May 11, 2021

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Mignery; Robinson; Ross; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements. The motion was second by Gerber, motion passed. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Ross, motion passed. Chris Turner asked how many tickets need to be ordered and if we were going to use scanners at all gates. After discussion Simpson moved to use scanners at all the gates and to purchase the same number of tickets as 2019 for backup. The motion was second by Vollmer, motion passed. Bittner moved to keep all grandstand ticket prices the same as 2019. Mignery second the motion, all present voted yes. Gerber moved to pay insurance renewal in the amount of $14,689.00 for one year of coverage. Mignery second the motion, all present voted yes. Nathan Krause gave the board a proposal of $10,000.00 to install WiFi in the grandstands and all gates except the stockman’s gate. There is a possibility of EMA helping with the cost. Mignery is going to start to clean the crow’s nest. Mignery also recognized Erin Simpson-Sloan on earning her bachelor’s degree. The goat association would like for the mulch in the sheep and goat showing to be delivered for their show in June. Ross reported on potential beer sales at the 2021 fair. He reported if we have the correct permit Ohio Eagle distributors can buy back and unopened cases. We would have to have the permit thirty days before the event. Ross suggested limiting the beer sales to inside the grandstands. Mignery will seek help setting up and serving. Turner will check with insurance company about having trained servers. Greener asked if there was going to be any restrictions on the number of spectators allowed in the showrings. He plans to move the hog showring back to the old barn, sighting the uncertainty of number of swine projects, and not wanting to run out of space for pens. Ross reported the hand drier in the lady’s restroom in the goat barn does not turn off. Wells signed the contract with Pepsi to be the exclusive drink provider for the 2021 Butler County Fair. Pepsi will also be a $2500.00 day sponsor again this year. Erin Simpson-Sloan reported skill-a-thon will be the day of the species show near the show ring. Sandy Simpson asked if the AED units could be checked before the fair. Mignery will check those units. Sandy also asked if there was anyway the dividers and divider boards in the junior fair building could be updated before the 2021 fair. They are unsafe and need to be addressed. With no further business Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular meeting on June 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.