

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of July 18, 2023

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday July 18, 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 July 12, 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.

Fourteen (14) Directors were present; Cast, Chrisman, Ditloff, Gloystein, Heine, Heskett, Hoffman, Hoffschneider (8:33 p.m.), Holtmeier, Jackson, Quiring, Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. One (1) Director was absent; Rathjen.

Guests present: UNL York County Extension Officer Jenny Rees, UNL York Extension Youth Educator Tanya Crawford, McCool Junction FFA Advisor Dana Hall & York FFA Advisor Rachelle Staehr.

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 8:03 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 additional items to the agenda this evening.

Minutes of the June 20, 2023 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections.

The Board reviewed the June 2023 Financial Reports with discussions on: Budget versus actual; Garbage bill is higher than normal, garbage pickups have been twice a week, on Saturday & Monday; List of sponsors for the Fair. Motion #1 was duly made by Hoffman to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes and the June 2023 Financial Reports. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Thirteen (13) 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.

Swap Meet – after discussion it was decided that our Fairgrounds and buildings could not handle the meet.

Under the Building Committee Report:

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

Grandstand Ticket Office – Moving along and will be useable for Fair. Chris will be talking with the electricians tomorrow morning.

4H Building

- We are short 3 sheets of steel to finish the green steel façade, it is ordered and will be installed before Fair.
- The façade that is finished looks very good.
- Gloystein has contacted the grille hood cleaning business.

AED Units – Heine has sent in the the grant for the AED units.

Under Other Business:

Coleen Brozek is now back working as our main custodian. She is restricted from lifting but can dust and mop.

Lemony Splits – No show at the meeting tonight.

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

Property Ownership

- We need to sit down with the County Commissioners after the Fair and renew our lease.
- We need to have the grounds resurveyed to clean up some items.

York County Fair Foundation

- There will be dedication of the Bronze under the tent Friday evening August 4th with a history of the Henderson Range Wranglers. The history will talk about the 4H Club and the sale of their riding arena.
- Henderson displayed the Bronze at their Henderson Heritage Days event.
- We will also have a donation to the Foundation for just short of \$25,000.00 from the Range Wranglers.
- We will need to have someone in the Foundation booth at all times during the open hours of the Mercantile Building. Noon – 10:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday with Sunday being from Noon – 2:00 p.m.
- Heskett has a sign-up sheet that he pasted around the room for Directors to pick their times to man the booth.
- Heskett has set up a grain donation account with Aurora Cooperative and is working with POET and Central Valley Ag on accounts.
- Clarence Hoffman donated \$500.00
- We need to keep pushing raffle tickets!

Fall Championship Demo Derby

No report on the Derby

150th York County Fair Celebration

- Zoubek will check with Nancy Beach of the Historical Society to see what they will be doing at the Fair.
- The Veteran Memorial is not available for the Mercantile Building this year.
- We need to have several items in our Foundation/150th Fair booth, old photos, posters books etcetera, so it does not look empty.
- The ice cream is ordered and will have to be picked up in Lincoln.
- Zoubek will check to see if we need a new freezer.

- We will need serving spoons, spoons, bowls and napkins.

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

- Kera Rourert's group will do the Grandstand Concession Stand from Thursday through Sunday afternoon.
- Paradise Eats has informed Holtmeier that they are backing out of being one of our food vendors for the Fair because they cannot sell their lemonade.
- Holtmeier will check with Coolers out of Beaver Crossing to make sure they are coming.
- The Ice Cream Trolley will be here.
- Epic Options, a petition booth will at an outside vendor.
- The Mercantile Building booths are full.
 - Next year we need to reword the application to try and get the vendors to respond faster.
- Next year should we look at having a deposit for the food vendors so they don't back out?
- Do we have enough power hook-ups for the food vendors? Yes.
- Booth set-up time is Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.
- Do we have the Pioneer Award plaques? Yes.
- Online ticket sales.
- Do we have enough tickets and arm bands?
- Radio Station time slots?
 - Monday, Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday.
 - Tickets to give away on the York Radio Station.
 - Mention the raffle tickets on the air!
- Gloystein went to Kansas to pick up the new picnic tables.
 - They have 9-foot umbrellas.
 - One is ADA accessible.
 - Can we place them near the new playground during the off season.
- We have 4 teams signed up for the Cornhole Tournament.
 - Pay-out the same as last year? Yes, 1st \$300.00, 2nd \$200.00, 3rd \$100.00.
- Any event in need of seed money see Heskett.
- Should we have a monitor or two on the grounds for sponsor advertising?
 - 50" monitor
 - Best Buy \$580.00
 - Lichti's TV & Appliance \$629.00
- North Nebraska Avenue street repair won't be done until mid August.
- Tanya Crawford
 - Ryan Rash, the glitter bomb animal judge that was hired for the Fair called yesterday and he cannot be here.
 - Jack Habjan out of Kansas will do the animal and fitting contest judging.
 - The 4H Council is wondering how to flow the people for the Waffle Man. Since he is now in the Church Kitchen, they can serve the same as the Pork and Beef BBQ feeds.
 - Tanya announced that there is an addition of an 150th alumni showmanship classes for each animal species. The participants are allowed to utilize an animal that is already on the grounds.
 - Wood chips from TSC? Tanya will check with them.
- Jackson – we are down to 3 camper spots left.

Superintendents BBQ – Will be held in the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center Wednesday July 26, 2023. Directors, please show up with a pan of bars or cookies and serving utensil at 6:15 p.m. Meal will be catered by Kerry's Restaurant and Catering of McCool Junction at 6:30 p.m. Meetings of groups to follow.

Pre-Fair Supper Meeting – Will be held at McLean Beef Incorporated on Sunday July 30, 2023. Social begins at 6:15 p.m. with buffet meal starting at 7:00 p.m. Meeting to follow.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary