

# YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of June 20, 2023

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday June 20, 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 June 13, 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.

Fairgrounds walk around started at 7:30 p.m. Ziemke compiled a list of items that Directors felt need attention before Fair. These items will be posted on the shop bulletin board for maintenance personnel and Fair Directors to work on before Fair.

Twelve (12) Directors were present; Chrisman, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier, Quiring, Rathjen, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. Three (3) Directors were absent; Cast, Ditloff and Jackson.

Guests present: UNL York County Extension Officer Jenny Rees.

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 8:20 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 May 16, 2023 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections.

The Board reviewed the May 2023 Financial Reports with discussions on: \$4,500.00 from NIRMA Insurance Company to repair the damage to the Crow's Nest and Gazebo; trash removal costs; Mead Lumber billing which was for the 4H Building repairs; NIRMA insurance increase cost of nearly \$11,000.00; \$1,300.00 For a new Ag Society laptop computer; Certificate of Deposit earning 3.0%. Motion #1 was duly made by Ziegler to approve the May 16, 2023 minutes and the May 2023 Financial Reports. Seconded by Hoffschneider. No further discussion. Twelve (12) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 Carried.

## **Under Old Business**

Memorials, Donations and Grant money at present date: Heine donation for Antique Tractor Barn \$100.00; High Lopers donation \$2,300.00. Heskett has contacted Ron Harmon about the DuPont grant which we received in May of 2022. We may apply for another Grant from them next year.

## **Under the Building Committee Report:**

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center

- The voice-evac control panel will be installed as soon as the equipment arrives.
- Audio/Visual project inside of the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center is complete and being utilized.

- Heskett will work on purchasing the two outdoor monitors that will be placed inside of the Outdoor Staging area and the north end of the Sheep/Goat area.
- Jenny Rees was asked if she could work on a program that will visually place the show schedule on the monitors.
- The next project we are working on will consist of audio and possible video for the animal buildings.
  - Jenny Rees will talk with Striv AV to see if they are available to meet with us to discuss the next steps and give us a bid on the project.

Crow's Nest – Moving and repairing will not happen before Fair.

Grandstand Ticket Office – It will be finished before Fair. We may have to have a few helpers from time to time.

4H Building – Horizontal siding is painted. The tin is here for the façade. Termites and termite damage was found. It will cost around \$2,500.00 to treat the 4H Building for Termites.

AED Units – Heine has filled out a grant for funds to be used toward the purchase of AED units and will be sending it in this week.

Spot replacement of the vinyl siding on the Fair Office is questionable. The siding is brittle and adjoining pieces break when trying to remove the damaged panels. Rathjen will contact NIRMA and see if they can look over the damage again to see if they will cover total replacement of the siding.

### **Under Other Business:**

Coleen has been released to do light cleaning and restocking, absolutely no mopping or running the floor scrubber at this time. If all goes well, she will be released to do full schedule cleaning before Fair. Amy Pohl will no longer be doing our cleaning after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Rathjen and Gloystein have spoken with people about being a helper for Coleen. We will know more by our next meeting if they are interested.

We have been contacted about renting our Fairgrounds for a Swap Meet that used to be held at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. They are looking at the first weekend in March 2024 and claim that it can draw up to 20,000 attendees. They would like to utilize the Cornerstone Building, Mercantile Building, Beef Barn and Home Economics Building. If we are interested in renting to them we would have to ask all the boat and RV rental people to remove their items a month earlier than normal. The question of "Why isn't the Lancaster Event Center renewing their rental agreement with them any longer?" came up. The event will be looked into deeper and a report will be brought forward next meeting.

AKRS Equipment would like to rent the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center for a meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> just two days after the Fair. Is it a fancy event or blue jeans meeting? Do we have time to get the arena picked up and building cleaned?

