

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Minutes of Annual Meeting

December 2nd, 2015 – Marshall Middle School - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The December 2nd, 2015 Annual Meeting of CCAIS was called to order by CCAIS Board President, Doug Wildt at 7:05 pm at Marshall Middle School.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vic Parker.

Attendance of Board Members with Roll Call was conducted by Susan Baldwin.

Present: Doug Wildt, Jim Olds, Tom Carr, Susan Baldwin, Amanda Shreve, Steve Benham, Nick Collier, Hope Horton, Vic Parker, Vic Potter, Shirland Redfield. All present.

Determination of Quorum - Doug Wildt asked Megan Harvey for member attendance to determine quorum for the Annual Meeting. Harvey reported 81 members physically in attendance – 20 members are needed to meet quorum. Based on membership in attendance, it was determined a quorum did exist to conduct all business.

Approval of Agenda – Motion was made by Jim Olds, seconded by Vic Potter to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of a section for awards presentation. Motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting - Susan Baldwin presented the minutes from the Annual Meeting of December 2014. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Vic Potter, seconded by Hope Horton. Motion was approved.

Review of 2015 Budget and 2016 Budget – Amanda Shreve provided the Treasurer’s report. She discussed the 2015 actual and 2016 budget figures provided in the meeting packet. She noted assets on the balance sheet, and the profitable events on the profit and loss statement. Revenues and expenses are reported on a cash-flow basis. Shreve noted that CCAIS had \$189,930.53 in the general fund. Tom Carr moved to put the Treasurer’s report on file, seconded by Jim Olds. Motion was approved.

Election of Directors – Doug Wildt stated that the meeting would now move to Election of Directors. Steve Hinkley stepped forward to handle the election process. He provided a report of the Nominating Committee. There are four seats to be filled. The

Nominating Committee put forth the names of incumbents Nick Collier, Jim Olds and Vic Parker, and new nominee Art Kale. Hinkley asked for a motion to open the election procedures. Motion was made by Cindy Thomas, supported by Phyllis Gresly. Motion passed by voice vote of the membership. Hinkley then asked for nominations from the floor. He indicated that Roberts Rules of Order require asking for nominations three times. The following individuals were nominated: Bud Moe (accepted the nomination), Eric Myers (accepted the nomination), Matt Ivey (accepted the nomination), and Dick Sweet (declined the nomination.) Hinkley asked three times for any other names from the floor. Hearing no other nominations, Cindy Thomas moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Phyllis Gresly. Motion to close nominations was approved by the membership.

Nominees were given the opportunity to make brief comments. The nominees provided comments: Collier, Olds, Parker, Kale, Moe, Myers, Ivey.

Steven Hinkley explained how ballots must be marked using an "X" to have a valid vote. Circling the names will not count. Nominees from the floor must have their name written on the ballot and an "X" placed by their name for the vote to count. Following the instructions, the vote was taken, and ballots collected and given to the volunteers to tabulate. The results would be reported at the end of the meeting. It was noted that Catherine Yates will keep the ballots until a vote is taken by the Board to destroy the ballots after the required holding time.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

While the ballots were being counted for the election of Directors, Susan Baldwin reviewed the proposed changes to the CCAIS Bylaws, as proposed by the Bylaws Committee. The proposed changes had been timely sent out in writing to the membership with the notice of the Annual Meeting. Baldwin explained the ballot and asked for questions. Baldwin noted that according to the state laws governing CCAIS, the Bylaws changes must be passed by a 2/3rd's majority of the members present and voting to be approved.

Lee Fischhaber asked to propose another amendment to the Bylaws regarding Superintendents. Baldwin and Amanda Shreve, who also served on the Bylaws Committee, explained the process for members to present a change to the CCAIS Board which requires that ten members must present the request. Baldwin and Shreve also explained that the Committee did discuss Fischhaber's request during the Committee

meetings but determined that the revisions under discussion to revise the policies for Superintendents would address the issue.

Seeing no further questions, the membership was asked to vote on the proposed Bylaws changes. Ballots were collected and given to the volunteers to tabulate.

Awards

Doug Wildt and Megan Harvey presented the various Volunteer Awards for the year while the Bylaws ballots were being tabulated.

Lifetime Award – Bonnie Rocco – Megan shared that Bonnie has been around the fair from many years to lend a hand and be a voice of reason. She often volunteers for the Fredonia Grange, Floral Hall or Houston School. Thank you for your service Bonnie!

Volunteer of the Year – Chemical Bank – the Fair selected a special group of people to receive this award. Chemical Bank staff spends a great deal of time and energy volunteering at the fairgrounds, both during fair and other times, including installing fabric on the chain link fencing. Chemical Bank clerks all three auctions during fair week, follows up with buyers for payment, and writes the checks to the youth once the auctions are over, as well as cashing premium checks.

Years of Service – Megan Harvey shared the names of the volunteers being recognized for their years of service. Congratulations and many thanks to George and Sue Youngdahl for their years of dedication to the fairgrounds and fair events!

Project of the Year – Megan Harvey explained that the Board and staff felt that an award needed to be added to the list this year. Matt Ivey is being recognized for his leadership and work on the electrical project to run new 3 phase electrical lines in the fairground and across the infield. Proper electric service has been a challenge on the fairgrounds, particularly during fair week. Matt took charge of the project and accomplished the job by fair time. Thank you Matt!

Outgoing Board Member – Shirland Redfield – Megan shared that Shirland has been a Board member for three years and was a volunteer for many years before serving on the Board. He managed the money counting during the Cruise the Fountain event and the Fair, making sure all the cash boxes were ready for distribution and properly collected and counted. Thank you Shirland for your service!

Year in Review – Megan Harvey provided brief comments, summarizing the project undertaken during the previous year. She noted that the fairgrounds hosted two new

events that were very successful. The fair is becoming more of a face in the community. She offered many thanks to the volunteers who spend countless hours helping during events and the fair week, and the sponsors who support this organization. Every member is appreciated. All are welcome to stop in the fair office to visit, ask questions or voice concerns. Thank you for a great year!

General Member Comments

While waiting for the final results of the ballots, the membership was asked for any comments. Charlie Letts expressed his appreciation for Phil Smith and his work.

Voting Results

Steve Hinkley gave the results of the Election of Directors. He reported that the candidates receiving the most votes were, in no particular order: Nick Collier, Matt Ivey, Art Kale, and Jim Olds. These four candidates will fill the open seats on the Board.

Hinkley then reported the results of the Bylaws changes ballot. Sufficient votes were cast to meet the two-thirds majority needed to approve all of the proposed changes. Eighty-one ballots had been issued and 61 ballots were returned voting to approve all proposed changes in the Bylaws.

Doug Wildt expressed his thanks to all of the volunteers, and his appreciation to Megan for her great work this past year.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Vic Potter, seconded by hope Horton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by Susan Baldwin, Board Secretary