

Lancaster County Agriculture Society
4100 N. 84th St
Lincoln, NE 68507
MINUTES
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Board Room – Lancaster Event Center
Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 7:30PM

1. Call the meeting to order and proof of due notice of meeting and open meeting notice posted
Called to order by President Ron Dowding at 7:41 pm
2. Roll call
All board present except Jim Swanson, Jamie Bauman. Also present LEC Managing Director Amy Dickerson, Sheryl Sieck from Extension Board, Tracy Anderson and Karen Wobig from Extension Office.
3. Approval of minutes from May regular board meeting minutes
Approved as presented.
4. Financial report and approval of checks
 - Amy reviewed financials. Motion to approve by Tom Messick, seconded by Kendra Ronnau. Passed 7-0.
 - Approval of checks totaling \$202,976.01 moved by Kendra Ronnau, seconded by Ron Suing. Passed 7-0.
 - Amy reviewed A/R and A/P, no questions.
5. Officer and Committee reports
 - President (Dowding)
 - Wall of Fame Ron Dowding contacted Ron Snover. Jay Wilkinson in process of contacting Jim Countryman.
 - Vice President (Ronnau)
 - Issue with rabbits re: year suspension on certain exhibitors. Reminding we have to follow these rules and respect this suspension, should be non-issue since they also haven't done all paperwork but board needs to be prepared to enforce this rule.
 - Secretary (Bauman)
 - Not present
 - Treasurer (Rutt)
 - Karen notified board that a few of previous minutes needed to be amended with amount of checks approved as well as signatures missing to be added in preparation for the annual audit
 - i. Moved by Jay Wilkinson, seconded by Ron Dowding; voted 7-0.
6. 2017 Fair Update (Dickerson/all)
 - Tom Messick talked to Scott Young with Food Bank for 2nd week of fair to bring more folks....get donations, would provide people to collect donations.
 - Karen Wobig gave Amy name of GMO expert at UNL for new fair exhibit being planned.
7. Future Fair Schedule Update (Ronnau/all)
 - Great work session with Extension to work on future fair schedule to improve experience for fairgoers to have variety of animals every day and try to shorten amount of prep days while protecting 4-H days of fair that do so well. Good ideas from the work session and folks felt good after meeting.

- Tracy commented that the planning boards built by Marty Cruikshank and Kendra Ronnau really helped, was a productive first meeting. Pretty similar schedule, shifted a day to start on Wed. like we did in the past.
 - Next step to show Ag Society, LEC staff for their input and then have another meeting with Extension team after fair. Board talked about not waiting too long if want to do for 2018 as folks plan year in advance their vacations etc.
8. Jr. Board Discussion & Potential New Members
- Kendra Ronnau said she tried to get this going to get younger folks' perspective and help on the fair and groom future Ag Society members
 - Ron Suing suggested asking 4-H clubs for recommendations. Kendra Ronnau said they need to be kids aged out of the program. Tracy Anderson has six+ names to recommend, to send to Kendra Ronnau.
 - Kendra Ronnau asked John Cooper if he'd like to help be liaison with the group.
 - Jay Wilkinson suggested 4-H Council would have good names.
 - Kendra Ronnau said younger folks would have great ideas on how to engage younger folks in social media, the fair.
 - Kendra Ronnau said to involve them in planning, volunteering at fair and for ideas.
 - Tracy Anderson will ask some folks for us and then can try to set up meeting in July with current/potential new Jr. Board members.
 - Amy Dickerson to send Jr. Board description to Tracy Anderson.
9. Approve New Accounting Policies & Procedures Manual
- Tabled to next month...draft needs to be reviewed by Karen Rutt, Treasurer, and LEC staff to be approved next month before audit.
10. Managing Director Report (Dickerson)
- Two biggest horse shows in June—staff busy, shows growing. Cornhusker Classic QH up 200+ stalls, now at capacity of 712 stalls.
11. Other business—none.
12. Communication from the public (5 minute limit per person)
- Karen Wobig introduced Shar Sieck from Extension Board, recently President of 4-H Council
13. Exec Session to discuss future plans
- Kendra Ronnau moved to amend to public session, 2nd by Karen Rutt. Voted 7-0.
 - Phase 3 update—ongoing prep work for future campaign, high level update by Amy Dickerson with board questions. No action taken at this time.

Next meeting: July 20, 2017 at 7:30 PM