Swine Show Deposit – Tori Stanton and Jason Hirschfeld hosted a swine show held last week in the outdoor show arena. The rental agreement was \$200.00 with a \$200.00 deposit. We kept \$125.00 of the deposit due to the fact that Mike Wright, Dave Peters and Gerald Peterson spent 3 hours each cleaning up the Fairgrounds afterwards. Amy Pohl reported that the restrooms were dirtier than normal. Amy and Mike took pictures for reference.

Soccer Complex – Gloystein has not heard anything more from the City of York.

## **Fall Championship Demo Derby**

Time has been set for 6:30 p.m. September 9, 2023.

## **York County Fair Foundation**

- Trifold brochures have been purchased and printed.
- Working on a power point presentation.
- Heskett set up the new banner that can be utilized for advertising.
- We have the bill for the bronze sculpture but do not have the donation from the Range Wranglers Henderson 4H Club.
- We will be selling the remainder of the calendar raffle tickets in the Foundation's booth at the Fair.
- Heskett has spoken with the York Radio Station about doing a live broadcast for the Foundation on their morning show.
- Trifold brochures need to be placed at: Attorney's Offices, Coops, Funeral Chapels, Banks and Ethanol Plants.

## **150<sup>th</sup> York County Fair Celebration**

- The York News Times is doing a supplement for our 150<sup>th</sup> Fair.
- The York News Times contacted Heine to see if they could contact her for supplement information.
- Heine contacted the York News Times to see if they were still needing information for their supplement and they replied that they had all the information they needed.
- It is interesting that they hadn't contacted her or any other past or present York County Agricultural Society Directors for information or photos.
- How much ice cream and what flavor do we need for the 150<sup>th</sup> Fair celebration? UNL says a three gallon container will feed approximately 40 people. It was decided to get 12 three gallon containers of RR Fab ice cream.
- Ribbons – Gina Schoch
  - \$.45 - \$.75 per ribbon.
  - Each exhibitor gets a special ribbon and it will possibly be placed in the envelope with their premium check.
  - 150<sup>th</sup> rosette for the 150<sup>th</sup> special classes.
  - Other exhibitors entering in the 150<sup>th</sup> special classes will receive a 150<sup>th</sup> ribbon in their envelope with their premium check.

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

- Waffle man – There is not enough electrical power in the Church Kitchen for his waffle irons but we can get temporary power there for the event.
- Heskett will talk with the Visitors Committee about their yearly donation to the Fair.
- Fairgrounds will be sprayed for flies and mosquitoes the Monday before Fair starts.
- Cowboy Ranch Rodeo – Preston has looked over the arena and thinks it looks fine except for the low light conditions in the Northwest corner.
- Food Trucks
  - A1 Cooking out of Utica.
  - Billy's Grilled Cheese.
  - Boy Scouts funnel cakes.

- Coolers – BBQ, brisket & etcetera.
- Have not heard back from Frozen For You Ice Cream Trolley.
- Have not heard back from Paradise Eats.
- There is a Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream vendor that would like to attend if Frozen For You does not reply.
- Veterans Memorial?
- Sent out more sponsor letters.
- Do we need to order more banners? If so, for who and do they have a logo for their banner?
- Facebook scavenger hunt, pictures, 12 different tasks and locations around Fairgrounds? Quiring will look into the possibility of the event.
- Quiring will check with Tanya Crawford to see about the sprucing up of the Home Economics Building interior.
- Sponsor tickets are proofed and ready to order.

Fair Items that were brought up:

- Sheep and goat wash rack on the west side of the swine wash rack.
- Antique tractor sled and people to run the event.
- Would the FFA Alumni be interested in being ticket takers at one of the evening events?
- More shade material for the west side of the sheep and goat barn.
- More picnic tables needed.
  - Hoffman knows of a company that makes picnic tables out of recycled materials. The tables also have a place that holds an umbrella. Hoffman will check on the price and availability of the picnic tables.
- More seating in the Carnival area.

## **2023 Director's Fair Assignment List.**

Ziemke read through the list.

## **Superintendents BBQ and Pre-Fair Supper Meeting**

Ziemke discussed the dates, times, caterers, locations of the events.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

*Douglas Ziemke*

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Secretary