

Ohio Fair Managers Association Inc.
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Approved by the Board: November 9, 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, ED Howard Call, Richard King, Tom Higbie, Wade Flory, Brad Cosenza, Tom Stocksdale, Roger Smith, John Ackerman, Stanley Strode, Paul Lease, Bev Fisher CFE, Liz Lafferty, Greta Gray, Past Presidents, Dan Martin, Tim Massie, Paul Oechsle, Darrel Cubbison and IPP Robert Buxton.
Guests: Theresa Call, Amanda Sines, Renee Mancino, Mike Vartorella, Tim Derickson ODA Deputy Director, Brandy Daniels, Randy Kissel, David Drake, Katie Deland: Duane Morris Government Strategy's, Amanda Sines and Julie Wendt from GA.

Correspondence: One Thank you card from John McDavid

Board Minutes: Tom Stocksdale moved to accept the May 10, 2019 Board meeting minutes, 2nd, John Ackerman, 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 31, 2019. On hand balance checking and investments \$135,162.62 as of June 31, 2019 reporting. Richard King moved to accept the financial report, 2nd Bev Fisher, motion approved.

GOSA Midwest Safety Seminar: Greater Ohio Showman is having a Safety Seminar late winter in Sandusky Ohio and inquired if OFMA would support a safety seminar for \$500. Discussion and motion by Richard King, to support this second Wade Flory, Motion Carried. Dan Bullen will represent and be the OFMA representative on site.

Convention Program: Program was introduced by Chairman Rod Arter, reviewed and a deadline set for all moderators, speakers and topics to be finalized by December 1.

Hotels: Howard Call, Drury sold out, and hotels starting to fill. Crowne is fully renovated

Meals and Banquets: Paul Oeschle, Awards Breakfast will be a sit down served upon arrival, Directors lunch Paul and the team will review, and suggestion made to look t offering a variety of healthier foods for snacks

Logistics: Richard King, No report

Spouse and Guest, Bev related the move away from wine tasting and will have at least two sessions of wine bottle painting and wine glass painting. Howard to look into finding a free tour route for convention goers.

Long Range Planning: Paul Harris Redbook Review: the law portion is complete by the committee and is being reviewed by the law writers; a draft is expected late September. The regulations portion will be discussed at a meeting at Canfield Fair grounds during the review of the annual report and streamlining the financial portion next week.

Queen Program: Bev Fisher CFE: Queens Gift bag is ordered, and proceeding to establish judging teams, will be 5 teams this year so 20 finalists. Professional photographer suggested, Motion to hire for \$250 and 1 night lodging room by Bev Fisher CFE, second Stanley Strode, motion passed

Junior Fair: Roger Smith reported: Expect the Junior Fair portion to be out in the next week. Roger to establish the program for Saturday in Battelle Hall for the opening flag presentation.

Communication and Hall of Fame Awards: Richard King reported that November 13th at 10 am will be the grading of the three groups at Wood County Fairgrounds. Lunch will be catered in for the meal

Trade Show: Tom Higbie: 1/3 sold as of this meeting, Tradeshow will be set Thursday Morning, catering will be in the Union A rooms and the Franklin rooms for Hospitality Beer will be offered Saturday after 2 Pm Junior Fair will be in there last meeting and departing The poker chip game will continue.

Talent Showcase: Bob Dawson, November 8 Friday the committee will meet at the Hyatt at 7:30 pm

Auction-Gala: Howard Call reported for Jon, tickets available today from Theresa

Registration: Tom Stocksdale: reviewed start stop times Thursday TBD Friday 7am to 5pm Saturday 8-3pm

Promotions/Sponsors: the office is working these currently Talley bought the Convention Sponsorship

OFMA Tour: Darrel Cubbison: tour cancelled only had 18 sign up needed 40

Harness Racing: Wade Flory reports that he is continuing his conversation in regard to the Ohio Fairs Fund tax program numbers continuing to slide down but believes we have little support to change. Wade has in his travels has stressed the importance of the fairs fund based on wagering.

2019 Resolutions and recommendations: no Action taken, The two recommendations from the 2019 Annual Meeting were reviewed and discussed. There were no resolutions, No action taken

1. Now it is recommended that the OFMA Board of Directors work with Ohio Department of Agriculture that Fair dates be established for a four (4) period as per statue.

2. Now it is recommended that the OFMA Board of Directors work with Ohio Department of Agriculture to review the Redbook including section 1711.24 (*1711.24 Insurance on county society's buildings*). The board of county commissioners of a county in which there is a county agricultural society shall insure the buildings on the grounds of such society for the benefit of such society)

YPI/CFE Development Program: no report

Legislative: Julie Wendt from GA Group handed out and reviewed the report. Keeping eyes on the House bills on energy and budget.

Old Business: New Portal registration system: system opening this week has used several fairs to test.

Wade brought forth Hamilton County and their leadership and financial issues. Appears they are getting their financial 990's in to the IRS and other reporting matters including getting their books cleaned up for audit. Still a difficult problem. Wade indicated they had a successful county fair in 2019, will not be able to match funding for the ODA grant.

New Business: ODA Grant: ODA is finalizing the forms, and expected training at Convention.

President Dan Bullen appointed the nominating committee and they will meet 8am Saturday November 9, Fayette Room

Guest Katie Deland: Duane Morris Government Strategy's works with state and local government entities and legislatures to achieve capital budget specific brick and mortar projects for new buildings, remodeling existing structures and upgrades. Projects need to be vetted and legislatures in those districts behind the projects. The Groups works on a retained based charge can be long term or short term and contracts have a 30 day and out clause. These are not grants but specific named ear mark projects

ODA: Mike Vartorella attending detailed issues with Hamilton County Fair not filing a series of 990's and the books being un-auditable per the state auditor, ODA is clarifying the paper work for the grant program, the department is posting for 4 more ride inspectors. The plan is to do reinspection and supplemental inspections. Game law violations were minimal, several bad checks, and a few not registered in the new data base. Chart of Accounts, meeting next week at Canfield to finalize. Ride law language may be moved to a separate section of the code, it is evolving into a larger section. Permits are going up \$25-\$225 in October. Becky Corbett is leading a Children Initiative on Agriculture Education

Greater Ohio Showman: David Drake, President and Randy Kissel VP attended. David reviewed the fair season which ends with Fairfield County Fair, been decent fair season. Will have 5 sessions for the convention, and their annual meeting. The group has organized a Safety Conference in early March at Sandusky Kalahari Park

Ohio State Extension: Kirk Bloir unable to attend,

OHHA: Renee Mancino reported that the capital funds matching grant program has been pushed to the 62 qualified fairs and they are due by October 31, 2019. Renee indicated no top dollar limit but will depend on the number of fairs applying. Feature Race grant program deadline for 2020 is due November 29, 2019.

Representative Householder is doing a fund raiser at Delaware Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Little Brown Jug. This will be in a larger tent facility than last year. Governor DeWine is expected to participate race day and present the Little Brown Jug Winner. Legislation needed for the industry went thru and OHHA working to get some amendments. Sports Wagering has several bills flying around still struggling with the implementation ways and means.

Meeting adjourned by Bev Fisher CFE, and second Wade Flory, Motion approved

Minutes Authenticated by Executive Director Howard Call Ohio Fair Managers Association FEB

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