



Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.
4100 N. 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68507

MINUTES

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Board Room--Lancaster Event Center Office

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 following Annual & JPA Meetings approx. 7:30m

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 Bauman, Cooper, Dowding, Messick, Rawlinson, Ronnau, Rutt, and Suing with Swanson being absent and not voting.

It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Messick to approve the minutes from the November Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed 8-0 with Swanson absent and not voting.

Moved by Ronnau and seconded by Suing to table the November financials since the meeting was held earlier in the month. The motion was approved 8-0 with Swanson absent and not voting. It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Ronnau to approve the paying of the checks in the amount of \$-707,848.98. The motion was approved 8-0 with Swanson absent and not voting. The Aging Summary was presented for information.

Officer and Committee reports

President (Dowding) – open livestock input

President Dowding talked to Rod Hollman about the open livestock show options. There is still a lot of info to discuss as a board on what the logistics are in being able to fit in the open shows. Public attendee Deneta said maybe instead of having shows it might be better to have some sort of educational activities. LEC Events Coordinator, Susan Bulling, has been reaching out to former superintendents about if we had a discounted facility rental or a certain amount of money needs raised would they want to host the shows. We don't have much feedback at this time from specific shows but will report as they come in. President Dowding talked to former LCAS Board Member Jay Wilkinson and he is interested in helping. There is also the opportunity that some species can run in tandem with open/4-H. We will come back in January with some better information from different shows.

Vice President (Ronnau) – 4-H livestock meeting update

VP Ronnau felt the meeting went good. It is important that we has an Ag Society have more presence in P1 and starting enforcing rules that we have in place. There was discussion about the premium auction with cole.

Secretary (Bauman) – NAFM conference update (Jan 18-20 in Kearney)

Attendees will be going out on Saturday only. Secretary Bauman will vote during the District one meeting with Board Member Rawlinson serving as the alternate.

Treasurer (Rutt)– no report

Committee Reports as relevant:

- Personnel (Ronnau) – They will be meeting after this meeting so they can schedule a time to meet.
- Phase 3 (Rawlinson) – we are moving ahead with community involvement and education. More report next meeting.
- Grievance (Cooper) – no report
- Premium Auction (Bauman) – they will be meeting next week to discuss the goals of the premium auctions and how to address concerns
- NHSFR Rodeo Board Committee (Ronnau) – the 2026-2027 bid was sent out.

Election of Officers

There was discussion if we should we revisit bylaws to discuss “term limits” for officers so we can ensure that the board members can be trained on various offices. This will make transitioning easier when new board members are elected, as more board members will have an understanding of the offices.

- President – Suing nominated Dowding – unanimous consent
- Vice President – Rutt nominated Ronnau – unanimous consent
- Secretary – Rawlinson nominated Bauman – unanimous consent
- Treasurer – Rutt nominated by Suing – unanimous consent

Elect Ag Society three representatives on Fairgrounds JPA for 2019

Board Member Rawlinson nominated board members Messick and Swanson, President Dowding nominated Vice President Ronnau

2019 Fair Planning – Dickerson/All

Managing Director Dickerson has visited with many of the key events here during the Super Fair. All are wanting to come back for the 10 day format. There is interest in putting together an open show livestock meeting to investigate options.

Ag Society Board Dec. election

Final slate recommendation for board member positions currently held by Ronnau, Rutt and Suing. Ronnau, Rutt, and Suing all submitted bios. The Nomination Committee has no other nominations.

Managing Director Report – Dickerson

Report from the Farm show – the weather presented a challenge with snow. The Second day was the biggest day EVER with the entire show going well overall. Cell and internet improvements were observed as mentioned by many vendors and attendees. Board Member Suing mentioned he thought that the concessions seemed to keep up really well and the VIP tour went well

Other business: None

Communication from the public –

- Lancaster Extension Staff Karen Wobig – someone had a question on if we had signage around parking lots to help people remember where they parked. The amount of signage is dependent on what event we have and what parking lot you might be in. Some of the grass lots don't have as much signage since there isn't really a place to put them.

- Alpaca crew – wanted to mention they had a great experience during their event they hosted in Sept.

Moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Ronnau to adjourn at 9:00 PM. The motion was approved 8-0 with Swanson absent and not voting.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jamie Bauman- LCAS Secretary

Secretary Bauman

President Dowding

Next Meeting:
January 18, 2018 at 7:00pm