

# YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of October 17, 2023

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday October 17, 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 October 3, 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.

Six (6) Directors were present; Cast, Ditloff, Gloystein, Heskett, Ziemke and Zoubek. Nine (9) Directors were absent; Chrisman, Heine, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier, Jackson, Quiring, Rathjen and Ziegler

Guests present: There were no guests present.

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.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Minutes of the September 19, 2023 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections.

The Board reviewed the September 2023 Financial Reports with discussions on:

- September 9<sup>th</sup> Championship Demo – See additional sheet
  - Approximate loss of \$6,893.59.
  - Not enough people in the stands.
  - The promoter did well at \$5,500.00.
  - Not much beer sales.
  - We haven't received our beer deposit back yet from Eagle Distributing.
  - We lost approximately \$2,200.00 on the Fair Demo.
  - Fair Demo had 1206 attendees.
  - The Fair Figure 8 brought in over \$15,000.00, the difference between the Figure 8 and the Demo is the prize purse and the cost of the promoter.
- Profit and loss for the month.
- \$5,800.00 Alcohol sales during the Fair (our share) (50-50 split with the Knights of Columbus).
- Curtain rental for the Mercantile Building for the 2023 Fair was \$1,858.00. We need to raise the booth rental next year. This year booth rental totaled \$2,950.00.
- Ticket Booth total cost:
  - Mead Lumber's September bill was \$14,742.00, most of the bill is the Ticket Booth and the 4H Building façade, door repair and termite damage repair.
  - The Ticket Booth still needs insulation, inside liner and labor to finish.
  - There is \$1,100.00 and \$900.00 for concrete from Volzke for the footing, pad and sidewalk around the Ticket Office.
  - \$397.70 air conditioner for the Ticket Office.
- Demo Derby Trophies \$788.00.

- Mercantile radio-controlled car races \$2,000.00.

A vote to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023 and the financial of September 2023 was tabled until the November meeting due to lack of a quorum.

## **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.

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

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center – The Fire Alarm voice-evac control panel will be installed as soon as the equipment arrives. Next week we will need to set up the show arena for the Demuth cattle show. Ziemke will send out a group text for Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 6:30 p.m. set-up time.

Grandstand Ticket Office – The entrance door now opens with the master key.

Crow's Nest – Perennial and Nebraska Public Power District will work on moving our light poles for the arena.

AED Units – No news this evening

## **Under Other Business:**

### **York County Fair Foundation**

- Checkbook balance of \$33,305.76.
- Calendar Raffle
  - 359 tickets sold out of 400.
  - Do we do a Calendar Raffle again?
    - We need to have a permit 30 days before a raffle.
    - Do we reduce the price of the raffle tickets? \$50.00 is a bit pricey for most people.
- Do we look at selling brick pavers for in front of a donor wall?
- Grain donation accounts are now set up at all local grain delivery locations.

### **September 9<sup>th</sup> Fall Championship Demo Derby**

No report this evening.

### **Soccer Complex**

- We received the lease agreement today; it is for \$2,500.00 per year for 10 years.
- The City of York would like to vote on the lease agreement this Thursday night at their meeting.
- The Soccer facility will work with the High School and College.
- They are not looking at utilizing any sprinklers at this time.

### **Fairgrounds Lease With The County**

- It was signed last week.
- In lieu of monetary payment, the York County Agricultural Society is required to mow the area around the York County Extension Office, Historical Society, Probation Office along

with the adjoining lots to the north and south of those offices.

- The most controversial part of the lease is the next to last paragraph.
- Ziemke was given the original lease to be placed into the records.
- The grounds were re-surveyed and property lines cleaned up.

### **2024 Fair Plans “Acres Of Fun” August 1 – 4, 2024**

No discussion this evening.

### **November Election Nominating Committee Report**

All five existing Directors have agreed to run again for another 3 year term.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

*Douglas Ziemke*

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Secretary

