

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of May 16, 2023

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the York County Extension Office for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting notice was published publicly on or before May 9, 2023 at the 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, Heine, Heskett, Hoffschneider, Quiring (8:28 p.m.), Ziemke and Zoubek. Five (5) Directors were absent; Hoffman, Holtmeier, Jackson, Rathjen and Ziegler.

Guests present: McCool Junction FFA Advisor Dana Hall, York FFA Advisor Rachelle Staehr and UNL York County Youth Educator Tanya Crawford.

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

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

No items to be added to the agenda this evening.

Minutes of the April 18, 2023 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. One correction to the minutes: Gloystein found out that the city of York has not installed sprinkler systems at the soccer fields at this time, but would like to before summer.

The Board reviewed the April 2023 Financial Reports with discussions on: Cash flow for the month; Profit & loss versus actual; checkbook balance; Eakes billing for \$332.40, which was determined to be copy machine copies done through the Extension Office for the year. Motion #1 was duly made by Zoubek to approve the April 18, 2023 minutes with the one correction and the April 2023 Financial Reports. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 Carried.

Under Old Business

Memorial Donations and Grant money at present date: Heine donation for Antique Tractor Barn \$100.00; High Lopers donation \$2,300.00 and DuPont grant \$5,000.00 (Ron Harmon). Heskett will contact Ron Harmon before the May meeting about the grant from DuPont.

Under the Building Committee Report:

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center – The voice-evac control panel will be installed as soon as the equipment arrives.

Crow's Nest – Nothing to report this month.

Grandstand Ticket Office – Ziegler, Chrisman, Jackson, Mike Wright and Dave Peters poured the concrete footings and pad today.

4H Building – Mike Wright found termite damage around one of the entrance doors that he was

working on. The damage did not seem to be active, rather from several years ago. Gloystein is still working to find a business that cleans grille hoods and vents. Tanya Crawford spoke with Ziemke earlier this week and informed him that she had Central Nebraska Refrigeration out to work on the west cooler unit in the 4H Building which had quit cooling. They got the cooler working again by cobbling it together. Their comment was "It could work for a day or 10 years".

AED Units – Short discussion around training and grants.

Grass around the front of the 4H Building – It was determined that a very strong mix of 2,4,D was used in front of and around the 4H Building which has caused the grass, bushes and flowers to show some issues. Zoubek feels that with a lot of watering things should recover. Also, while applying crab grass preventor and fertilizer to the front lawn of the Extension Office some Roundup made it into the mix and has killed the lawn. Miller Seed and Supply's estimate for reseeding is around \$1,500.00. Motion #2 was duly made by Chrisman to have Miller Seed and Supply reseed. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Nine (9) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #2 Carried.

Under Other Business:

Work Day – Quiring brought up whether the Directors should have a grounds and building work day this summer? Sticks need to be picked up, landscaping and many other items need attention before Fair. It is hard to find a day when many of the Directors can all make it in. We will check with Dave to see if he feels that he can handle the limbs, sticks and landscaping items before Fair. What if we asked some 4H Clubs for some help before Fair?

The little show rooms along the east inside wall of the Home Economics Building need some freshening up, as in paint and wall paper. We will discuss it with Tanya Crawford when she arrives.

Gloystein spoke with York's Mayor, Barry Redfern about their interest in operating the Soccer Complex that is located on our grounds. Items that were discussed:

- East Hill is getting Astro turf.
- Cornerstone Bank and the York Sports Authority don't want to have anything to do with the soccer fields any longer.
- York College, York High School and Youth leagues currently use the soccer fields.
- The City of York would like to:
 - Utilize the four main fields and we could use the rest of the property.
 - Have bleachers for the fields
 - Install underground sprinklers to water the grass on the four fields, installed at their expense, and will talk with us first to get our approval.
- We need to renegotiate a new contract with the City of York and make sure the sprinkler systems are noted in the contract.

Custodial – Amy Pohl is doing a great job. Coleen has a doctor appointment in the near future to see if she can start doing some work on the grounds.

Fall Championship Demo Derby

Hopefully we will be able to set a starting time soon. Time of Nebraska vs Colorado game should be known in a couple weeks. It sounded like the Alabama vs Texas game is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

York County Fair Foundation

- Heskett reported that we now have a logo.
- Hoffschneider and Zoubek have been extremely busy working with items for the Foundation.
- Zoubek and Heskett met the other morning with the Sunrise Sertoma Club.
- G2 Graphics is currently working on a video that can be used in advertising for the Foundation.
- A preliminary informational trifold was presented to the Directors (see additional meeting information for a copy of the preliminary trifold).
- What about grain donations mentioned on the trifold brochure?
- The Foundation's website should be mentioned on the trifold's pledge card.
- Calendar Raffle
 - We now have the license for the raffle.
 - We have the 400 \$50.00 tickets.
 - Drawing for the raffle will start the week of October 1, 2023 and run each week for 52 weeks. We will also have a daily drawings during the 2024 York County Fair.
 - The winning ticket of each drawing will win \$150.00. That ticket is then thrown back into the group of tickets and they will have the opportunity to win again.
- The next Foundation meeting will be June 7, 2023 here in the York County Extension Office.
- The Roy Tucker Paintings were discussed.

150th York County Fair Celebration

- Zoubek will contact UNL about getting the Ice Cream (3 gallon containers).
- Zoubek heard back from his contact for the Ice Cream, \$72.00 for a 3 gallon Container.
 - How soon do we need to order the Ice Cream?
 - How much do we order?
 - Do they, or do we, have a record of how much was purchased for Zoubek's retirement or the 150th Anniversary of the UNL Extension?
 - How many people will 3 gallons feed?
- We will need to write a press release for the newspapers about the 150th Celebration.

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

- Jenny Rees has asked for 150th pins or ribbons for each of the exhibitors, we need to have an idea of how many we would need.
- Best of Class rosettes, maybe 25 with the 150th designation printed on them. There could possibly be more needed for the additional special 150th Classes. We will ask Jenny Rees about the number of special rosettes needed.
- See additional sheet with the date and times of Fair events scheduled to date.
- Heskett reported that the antique tractor people definitely want to be here but only want to do one evening parade, possibly Thursday evening. Gloystein asked Heskett to see if they will agree to do two tractor parades, Thursday and Friday evenings around 7:30 p.m.
- July 1st the online ticket sales will start.
- We have new card readers and will need to install the new app that they readers use.
- Thursday evening Moore Brothers (3 of them) under the tent.
- Waffle man
- Ranch Rodeo

- All is coming along good.
- We need to know who the donors are by June 30th so they can be recognized and included on the donor board.
- At this time, donors for the “Ranch Rodeo” must donate a minimum of \$300.00 to place their banner on the arena fence for just that evening event and they must bring their own banner. Donors for the whole Fair need to donate a minimum of \$1,000.00 to get a banner that we have made and the banner is displayed for the whole Fair. Seed Company Parking Lot donations are \$250.00 and the companies have to provide us with 8 seed plot signs.
- If we are going to do the V.I.P. thing we need to decide by July 1st.

Tanya Crawford Report

- Shooting Sports Competitions
 - Trap is June 4, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at the York Izaak Walton Gun Club
 - BB Gun and Air Rifle is June 11, 2023 in the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center
- PSA, Speech and Presentation competitions are done.
- 4H Council approved the purchase of a camera system for the 4H Building from Global Tech which will cost approximately \$400.00
- Tanya is worried about dust from the animal shows causing issues with the new projector in the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center. Does it need a dust cover? Heskett will check with Scribe.
- Naloxone (Narcan) training with 4 Corners Health Department is July 13, 2023 and will be a 20-to-30-minute course. Tanya will let all interested persons know the start time when it is announced. Naloxone will be free to the Fair and we should have at least three on hand and placed a couple strategic locations on the Fairgrounds.
- Public tee shirt sales will be through the 4H Council. Shirts will be either white or gray.
- Should we have York Mutual Aid on hand during the Fair for any injuries or illnesses? If so, could they possibly be stationed in the same booth as the York General Hospital’s high blood pressure screening?
- Sherriff Deputy Hildebrand spoke with Ziegler about the lacing incident that happened at the Fair last year. Testing showed that it was not Fentanyl but it was some type of unknown drug.
- Cast brought it to the attention of the Directors that The City of York has scheduled the closure of North Nebraska Avenue from 19th Street to A Street, beginning July 17th for up to three weeks. Gloystein will contact the City to see if the date of closure can be moved so it will not cause traffic issues with the Fair.
- McCool Junction FFA has the plywood star cut-outs finished. The large stars are approximately four feet (1/2 of a sheet of plywood). They made several smaller stars with the remaining scrap pieces of plywood.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary