



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, November 15, 2018 at 8:00pm

Vice President Ronnau 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, Messick, Rawlinson, Ronnau, Rutt, Swanson and Suing with Dowding being absent and not voting.

It was moved by Rutt and seconded by Suing to approve the 2017 Joint Meeting with the Lancaster County Commissioners minutes. Motion passed 8-0 with Dowding absent and not voting. It was moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Swanson to approve the October minutes. The motion was approved 8-0 with Dowding absent and not voting.

Moved by Rawlinson and seconded by Cooper to approve the October Financials. The motion was approved 8-0 with Dowding absent and not voting. It was moved by Suing and seconded by Messick to approve the paying of the checks in the amount of \$_____. The motion was approved 8-0 with Dowding absent and not voting. The Aging Summary was presented for information.

Officer and Committee reports

- President (Dowding)—open livestock input – not present
- Vice President (Ronnau)—4-H Horse VIPS committee is working hard to find a new schedule that works for all disciplines. Overall they are happy with the four day schedule from last year, now just working on finding a better flow and utilizing time and space to keep the arenas full for fair goers.
- Secretary (Bauman) – LCAS Board Members Bauman and Rawlinson and LEC Event Coordinator Susan Bulling will attend the NAFM conference updates
 - Treasurer (Rutt) – LEC Bruce Gubser presented the Accounting Responsibility Chart. The Auditor and LEC staff along with LCAS Treasurer Rutt have reviewed this draft. Bruce will work with Tim Lenz to make sure it is meeting auditor expectations.
- Committee Reports:
 - Personnel (Ronnau) – The committee is working on figuring out raises for LEC staff and completing Managing Director Dickerson’s review. Cost of living raises were implemented for LEC staff.
 - Phase 3 (Rawlinson) - no report
 - Grievance (Cooper) - no report
 - Premium Auction (Bauman) – In lieu of Cole Meador moving on, we will work with Tracy Anderson as our Extension contact. LCAS Secretary Bauman will contact Jay Wilkinson so see if he can share some information on the logistics. It was stressed

that we need to help educate families on how the premium auction works and to raise awareness.

- NHSFR Rodeo Board Committee (Ronnau) – The visit with the Executive Committee went well and a lot of progress was made.

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

Managing Director Dickerson asked for feedback or questions from the joint meeting.

- LCAS Board Member Rawlinson didn't realize that we contributed so much to our own budget (75%) and that less than \$10 comes to us from each household (about \$7)
- It was mentioned that condensing our message and developing a type of elevator speech to help educate public on what we do and we and investment in is important.

Other business

LCAS Vice President Ronnau wanted to remind us that the Farm and Power show is fast approaching and to try to make an appearance if possible.

Communication from the public – none

Moved by Suing and seconded by Swanson to adjourn at 9:00 PM. The motion was approved 7-0 with Dowding absent and not voting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jamie Bauman- LCAS Secretary

Secretary Bauman

Vice President Ronnau

Next Meeting:

Annual Board Election & Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, December 11, 2018

- 5:30-6:30pm- Lancaster County Ag Society Public Election
- 6:30pm - Lancaster County Ag Society Annual Meeting
- Followed by (approx 7:15pm) Lancaster County Fairgrounds JPA meeting
- Followed by (approx 7:30pm) Regular Lancaster County Ag Society monthly meeting to include election of officers and other regular business.