November 3, 2022 in the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center. Striv brought out a 5000-lumen projector so they could see how it would perform in the building. The group also discussed different wiring options and the added benefits of a 6000-lumen projector. Striv has presented two bids for us to look over, the only difference between the two bids are the lumens of the projector. Bid “A” is with a 6000-lumen projector for \$27,550.00, bid “B” is with a 5000-lumen projector for \$25,962.00 a difference of \$1,588.00. Note, if we accept a bid the York County Ag Society will be responsible for getting a 2-man lift, hiring an electrician plus paying for any electrical work and moving the winch to a different location. Motion #6 was duly made by Chrisman to accept bid “A”. Seconded by Quiring. Discussion: Can there be two more HDMI outlets in different locations in the Cornerstone Building for alternate monitor viewing?; Approximate donations we have for the project are around \$13,000.00 and an additional \$5,000.00 from the York Visitors Committee. Ten (10) votes for, zero (0) votes against. Motion #6 carried.

Crow’s Nest – In a holding patten at the present time.

4H Building Painting – Mike Wright is continuing on with the prepping and painting.

Ticket Booth – Ziegler said that he has spoken with Mike Wright about building a new Ticket Booth as a winter project. It can be built in the shop and then moved to the location of the old Ticket Booth under the Grandstand. Ziegler said that Hoffman has asked that it would have room for 3 ticket sales people. Jackson added that the booth needs to have a portable air conditioning unit, it gets extremely hot during ticket sales with the late afternoon sun shining directly in the booth.

Cattle Scale – Collin Demuth spoke with Gloystein and Ziegler, the cattle scale was not working for their Scottish Highlander cattle show. When is the next cattle weigh-in for rate of gain? Ziemke thought there was a weigh-in near the end of the year. Ziegler said the last weigh-in is normally at the York County Cattlemen’s Progress Show in late March. Gloystein will contact Tanya Crawford and let her know that it is not working. We need to have Central City Scale work on the scale issues.

York County Fair Foundation – The 41-page application is filled out and sent into the State. It will be 60 to 90 days before we know if it is accepted. If accepted the Foundation will be complete and ready for the Foundation’s Board to have their first meeting.

150th Celebration – This year will be the Fair’s 150th year. Who would like to be on the 150th year celebration committee? Heine said at the last meeting that we should put on the Fair’s website and Facebook page that we are looking for old 4H and County Fair photos that can be added to the celebration. Nancy Beach at one time said that she would like to possibly be involved with the celebration. We should have special classes pertaining to the 150th in Home Economics, Ag Hall and Open Class events.

2023 Fair Plans (August 3 – 6, 2023) All American Fun

- All the evenings are set pertaining to the Grandstand events.
- Ranch Rodeo
 - Are we going to have beer sales at the event this year?
 - Chrisman or Quiring will contact Jan Radcliff to see if the Eagles are interested in handling beer sales at the event.
 - Are we going to replace the missing arena fence that connects the cattle return alley to the holding area next to the shoot?
 - Are we going to add an additional light pole and lights to the Northwest corner of the arena?
 - If we add a pole, we need to place it next to the arena fence and then move the other poles on the West side next to the arena fence. Then we need to install the wiring for the lights underground.
- Justin Ott from the Henderson area contacted Ziegler. Their Henderson Horse Club has discontinued and would like to provide scholarships with the money their club still has in their account. One stipulation they would like to place in their application is that for an applicant to be eligible the applicant would have to spend some time working at the Fairgrounds. Justin was wondering if that could be a possibility. Ziegler said that yes, we could make that work, especially pre-Fair when we need help cleaning and setting up. Ziegler also pointed out that we are in the final stages of setting up our Foundation.

Other Business

2023 NAFM Convention – Ziemke announced the dates of the NAFM Convention in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center South, January 20, 21 & 22, 2023. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn right across the street from the venue. As soon as Ziemke receives a schedule of events, he will email a copy to everyone. Ziemke will be in touch with everyone mid-December to find out their intentions of going and if so what days and evenings they would like to attend so he can register them for the convention and lodging.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary