

**Ohio Fair Managers Association Inc.**

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**ohiofairs@att.net Minutes September 6, 2018 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Columbus, Ohio**

**Approved by the Board November 10, 2018 1 correction, Paul Oechsle not present**

President Dan Bullen called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Booklets of information were presented to all attending. In attendance were: Dan Bullen, President, VP Rodney Arter, Treasurer Robert Dawson, Howard Call, Richard King, Tom Higbie, Wade Flory, Tom Stocksdale, Roger Smith, Paul Lease, Cara Muhlenkamp, Past Presidents, Tim Massie, Darrel Cubbison, Dan Martin and Past President Robert Buxton. Not presented and noted: Stanley Strode, Gary Prater, Jon Overmyer, Paul Oeschle, Paul Harris, Bev Fisher, Steve Cronebaugh, Keith Sheridan, Fred Arnold, Harold Crowe & Dan Kimmet.

Guests: Theresa Call, Amanda Sines, Mike Vartorella, Brandy Daniels, Renee Mancino, Tom Archer, Kirk Bloir

**Correspondence:** None.

**Board Minutes:** Tom Stocksdale moved to accept the May 10, 2018 Board meeting minutes, 2nd, Wade Flory, motion carried, approved.

**Financial report:** Treasurer Robert Dawson reviewed the quarterly report in great detail including a check register of all checks written up to June 30, 2018. On hand balance checking and investments \$142,973.47.82 as of June 30 reporting. Wade Flory moved to accept the financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stanley Strode, motion approved.

**Convention Program:** Chairman Rod Arter reviewed the program topics and assignments. This is a living document, please email your speakers and presenters as you get them lined up. OFMA office will seek those first time attendees from each fair.

**Lead Reports:**

**Hotels:** Lodging is being booked. Drury is sold out. Angie Spreng is our new Sales Manager, and she was present and introduced herself. Crowne Staffs, Robin, Rebecca and Juan stopped by to explain the Crowne renovation schedule which will be taking place during our conference. A sample room is available to view.

**Meals and Banquets:** Meals all set

**Logistics:** Richard King reported nothing to report. Richard indicated need more easels (ordered)

**Spouse and Guest,** Lead Cara Muhlenkamp reported that all programs are setup.

**Long Range Planning:** One application for the position of Education Coordinator, placed on hold till November.

**Queen Program:** The form had a glitch in it and it has been repaired and reposted on the OFMA website. Receiving calls from non-fair queens asking about the program.

**Junior Fair:** Lisa McCutcheon presented a draft handout and will have the final to the OFMA office in early October. National 4-H conference will be in Columbus in October at the Hyatt. Discussion around sponsorship support of the conference, John Ackerman moved to support the conference with \$1,000, second Roger Smith, motion approved.

**Communication and Hall of Fame Awards:** John Ackerman: Sunday presentation will be again by fair. All set

**Trade Show:** Poker chip game on.

**Talent Showcase:** Bob Dawson, these will be graded out November 9. Possible national act and we would give more time as the 6<sup>th</sup> group.

**Auction-Gala:** Nothing to report, Theresa has tickets.

**Registration:** Tom Stocksdale, looking for volunteers.

**Promotions/Sponsors:** Rod Arter reports that if any knowledge of a potential sponsor to get it to him or Howard.

**OFMA Tour:** Darrel Cubbison reports 40, 1 bus only Great trip planned, 6 seats open October 5-12, 2018

**Harness Racing:** Wade Flory reports: Ohio Fair Fund continuing to be effected by non-track wagering, fund has lost 50% in 10 years, racing wagering tax 2008 \$1,563,798.21 and in 2017 \$767,582.71. Wade is in contact with Greg Simpson on possible conversations on the off track out of state betting problem.

**YPI/CFE Development Program:** Cara Muhlenkamp reports she has been speaking with Alicia Shoultz, CFE Ohio State Fair about what programming to look at in Ohio. (Discussion after the meeting with Howard and Dan.)

**Legislative:** Amanda Sines handed out and reviewed the report. There is a PAC reception September 25 at 5 pm in Columbus, Dan and Rod to attend to represent OFMA.

**New Business:**

Discussion around adding the Audit committee to the annual meeting topics list and send a sample agenda that is sent to the fairs December 1 to the executive committee for review.

