

January 4, 2020

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for a call meeting on Saturday January 4, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the OFMA convention in Columbus. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Gerber; Hiltbrand; Mignery; Robinson; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Vollmer moved to wait until the February meeting to approve the financial statements. Second by Mignery, motion passed. Gerber moved to accept the annual report, second by Hiltbrand, motion passed. Robinson moved to pay expenses for the directors and their guests for the 2020 OFMA convention. Second by Simpson, motion passed. Carrie Robinson presented the board with proposed rental rates for the newly remodeled event center. Mignery thought the prices were too high. After comparing prices with other venues in the area Simpson moved for pricing to be for the Event Center West Wing (behind office) Monday thru Thursday \$2500.00; Friday and Sunday \$3000.00 and Saturday \$3500.00. The East Wing will rent for Monday thru Thursday \$2000.00; Friday and Sunday \$2500.00 and Saturday \$3000.00. The price to rent the lobby is \$325.00. Second by Gerber, motion passed. Kirk Bloir with OSU Extension met with board over concerns with quality assurance. The board was informed QA is mandatory per the Ohio administrative code. The biggest concern of the board was participants are not engaged in the program and do not learn anything. There is an online option for 12-18 year olds. The board expressed willingness to expand on the topics covered in QA and work with extension to make QA more informative. Mignery proposed the board create a budget for the next year to help track expenditures and project expenses. He will be working on a budget over the next few months. Wells moved to pay monthly bills, including pay roll. Second by Mignery, motion passed. Vollmer moved to pay \$1900.00 for portable bleachers in the infield. Second by Mignery, motion passed. Mignery moved to pay Singer Sled rental at total of \$3600.00; \$1000 for Sunday and \$1300 for Wednesday and Thursday each. Second by Wells, motion passed. Mignery moved to pay Bear Hollow wood carvings \$6400.00 for 4 days. Second by Gerber, motion passed. The board discussed the Thursday night NTPA tractor pull and possibly changing classes. After discussion Mignery moved to give Simpson and Hiltbrand authority to workout classes with NTPA and to sign the contract. Second by Simpson, motion passed. With no further business to discuss Gerber moved to adjourn, second by Mignery. The board will meet on February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the fairgrounds for their regular monthly meeting.