

YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of October 15, 2024

The Board of Directors of the York County Agricultural Society met Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., in the York Extension Office. The meeting notice was published publicly on or before October 8, 2024 at the York County Extension Office, York County Court House, York State Bank (York Main Office), Cornerstone Bank (Waco Branch) and the York County Fair Website.

Seven (7) Directors were present; Ditloff, Heskett, Quiring, Rathjen (8:15 p.m.), Ziegler, Ziemke and Zoubek. Eight (8) Directors were absent; Cast, Chrisman, Gloystein, Heine, Hoffman, Hoffschneider, Holtmeier and Jackson.

Guest present: Jenny Rees, York County Extension Specialist.

Vice President Ziegler called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary Ziemke announced to all those in attendance that the Open Meeting Act has been placed on the meeting table for one and all to examine.

Additional item: Demuth Scottish Highlander Cattle Show.

Minutes and Financial

Minutes of the September 17, 2024 York County Agricultural Society meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections.

The Board reviewed the September 2024 Financial Report. Heskett went through the August 31 – September 30 Profit & Loss and cash flow print outs. Heskett is still working on the Fair event spreadsheet. There was approximately \$41,000.00 cash and \$1,500.00 of in-kind sponsorships for the 2024 Fair. Labor was a bit more than usual because of all the work Mike Wright and Bob Hansen completed before Fair. Motion #1 was duly made by Quiring to accept the Minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting and the September 2024 Financial Records. Seconded by Zoubek. No further discussion. Seven (7) votes for, Zero (0) votes against. Motion #1 carried.

Under Old Business:

Julie Hoffman – YABAC Accessibility and Inclusion did not attend our meeting.

Building Committee Report:

Fair Office and Crow's Nest – The two projects will be finished up before winter.

Northeast Horse Arena lighting – it will be addressed next year as one of the pre-Fair electrical issues.

Ag Hall air conditioning – The used units are in our possession.

Church Kitchen concrete floor removal and replacement – We will speak with Jerry Stahr to see if his group of people can help us try and do the project yet this fall.

4H Building mop sink – Working on a possible grant for commercial kitchens to help with the expense of installing the mop sink in the south utility/furnace closet.

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center floor sealant – Ziegler has the product.

Cornerstone Ag & Event Center projector screen has been fixed.

AED units and wall cabinets – Mike Wright has installed them.

Mercantile Building roof – Ziegler spoke with the company that applied the spray on insulation about the paint coming down. Ziegler will talk with them again after harvest.

Cattle Barn roof leaks – sometime after harvest Ziemke will get up on the roof and look over the situation.

New Business:

NIRMA Insurance – Rathjen met with a general insurance appraiser, an outside contractor hired by NIRMA who took pictures of the property and buildings. Rathjen has not received any report from the appraiser or NIRMA at this time. The NIRMA insurance renewal process starts December 1st.

York County Fair Foundation

- 2024-2025 Calendar Raffle
 - 240 fifty-dollar tickets were sold.
 - After expenses and 56 raffle winners we should end up with just under \$3,600.00 for the Foundation.
 - For last year's 2023-2024 Calendar Raffle there were 300 tickets sold with a profit of a little over \$5,000.00 for the Foundation.
- Checking account \$42,517.14.
- We still need to work on a memorial wall and memorial bricks.
- Are we interested in trying to put on a fund raising banquet?
- We can receive grain donations for the Foundation through Central Valley Ag, Greens Plains and POET. Jenny Rees will announce that grain donations are being accepted and the locations in one of her upcoming newspaper articles.
- Could the Foundation do a "Lunch In The Field" push with the York radio station?
- Next year, for motivational purposes, could we have a contest with a prize for the person who sells the most Calendar Raffle tickets?
- Can we have 4Hers and 4H Council members help us sell tickets in the future?
 - People under the age of 18 selling tickets are permissible, as long as the correct paperwork with the State of Nebraska has been completed.

Additional 2024 Fair Comments – None

2025 Fair Plans – July 31 through August 3, 2025

- Go Cart Races – Rathjen will be making some phone calls to see if we can get in with the racers in the Beatrice and eastern Nebraska Go Cart racing group.
- Virtual Reality Trailer – The event cost us \$2,500.00 for the 2024 Fair. It pretty much ran itself. It was busy and got people on the Fairgrounds.
- Discussion on how we can help out the animal exhibitors and what we are currently

spending on the animal shows and housing.

- Just some of the expenses:
 - \$3,000.00 animal stall bedding.
 - \$6,500.00 animal judges.
 - \$1,750.00 Cornerstone Ag & Event Center arena wood chips.
 - \$18,000.00 animal exhibitor awards.
- Is there a possibility to stall the sheep and goats in the swine barn for the 2025 Fair?

Demuth Scottish Highlander Cattle Show October 25, 26 & 27, 2024

- We will need to install the arena fence, floor and bleachers. Installation will have to be the evening of the 23rd or 24th.
- Ziemke will send out a group text with the set-up information.
- We will see if Hoffman can get some help from the football team.

There being no further business to come before the Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Douglas Ziemke

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Secretary