

Lancaster County Agriculture Society
4100 N. 84th St
Lincoln, NE 68507
MINUTES
Thursday, January 19 2016 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 Dowding, Swanson, Bauman, Suing, Ronnau, Cooper, Messick, and Rutt. Wilkinson was absent.

Moved by Suing and seconded by Bauman to move Alan Wood up further on the agenda for scheduling conflict reasons.

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

Moved by Ronnau and seconded by Suing to approve the December financials. The motion was approved 8-0 with Wilkinson absent and not voting. Moved by Cooper and seconded Ronnau to approve the paying of the checks in the amount of \$156,509.22. The motion was approved 8-0 with Wilkinson absent and not voting. The Aging Summary was presented for information.

Officer Reports: President Dowding mentioned that Rutt and Bauman would be attending the NAFM Conference in Kearney. If anyone else wants to go Wilkinson and Dowding's tickets are up for grabs since they can no longer attend. Vice President Ronnau discussed options with the future of the Hay Hauling at the Super Fair. Raymond Central is not interested in running the event. She will continue to follow up with Norris and Waverly to see if there is any interest. It was discussed that the LEC could provide a truck if necessary. Bauman reported that Cody Johnson's availability would no longer work with the fair schedule. They would explore other options. There were no other reports.

Signature Authority: It was moved by Suing and seconded by Bauman to add Dickerson and update the four officers on Union Bank fair and West Gate Bank operational accounts and update the four officers on the Wells Fargo foundation account. The motion was approved 8-0 with Wilkinson absent and not voting.

JPA : It was moved by Dowding and seconded by Messick to assign Dowding, Swanson, and Ronnau as new JPA members. The motion was approved 8-0 with Wilkinson absent and not voting.

2017 Fair Update: It was discussed that the first changes were updated in the fair book and took in a recommendation to extend the breakfast. Last year there was still a significant amount of people waiting to be served at the end. It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Cooper to increase the price of admission from \$2- \$3, all ages for the 2017 fair. The motion passed 8-0 with Wilkinson absent and not voting. There was a visit from William Cover with the Boy Scouts of America to discuss a capital fundraising opportunity. It was moved by Suing and seconded by Cooper to invite the Boy Scouts of American Cornhusker council to host a Wild West show on Aug 11th in Pavilion 4. The motion passed 8-0 with Wilkinson absent and not voting. There is a need for a new car show sponsor. Bauman had a couple ideas and will visit with Dickerson more about the event. Open class managers were approved as recommended by Dickerson and Trudy Pedley. Ronnau will contact someone about having the draft horses on display. Dickerson mentioned some new attractions that they are exploring. There was much discussion about the motorsports events. It was decided to follow Dickerson's recommendation of having only the demo derby, figure 8 race, and mud drags.

Managing Director report: Dickerson reported that the National High School Rodeo Finals vote was approaching in several weeks. The team is ready and has been receiving a lot of good feedback from the rodeo committee.

Legal Counsel report: Wood discussed how our retainer is getting used up quickly by spending a significant amount of time at meetings. It was suggested to limit his time at the meetings when he is really needed. There is an option of having him call in or set up a video chat. There is no further information to report on Lincoln Guards at this time.

Retirement Reception: Board was inquiring about a time to host a retirement reception for Trudy and other past Ag Society Board Members. The Ag Society can work with Karen Wobig to let 4-H community know. It was also mentioned about the possibility of doing something for Marty Cruickshank.

Other Business: Karen Wobig let us know that Marty Cruickshank retired and they are currently working on filling her position.

Communication from the Public:

The meeting adjourned at 9:44PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Jamie Bauman- LCAS Secretary

Secretary

President

Next meeting: February 16, 2016 at 7:00PM