

# Ohio Fair Managers Association

## Annual Meeting of the: Ohio Fair Managers Association Inc.

### January 8, 2017 Hyatt Regency Hotel Columbus, Ohio

District 7 Director Stanley Strode held the Necrology Service for deceased members of Ohio's Fairs and friends prior to the start of the Annual Business Meeting.

President Robert Buxton called the 2017 Ohio Fair Managers Association Annual Membership Meeting to order at 10:49 am. The meeting convened at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street Delaware Rooms, in Columbus, Ohio.

Booklets of the minutes, agenda, prepared ballots, Yearly Calendar, Portfolio and reports were provided to all delegates by the credentials committee.

President Buxton thanked the Prowant Family, Owners of Prowant Specialty Foods for their sponsorship of the Annual OFMA Meeting.

President Buxton welcomed all attending delegates and guests and following the Pledge of Allegiance by Ohio Fairs Queen Mary Buehler instructed Executive Director Howard Call to sound the roll. The Credentials committee reported to the Executive Director all delegates seated with the exception of Lawrence County Agricultural Society.

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Minutes of the last annual meeting held January 10, 2016 were approved by motion of Allen County, Second Mercer County to accept as inserted. Motion approved by voice signification.

Treasurer Robert Dawson presented the State of the Finances of the OFMA. Robert reviewed several items within the budget to clarify differences in spend over the period of the report. Investments were reviewed as well. Robert also reviewed the Insurance of the Association. Trumbull County moved to adopt the financial report as presented, second by Marion County, Motion approved by voice signification.

#### **The following committees reported:**

**Program:** Director Paul Harris: Successful Convention Program, great opening speaker in Mr. Roger Crawford. Paul thanked all that participated as speakers, moderators and attendee's. Paul commented that the Saturday wrap up session was very productive with suggestions and ideas. Those Topics that the fairs would like to see please submit them to the OFMA office.

**Trade Show:** Tom Higbie, Sold 138 spaces, the first floor continued to prosper hospitality was bought with Sponsorship dollars to ensure traffic flow. The Poker Chip Frenzy worked very well with 2 tablets given away along with 12 door prizes.

**Sponsorship:** Dan Bullen, Good response, cash of over \$25,000. Dan commented that these sponsors are important to deferrer costs; the fairs need to consider these sponsors and tradeshow participants for use at their fairs.

**Junior Fair,** Steve Cronebaugh, Outstanding turnout, total attendance was 1054 and good programs sponsored by OSU Extension with Educators and Presenters doing a fine job.

**Queen Program,** Bev Fisher, 79 queens participated, program went well, Crista Wortkoetter, Williams County will be the 2017 Ohio Fairs Queen

**Legislative:** Amanda Sines, Capital Action Group detailed the handout given to the delegates

Constitutional Amendment presented and was voice voted and failed 62-32. (Lawrence County No response)

#### **OFMA RESOLUTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Jon Overmyer presented: RESOLUTION:**

- 1- Now be it resolved that the OFMA Board of Directors require that all resolutions and recommendations be voted on the Annual Meeting.**

President Buxton called for a vote on the resolution. Hand vote resolution #1 passes.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1- Now be it recommended that the OFMA Board of Directors re-visit the scheduling of the district meetings at convention which are now being held on Friday AM to move to Friday afternoon (3-3:30 pm), (or make sure registration is opened earlier on Friday morning).
- 2- Now be it recommended that the OFMA Board of Directors encourage all recommendations and resolutions be brought forward at the Spring District Meetings.
- 3- Now be it recommended that the OFMA Board of Directors review the Constitution of the appointment of the Director-At-Large position. i.e. term limits, length of appointment, selection and voting status

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Bev Fisher introduced the new 2017 Ohio Fairs Crista Wortkoetter Williams County Fair. Bev presented Crista with a Travel Bag and Bev thanked the outgoing 2106 Queen Mary Buehler, Shelby County Fair. Robert Dawson Treasurer presented Mary with a \$500 Scholarship check.

Executive Director Howard Call advised 9 fairs of cash for unused meal ticket recovery by the OFMA office to pick up after the meeting; Fairs please pick up the Ohio Fairs Flyers after the meeting.

Attendance awards presented to: Large Fair: 1<sup>st</sup> Hartford Independent Fair 51, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geauga County Fair 47  
Medium Fair 1<sup>st</sup> Auglaize County Fair 36 2<sup>nd</sup> Hardin County Fair 33  
Small Fair: 1<sup>st</sup> Lake County Fair 29, 2<sup>nd</sup> Erie County Fair 28

President Robert Buxton thanked all the Officers, Directors and Fairs for their support and contribution to the 2017 Convention; "It's all about YOUth"

Portage County moved to adjourn, second Wyandot County, Motion approved by hand signification at 11:47 am

Submitted by Howard L. Call, CFE, Executive Director, OFMA (Annual2017minutes, doc)