

**Lancaster County Agriculture Society**  
**4100 N. 84<sup>th</sup> St**  
**Lincoln, NE 68507**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00PM**

President Dowding called the meeting of the Lancaster County Agriculture Society to order. Proof of due notice was given with the Nebraska Open Meeting Act posted.

Board members present were Swanson, Suing, Ronnau, Cooper, Messick, Wilkinson and Rutt. Dowding and Bauman were absent.

The minutes from the January regular monthly meeting were approved as presented.

Moved by Messick and seconded by Suing to approve the January financials. The motion was approved 7-0 with Dowding and Bauman absent and not voting. Moved by Cooper and seconded Messick to approve the paying of the checks in the amount of \$222,139.84. The motion was approved 7-0 with Dowding and Bauman absent and not voting. The Aging Summary was presented for information.

**Officer Reports:** Vice President Ronnau expressed we needed to find out when the District 1 meeting is. There were no other reports.

**2017 Fair Update:**

- Schedule and Major entertainment update—Dickerson went through general update, no major changes since last month, just getting contracts in place & incorporating into fair book. Jamie finalizing band schedule, on track to cut budget about \$10K while having many popular local bands plus one celebrity band on final Friday outdoors at Muhlbach Complex (back up rain location Pavilion 3).
- Hay Hauling update -- Ronnau thinks Raymond Central FFA might be willing to do Hay Hauling but need to get their School Board Supt. to approve first. Should know before Fair Book deadline.
- Motorsports Event update --Dickerson gave update on motorsports events same as last meeting with dirt work to be conducted by LEC staff and/or new dirt work partner interested in doing motorcycle shows at LEC year-round and next year's fair if schedule works. Dickerson reported hasn't been able to connect in person with Bob Muhlbach. Board asked Dickerson to send Muhlbach certified letter ending relationship on motorsports and clarify any property remaining in complex is Ag Society's. Muhlbach name will be maintained on the outdoor complex until remodeled.
- Fair Book update
  - Dickerson gave update on Fair Book. Need Open Livestock Superintendents from Wilkinson.
  - Wilkinson talked to UNL Livestock Judging Team interested in judging three shows at \$250 each: Hogs, Beef and Sheep which would save \$250. Not pinned down yet, have to make sure UNL students will still be in town. For Beef Show, Tony Traverti to help with entries and Hoyt Kraeger to do Showworks plus need a few more due to number of entries. Open Boer Goat Bridgid Vogel is only one ready to put in Fair Book. These goat shows are costly, need to consider as we are drawing & subsidizing folks from other counties who come to our shows to earn points. Wilkinson considering with Extension Cole Meador if can change entry structure to cover our costs. Suing wondered if local FFA clubs would be able to help with the open shows. Ronnau

commented they are mostly showing in 4-H already. Wilkinson says they can help but need someone responsible for Showworks is tough job. Cooper said some non-livestock FFA kids might like to participate but would be learning.

- Rabbit Show Ronnau reported that folks really want this show but need a new superintendent and need to make sure it gets certified this year so participants get points. Local club will make sure we get a superintendent.
- Pigeon show superintendent will be known by March per Wilkinson once he establishes someone who will run fairly and superintendent fee will be nominal. Wilkinson warned pigeon folks that this is last year for show to be run correctly or at risk of being cancelled.
- Ronnau suggested that should list shavings in one place in Fair Book as can confuse with different hours. Just have phone number on General Store other than three move-in days.
- Marty Minchow from Extension Board presented front page of fair book and reported that Graphic Designer Vicki J says the fair book creation is going smoothly. Due to deadlines being a week later this year, a draft will be available on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> for Dickerson and any LCAS Board members to review. Vicki needs to know number of copies needed
- Other Fair Updates: Ronnau reported that Cole Meador will take over Poultry for Extension. Interviews to replace Marty Cruikshank have been completed and an announcement should be made shortly. This person will likely supervise the Equine and Rabbits.

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**NAFM Convention Report (Rutt)** Rutt reported that the District 1 rep Lisa Eggerling was re-elected to last term and someone will have to step up next year. The District 1 meeting will be held at another county. Rutt and Bauman represented LCAS at the convention in Kearney in January on Friday and Saturday. They saw eight bands and got some attractions contracts signed.

#### **Managing Director report (Dickerson):**

**Other Business:** Ronnau reported that Managing Director's annual review will now be conducted in the Fall when it's slower since last review just completed last May/June 2016.

**Communication from the public** (5 minute limit per person) Marty Minchow said the master plan looks exciting. The Extension Board is interested in if the County Fair can be shorter when LEC expanded. There are questions on having sufficient parking and Dickerson clarified where the master plan and rodeo map were showing parking. Minchow said Extension Board also asking if we can we get to sewer not being reliant on lift stations which Ag Society Board responded that this was the plan. Another question on how local tax payers always be assured to have access to use the facility whether for youth or for money-making events.

#### **Communication from the Public:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM  
Respectfully submitted by:  
Jamie Bauman- LCAS Secretary

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President

Next meeting: March 16, 2017 at 7:00PM