

Ohio Fair Managers Association Inc.
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Approved by the Board: January 3, 2019

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, VP Paul Harris, Treasurer Robert Dawson, Howard Call, Richard King, Tom Higbie, Wade Flory, Tom Stocksdale, Roger Smith, John Ackerman, Stanley Strode, Paul Lease, Steve Cronebaugh, Bev Fisher, Past Presidents, Tim Massie, Paul Oeschle, Darrel Cubbison, Past President Robert Buxton and Dan Kimmet.

Guests: Theresa Call, Amanda Sines, Mike Vartorella, David Drake, Renee Mancino, Kirk Bloir, Liz Lafferty,

Correspondence: Thank you card form Government Advantage, Haas Wilkerson communication, Antique tractor organization communication on Auglaize.

Board Minutes: Richard King moved to accept the September 6, 2018 Board meeting minutes, 2nd, Tom Higbie, 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 September 30, 2018. On hand balance checking and investments \$134811.08 as of September 30 reporting. Tom Stocksdale moved to accept the financial report, 2nd Bev Fisher, motion approved. Bob reviewed the annual 990 submission and asked each director to review it during the meeting, Richard King moved to accept it, second Bev Fisher, motion approved.

Convention Program: Chairman Rod Arter reviewed the program topics and assignments in detail. 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 and new board members from each fair. Paul Harris brought up the Printing of more Redbooks for the new attendees and the new director's workshop, Motion was made by Paul Harris to print 500 Redbooks, second Stanley Strode, and motion approved

Lead Reports:

Hotels: Lodging is being booked. Drury is sold out. 144 rooms left at the Hyatt, plenty of room at the Crowne, will seek more room nights on Friday of the conference. All PSAV contracts reviewed and approved basically same costs are 2018 billing. Projectors will be using all PSAV this year, rate is good.

Meals and Banquets: Meals all set. Today's pork chop will be the Friday Meal

Logistics: Richard King reported nothing to report. Richard asked about easel, yes ordered.

Spouse and Guest, Cara had transmitted report, need to check rooms conflict at Hyatt Wine and Paint,

Long Range Planning: Education Coordinator one candidate pulled their resume.

Queen Program: Slow coming in 4 applicants

Junior Fair: Roger and Steve are finalizing all details, Color guard set, speaker set.

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

Trade Show: Poker chip game on. 113 spaces rented

Talent Showcase: Bob Dawson, these were selected November 9. Possible national act and we would give more time as the 6th group. Joe Diffe will be the final act on Friday Evening

Auction-Gala: Andy Pocock and Drew Kissel will be GOSA coordinators

Registration: Tom Stocksdale, looking for volunteers and passed out hours.

Promotions/Sponsors: Most of the sponsors are on board; have the convention sponsorship open 1 company declined the week of November 6.

OFMA Tour: Darrel Cubbison reports 40 went, great trip

Harness Racing: Wade Flory reports all set for the convention

YPI/CFE Development Program: no report

Legislative: Amanda Sines handed out and reviewed the report.

New Business:

Constitutional Amendment Challenge was submitted by Lorain County Fair:

Constitutional change to OFMA to institute three-year term limits for Directors at Large starting in 2020 with the open positions advertised through a link on the OFMA website and an email to all Fair Boards for an application period of at least 30 days. Positions are to be filled from the applicants. In the years 2020-2022, one Director at Large position will be filled starting with the individual with the most years served in that position. Must sit off for one three-year term before being eligible to reapply.

Motion: Brian Twining

Second: Dan Linden

PASSED

Old Business: None

Greater Ohio Showman: David Drake, President attended. David reviewed the convention program

Ohio State Extension: Kirk Bloir: Will be the Interim State 4-H Leader as Tom retired in September, Ohio has the largest community 4-H clubs in the US with 128,000 enrolled projects, 35% animal projects, hogs is the #1 project with 11,000, beef 8300, rabbits 6,000, then goats, chickens, lambs. Ohio has become the #1 rabbit breeder production in the US. Mid-Ohio Food Banks is focusing with Central Ohio 4-H on cattle sale donations. , 140 people now certified in Quality Assurance.

Ohio Department of Ag: Mike Vartorella stated several fairs are still outstanding on the first round of form submittals, big date of November 25 coming for all forms. The 3 day hog rule is just a heavy suggestion from ODA, not mandatory, Rides, a new submittal and inspection process is being finalized for 2019. All on line submissions are mandatory. Richard King asked why the forms are not on the ODA website; Mike stated he would get them posted. (Posted November 14, 2018)

OHHA: Race season is complete had 2 mishaps, Excellent race season, campaign awareness is working, seeing more participation in the stands and betting at county fairs, Renne reviewed the Racing with the Stars promotion has been good, using 3 pop up tent. Also reviewed the 2018 special races and the OHHA are looking forward to 2019 and those special race program additions. Fairs can begin reserving the racing with the stars promotion now. Sports wagering is the Hot button issue in Ohio.

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

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