**Old Business: Recommendations:**

1. Now be it recommended that the OFMA Board of Directors review the Constitution of the appointment of the Director-At-Large position, that the maximum term be six (6) years, and each newly elected President appoint at less one (1) director at large. Anyone maybe reappointed after being off the Board for two (2) years, **May 10 discussion:** Discussion on the process and that in the past 6 years 1 person has asked to be considered (the same person all 6 years. Fair board officers, directors or managers are not stepping forward to ask about these opportunities. Richard King moved to take no further action on this item, second Paul Lease, motion carried, 1 dissenting vote. **September 6, Discussion:** Discussion centered around limiting number of years for the at-large terms and some discussion on term limits for directors elected. Discussion on past processes going back into the early 1990's past presidents methods of filling these positions on consensus among the officers. Motion was made by Tom Stocksdale to limit the director at large to a 6 year term, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard king. Discussion on the motion was to rotate the 6 year with 2021, 2023, 2025 rotation so that there is not a wholesale change. Amendment to the motion made by Bob Buxton, second Tom Stocksdale, of each of the 3 seats rotating off once they got to 6 years, motion amendment approved by the two original motion maker and second. Tom Stocksdale and second Richard King. Amendment to the motion approved 6-2. Discussion on the amended motion, complicated, clumsy, Question the motion, Voting by hand designation 4-4 President voted no, Motion failed to pass.

**2019 spring meetings** revisited, discussion on District 1 & 2

April 6 Muskingum County Fairgrounds Districts 7 & 8 Dinner Hall reserved

April 7 Washington Courthouse Fayette County Fairgrounds District 3, 4 & 6 Lunch hall reserved

April 13 Wood County Fair Grounds Districts 1&2 Lunch meal

April 14 Kent, Ohio VFW Hall Districts 5 & 9 lunch meal

**Greater Ohio Showman:** Brandy Daniels attended. Brandy gave financial overview of the ride safety program; cost was \$19, 620. No amusement companies choose to support the financial costs. Final list of topics to Rod shortly from David Drake. Discussion on the proposed health rules changes, most critical item is the person in charge must be in the food concession at all times. Rodney Arter motioned to support GOSA opposition, second Tom Higbie, motion approved

**Ohio State Extension:** Tom Archer announced his pending retirement and introduced Kirk Bloir as his replacement, Fayette (Lydia Ulry), Logan (Justin Bower) and second 4-H Educator in Fairfield (Aubry Fowler) Counties filled, and personnel all began work in the last month; Also, Jackie Baca, 4-H Educator in Lorain County just started to work this month, moved back to Ohio after 20 years in New Mexico. Recent 4-H Vacancies in Columbiana & Wyandot Counties; Columbiana, state screening will be later this month, and Wyandot next month. 4-H Animal Science Program Manager – Lizz Share Duling; she has assumed the QA responsibilities as of this month; will have her office in the Animal Sciences building. Cross County Line Membership processes and documents have been improved and will be shared statewide at our November 7<sup>th</sup>. 4-H Professionals' Update, all information in one place, better and more examples of what is acceptable and what is not. Extension Re-Organization: 24 "Areas" now instead of 5 "Regions"; implemented July 1 (1 to five counties). Each has an Area Leader, who is half-time administrative and half time program. Also an Operations Unit (Fiscal & HR) and an Organizational Development Unit, Four Program Areas remain (ANR; FCS; CD; & 4-H), but are not called Divisions.

**Kirk Bloir:** Will be the Interim State 4-H Leader; if I had authority, I would make him permanent Native of Williams County; 20 years of Extension experience in both FCS & 4-H; Been working as Associate State 4-H Leader this past four years, He is articulate, a problem solver, creative and is one of the best 4-H Professionals in the nation.

**Ohio Department of Ag:** Mike Vartorella indicated that 81 fairs are inspected and little if any media issues, ride grosses seem to be good with good weather, New Web page, still working on getting everything added. Mike indicated that the Outstanding Fair Supporter nominations due into ODA by October 25.

**OHHA:** Race season is 75% complete, good turn outs, Racing with the stars promotion has been good, using 3 pop up tents at 42 events so far in the season, Stick horse race for the kids has been very popular. The advertisement program for county fair racing is having positive effect, including the follow me to the races wrapping on the horse trailers. Sports wagering is the Hot button issue in Ohio.

Meeting adjourned by Bob Buxton and second Wade Flory, Motion approved

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