

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of April 16, 2024

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday April 16, 2024 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 April 9, 2024 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.

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

Guest present: Preston Hawley

President Gloystein called the meeting to order at 8:02 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.

Minutes and Financial

Minutes of the March 19, 2024 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections.

The Board reviewed the March 2024 Financial Report. Motion #1 was duly made by Zigler to accept the Minutes of the March 19, 2024 meeting and the March 2024 Financial Records. Seconded by Heine. No further discussion. Twelve (12) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 carried.

Under Old Business:

AED Units – Heine is in the process of trying to find other distributors that sell AED Units to make sure we are getting the best possible units for the price. After purchasing the units Heine will submit the purchase information to NIRMA to request the \$1,000.00 grant money we are to receive toward the purchase of the units.

York Fire and Rescue First Responders sent a \$256.00 bill to Justin McReynolds for an examination and vitals check during the 2023 Figure 8 races. The driver sent us the bill requesting that we pay the bill. McReynolds did sign the waver form upon arriving at the race that states that the drivers are responsible for any medical assistance. Also, we were under the assumption that the \$1,500.00 donation that we give to the York Fire & Rescue was to cover any mutual aid that is handled on the track or in the pit areas the evening of the races.

Gloystein reported that the Swine sale people were very happy with how everything went and the use of the buildings. Their rent was \$750.00 per day. Coleen reported that she had 30 hours of clean-up for the Swine Sales and Beef Progress Show.

Building Committee Report:

Fair Office – Rathjen reported that Galen Rocle is nearly finished installing the LP Smart siding. We did not know that there was still cedar siding under the damaged vinyl siding. The cedar siding had to be removed before the installation of the LP Smart siding so our bill will be slightly higher. The area inside of the small west porch will be resided once the new entrance doors are installed. Ziegler reported that the lower green steel façade siding is ordered. Mike Wright is working on replacing the window screens.

Crow's Nest – T&D Construction will be starting the concrete foundation and flatwork soon. Mike Wright will start ordering the needed materials in the next week or two for the reconstruction of rotted areas. Some evening this week we will be removing a portion of the arena fence in the Southwest corner where the Crow's Nest will be situated.

Zoubek picked up grass seed and helped Gloystein and Ziegler reseeded the grass area from the 4H Building entrance doors North to the raised flower bed. Zoubek has been watering to keep it wet to germinate the new seeding. Next step is to reseed the area from the 4H Building entrance doors South to Ag Hall.

We need to reseal the concrete floor in the Cornerstone Ag and Event Center to keep the animal urine from seeping into the concrete.

Do we need to put an additional light pole or poles near the west end of our west parking lot?

New Business:

Additional Maintenance Personnel

- 6 to 12 hours per week, mainly in June, July and August to mow and help Mike Wright with projects.
- Hourly rates as of now are: Mike Wright \$18.00 per hour, Dave Peters \$13.00 per hour and Coleen Brozak \$16.00 per hour.
- Runza pays \$15.00 per hour.
- Mike Wright checked with a possible hire but that person is now receiving \$25.00 per hour at his current job and wasn't interested.
- We should start a new person out at \$16.00 an hour and move them to \$18.00 if they are good help.
- Quiring will contact our Facebook organizers to have them place a help wanted advertisement on our Fair's Facebook page.
- Any interested people should contact either Gloystein or Ziegler.

Motion #2 was duly made by Heine to raise wages: Mike Wright \$22.00 per hour, Coleen Brozak \$18.00 per hour. Seconded by Chrisman. No further discussion. Twelve (12) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #2 carried.

Julie Hoffman – Presentation for Handicap Accessibility. Was not here to give us her presentation.

York County Fair Foundation

- The Calendar Raffle application with the State of Nebraska is completed.
- We can start selling raffle ticket for the next Calendar Raffle as soon as we get our licence from the State.

2024 Fair Plans (August 1 – 4, 2024) Acres Of Fun

- Ranch Rodeo & Beer Garden – Preston Hawley
 - The contestants will more than likely bring their own refreshments and hang out by their trailers.
 - The beer garden will be more for the spectators.
 - Preston will promote that there will be free admittance for any participants of the Ranch Rodeo to the events under the tent on the main grounds.
 - The beer garden will more than likely be located on the west side of the arena with only one gate for entrance and exit.
 - Preston stated that most Ranch Rodeos have Muttin Bustin during the intermission.
- Jason Purdue confirmed with Gloystein that the Knights of Columbus are interested in having the beer garden in the Grandstands on Thursday evening at the Go-Cart Races, under the tent on Friday evening and in the Grandstands and under the tent on Saturday evening.
- Holtmeier – down payment is made on the tent.
- Volleyball – Ditloff and Ziegler
 - York County Kids will be managing and doing the work for the event.
 - Michaela Stuhr suggested \$120.00 per team and limit of twelve teams.
 - If the organizers get all of the entry fees for the event the prize money can be obtained through the entry fees.
 - If they want to provide a beer garden and the Benedict Men's Club would want to do the beer garden we will do the same split with them as at the Ranch Rodeo.
 - Looking at having it inside the horse arena near the north end. We will need to put posts in to hold the nets, out of bounds ropes and purchase nets.
 - We will have to rope off the North end of the track area along the shop drive toward the east near the loading dock for participants to park because the Antique tractor pull will be going on at the same time.
 - Looking at a start time of 9:00 a.m.
 - The York Ministerial Alliance takes a dim view of events starting before 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.
- Pickleball – Zoubek
 - Still working on it.
 - Need to see how the courts would fit on the street.
 - Ziegler added that we will need permission from the city and \$25.00 to close the street.
- Dana Hall asked if we approve of the ear of corn plywood cut-outs for the Fair. If we approve, she will have her FFA members cut out more. We approve.
- Tanya Crawford
 - Fair books are ordered. The font was left the same for this year. Intact male beef, sheep and goats 1 year or less in age were added.
 - Waffle Man is a go. The 4H Council would like it to end serving waffles at noon.
 - Animal shows will still start at 10:00 a.m.
- Robin Windhower our website designer:
 - Is looking into options for us to be able to do more from our website including the ability to manage:
 - A rental calendar.
 - Rental bookings.
 - Booth and vendor fees.
 - Payments of all types.

- Utilize PayPal.
 - One program that could be used is called Booqable.
 - Does Robin have any other people or groups utilizing this website tool?
 - What would be the monthly or yearly cost of the website tool?
- Virtual Reality Trailer – would it work to place them on the North side of the Mercantile Building where there is electrical power?
- Holtmeier – Holy Grounds coffee truck will be here Thursday and Friday mornings and evenings. Can anyone think of or know of another coffee trailer for Saturday? Also some type of ice cream trailer to replace the Ice Cream Trolley?
- Ziemke will contact Mike Lynch to see if the shaved ice is too close to snow cones so we do not interfere with our carnival contract.
- Rathjen – Chris Wize was fine with receiving half of his officiating fee instead of the whole amount up front.

2024 NAFM District 1 Spring Meeting at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Gloystein's attended the meeting and meal. Gloystein added that the representative from the State Fair announce that County Fair Day was Saturday August 24, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary