



Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.
4100 N. 84th St, Lincoln, NE 68507
MINUTES
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Board Room--Lancaster Event Center Office
Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 7:30pm

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, Ronnau, Rutt, Swanson and Suing with Rawlinson being absent and not voting.

It was moved by Bauman and seconded by Cooper to approve the June minutes. Motion passed 8-0 with Rawlinson absent and not voting.

Moved by Ronnau and seconded by Suing to approve the June Financials. The motion was approved 8-0 with Rawlinson absent and not voting. It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Rawlinson to approve the paying of the checks in the amount of \$241,849.86. The motion was approved 8-0 with Rawlinson absent and not voting. The Aging Summary was presented for information.

Officer and Committee reports

- President (Dowding) – no report
- Vice President (Ronnau) – She has been impressed with how LEC staff have stepped up in the Managing Director's absence. Cornhusker Classic horse show went really well. VP Ronnau recommends having a larger labor force to help keep with heavy traffic load. Scheduling supervisor for nights/weekends when we have very large shows could be beneficial for future shows.
- Secretary (Bauman) – We were able to get our nomination in for the AKSARBEN Farm Family award. They will be sending the plaque directly to the LEC. Reminders have put into Hoyt's and Jamie's calendars to make sure we keep a close eye on it next year. Jamie met with Scott Heinrich to go over the Premium Auction. It was productive and informative. Moving forward one or two LCAS board members will be involved in discussing the layout of the premium auction each year. The LCAS should keep open communication with Scott to see what we can do to help encourage 4-H families to raise money to help grow the premium auction. It was discovered that initial weigh-ins for rate

of gain classes are being held off the LEC property. We will visit with Cole Meador about this and make sure initial and final weigh-ins will take place at the LEC. This year we have went with Watts Systems as our staging company. We received a grievance about accessibility for elderly in need of wheel chairs and assistance carts. Amy will contact and see what we can do to help her and those in her situation. We have lots of accessibility and will help make sure they are aware of the opportunities.

- Treasurer (Rutt) – No report
- Committee Reports:
 - Personnel (Ronnau) – This committee’s main goal is to make sure we are transparent and we are doing things correctly. Kendra with Mark Schorr, our labor attorney, to ask some questions and get some clarifications. Everyone will need to continue to clock in and out, no matter if they are salary or hourly, not including Amy. Their next step is to meet with Amy.
 - Phase 3 (Rawlinson)-No report,
 - Grievance (Cooper)-no report. Tracy Anderson chimed in to remind that we can remind people about the grievance procedure in the fair book. If it is a judge, class etc. they need to follow this procedure. Grievances about the fair in general will be directed to the LCAS Grievance Committee.
 - Premium payouts – LCAS Board Member, Tom Messick will oversee livestock premium payouts and solicit help when he needs it. We should consider changing payout schedule/location in the future to help streamline the process.

2018 Fair Update

- Sponsors-down some but most of that was in trade and not actual dollars. There is no celebrity concert to have a sponsor for so that should be taken into consideration. Susan Bulling secured some local restaurants to donate food for volunteer days and VIP luncheon.
- Vendors – Susan Bulling reported that only two spaces left in MPA and income up for both indoor and outdoor vendors are up.
- Marketing – Examples of e-blasts, new billboards, new bus wrap, LIBA events, flyers at I-80 exits, radio & newspaper ads, social media were shown etc.
- VIP Luncheon awards, invitee list – The VIP list was passed out to make sure that we hadn’t missed anyone. Tracy Anderson mentioned who the two 4-Hers are that will be speaking.
- Reminder: Location of premiums and offices during fair; Fair training meetings on 7/26 12 noon, 6 pm NE Room
- Events where need Board help (let Amy know if can’t be there):
 - Thursday – VIP Luncheon, 11-1:30, NE Lottery Tent
 - Friday – Watermelon Feed, 4:15-6:15 pm, NE Lottery Tent
 - Saturday – Lunch and learn, 11:45-1:15 in NE Room
 - Sunday – Exhibitor Breakfast, Move out 6-8pm
 - Ticketed events—5-10pm back pit & front tickets/snack shack

- Fri Aug 3 Figure 8, Sat Aug 4 Demo Derby Sat Aug 11 Mud Drags

Managing Director/Event Center report (Dickerson)

The City/LEC MOU passed city council since the last LCAS Board Meeting. Thanks to all your hard work to get this completed. Bruce Gubser will officially start on Monday. He will start helping Amy on the annual budget and audit, phase 3 analysis and work on accounting processes

NHSFR construction & Wyoming trip update (Dickerson)

The Team learned a lot from this past visit. They were able to get some good detailed notes.

Authorization for President to sign easement contract for S emergency driveway (Dickerson)

It was moved by Suing and seconded by Ronnau to authorize President Dowding to sign the easement contract for S emergency driveway. Motion passed 8-0 with Rawlinson absent and not voting.

Communication from the public (5 minute limit per person):

- Karen Wobig was wondering about Ag Society Hall of Fame honorees to see if Vicki should come and take pictures. This will be a great way to make sure she comes the luncheon to be honored.
- Tom Messick – Made some great contacts with the Extension group in Larimer County in Fort Collins

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contractual matters. It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Dowding to head into executive session at 9:54. Motion passed 8-0 with Rawlinson absent and not voting. It was moved by Ronnau and seconded by Messick to go out of the executive session at 10:25. Motion passed 8-0 with Rawlinson absent and not voting.

Moved by Ronnau and seconded by Suing to adjourn at 10:26 PM. The motion was approved 8-0 with Rawlinson absent and not voting.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jamie Bauman- LCAS Secretary

Secretary Bauman

President Dowding

Next meeting: August 30, 2018 at 7:30 PM