

Ohio Fair Managers Association Inc.
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Approved by the Board:

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, ED Howard Call, Richard King, Tom Higbie, Wade Flory, Brad Cosenza, Tom Stocksdale, Roger Smith, Stanley Strode, Paul Lease, Bev Fisher CFE, Liz Lafferty, Greta Gray, Past Presidents, Dan Kimmett, Doug Guinsler, Dan Martin, Paul Oechsle, Darrel Cubbison and IPP Robert Buxton.

Guests: Virgil Strickler, Theresa Call, Amanda Sines, Emily Charles Michael McCarren, David Drake,

Correspondence: None

Board Minutes: Bob Dawson moved to accept the January 3, 2019 Board meeting minutes, 2nd, Tom Higbie, motion carried, approved. (Add Dan Martin in attendance)

Financial report: Treasurer Robert Dawson reviewed the quarterly report in great detail including a check register of all checks written up to October 31, 2019. Stanley Strode moved to accept the financial report, 2nd Bev fisher, motion approved.

990 Review: Treasure Robert Dawson presented the pending 990 to be filed for Board review and passed it for all to review; Richard King moved to acknowledge the 990 reviews and Bev Fisher second, Motion Carried

Government Advantage Contract Review and New Contract. Treasure Robert Dawson reviewed the contract with GAG had not changed in cost since inception and explained the proposed new contract. The proposal would be to increase the retainer to \$2250 in 2020 and to \$2500 in 2021. Tom Stocksdale Moved to accept the new Contract wade Flory second, motion carried

Convention Program: Rod Arter passed out the 2020 schedule and went thru the whole program, lots of work to be done yet, please forward speakers sheets and update Rod on who's speaking/presenting.

Hotels: Drury sold out same day Hyatt filling fast, Crowne has rooms

Meals and Banquets: Paul Oeschle working on it, the committee meets today

Logistics: Richard No report

Spouse and Guest, Bev related the sponsor Klein's Entertainment, Wine bottle painting, Wine glass painting and looking at tours,

Long Range Planning: Howard Call reported for Paul Harris Redbook review will be the focus, high level issues are the amount of money that a fair can borrow portions of the law and other portions that are outdated, met with ODA staff and had good participation and agreement on needed changes. The draft is in the law review portion for review and Amanda is keeping track of it.

Queen Program: Bev Fisher CFE: Just beginning to arrive at the OFMA office, Committee to meet after board meeting

Hiring a photographer to do the queen portraits and pictures and the Directors pics on Thursday

Junior Fair: Roger Smith reported: Program is moving along, Howard is seeking good graphics for the Saturday Junior Fair clipboard.

Communication and Hall of Fame Awards: Richard King reported that the group is meeting today on Hall of Fame and next week to grade the communication awards.

Trade Show: Tom Higbie: Tradeshow is selling. Committee wants to bring beer into the tradeshow after 2pm since most of the Junior Fair will be departing. The poker chip game will continue.

Talent Showcase: Bob Dawson, Groups selected on Friday evening, 6 on Friday Evening, 1 For Friday Lunch and on Saturday for the General Session

Auction-Gala: Howard Call reported for Jon Overmyer: Tickets for sale

Registration: Tom Stocksdale: Is setting up, reviewed the hours

Promotions/Sponsors: Rod reported that Talley has signed on for \$3,000 to be the Presenting Convention Sponsor. In the meeting book list the ones blue type are confirmed.

OFMA Tour: Darrel Cubbison: No report

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. OHHA grants are due for 2019 and 2020 shortly.

YPI/CFE Development Program: no report

Legislative: Amanda Sines handed out and reviewed the report.

Old Business: ODA Grant Program reported by ODA Michael McCarren is on track for end of November rollout. Hamilton County Update, Wade reports that they are working on getting books auditable, trying to get board members, reportedly 5 new board members, one county commissioner wants to abolish the fair board,

New Business: OFMA Nominating Committee report: Nominates President Rod Arter, Nominates 1st VP Paul Harris, 2nd VP nominates 2 Richard King and Stanley Strode. Treasurer Nomination Robert Dawson

ODA: Emily Charles and Michael McCarren representing ODA. Michael is temporarily appointment. Grant documents will be ready November 30 for distribution. Will hold training on the forms at the convention.

Accounting Chart of Accounts Michael recognized Bev Fisher for her work with the State Auditor to get this accomplished and that training will happen at the convention as well. Tyler's Law passing they will be hiring 3 new inspectors. Emily related due dates and the importance of the Fairs to get their reports in

Ohio State Extension: Not present, (at a conference out of state)

OHHA: Not present

GOSA: David Drake President, If they need any AV they will supply. Safety Conference is in the final planning stage David Appreciated OFMA Sponsorship.

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

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