

Greene County Fair Board
Monday, November 5, 2018
Minutes

The Greene County Fair Board met on Monday, November 5, 2018 at the Greene County Fairgrounds, at 6:30 PM. The members in attendance were Larry Marshall, Debbie Stephenson, Barry Moore, Archie Trader, Dave Coder, Susan Mayle, Jeff Lash, and Eric Marshall.

The following guests were in attendance: George Scull, Jim Cowell, Robin Adler, Lew Crouse, Representing WG FFA were: Karlie Wright, FFA Advisor, Hannah Cole, Haleigh Thomas, Tristan Cole, Courtney Ross, Avery Berdine, Kaden Bennington, Savannah Pettit, and Makenzie Thomas.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moore.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Mr. Coder to retain the officers from last year. Mr. L. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

President:	Barry Moore
Vice-President:	Archie Trader
Secretary of the Board:	Eric Marshall
Treasurer:	Debbie Stephenson

2019 Fair Board Schedule:

Monday, February 4, 2019
Monday, April 1, 2019
Monday, May 6, 2019
Monday, July 15, 2019
Monday, November 4, 2019

A motion to approve the 2019 Fair Board Schedule was made by Mr. Lash. Mr. Trader seconded that motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Karlie Wright and the members of the West Greene FFA presented a proposal to the Fair Board on enhancing their members experience during the annual Greene County Fair. The individual members spoke of the importance of FFA and how it provides the foundations for their member to succeed in their future endeavors in agriculture. They are officially asking that the qualifying FFA members may show and sell at the annual Greene County Fair until the are 21. They would agree to write the rules in such a way that only allows for active Greene County FFA members in good standing would be allowed to partake. They also proposed an FFA sponsored showmanship class for the 19 -21 years old participants. The felt it would only be fair to have a showmanship class for the 19-21 years old members so that they are not participating in the same class as some junior members of the class. This FFA Showmanship class's premiums and awards would be sponsored by the FFA.

Mr. Coder spoke of the importance of FFA program and how great it was that their members came to this meeting to participate in the conversation. Ms. Maley asked if the participants would be willing to be fingerprinted and have background checks run against them as they would now be adults monitoring kids. The WG FFA members all agreed to do what was needed in this regard. They also stated that

many of their members already had to complete those requirements do to working as life guards the county pools in the summer. Ms. Robin Archer spoke out against the proposal. She felt 19 was the appropriate age and noted that there was too many animals in the shows now. Mr. Lew Crouse also felt 19 was the appropriate age. After discussion, Mr. Coder made a motion to extend to allow the FFA to show and sell to the age of 21, for 1 year. He also added that they would need to provide list of rules and guidelines for the program and come to the April 2019 Fair Board Meeting with a status of the program. Mr. E. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jim Cowell thanked the Fair Board for the Big Fans placed in the Livestock Barn. Mr. Coder advised that the County was planning to do more upgrades to the Livestock Barn before the 2019 Fair. More fans, LED lighting are some the upgrades they are looking to complete. Mr. Cowell asked if there was anyway the County would consider cementing the floor of barn in the future. Mr. Coder stated that the Commissioners would look in to it.

Mr. George Skull spoke about the gate workers and how passes are handled. It was agreed that the gate workers do a terrific job considering the amount of traffic going through them.

A motion was made by Mr. Coder to accept the minutes of the prior meeting dated July 16, 2018 with a correction to who supplied the light plans, Blue Mountain Equipment. This motion was seconded by, Mr. Stephenson. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Stephenson advised the Fair Board that it appears that the Fair broke even for the year. She did note that the results will not be official until the Greene County Controllers office audits them.

Mr. Coder made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Lash seconded. After discussion on whether the report was verbal and not written. The motion passed 6-2 with Ms. Mayle and Mr. Trader voting against.

The Treasurer presented the bills that had been incurred since the last meeting. A motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Ms. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Coder. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. L. Marshall reported on the cancellation of the 2018 Lucas Oil Mega Pull due to a complete washout on both Saturday and Sunday. With cancelling the event 24 hours prior to the event, the Fair Board was able to limit the financial losses. It was agreed that while it was unfortunate, it was the best decision. Any person holding a ticket or a parking place for the 2018 truck pull, those tickets will be honored for the 2019 truck pull.

A discussion on adding Farm Stock Tractors to the 2019 Greene County Fair was tabled until February meeting.

New Business:

Mr. L. Marshall advised the Fair Board that he hopes to have contracts for the 2019 Fair at the February Meeting for consideration.

Mr. L. Marshall spoke to the board on the promoter for the Demo Derby has decided to no longer continue and alternatives would need to be looked in to.

Ms. Stephenson advised the Fair Board that mulch will not be allowed to be used in the live stock barn moving forward due to the complications with removing from the grounds. Mr. Cowell know of a guy that would take it. He was advised to let the County know and they would reach out to him.

Mr. Lash reported that the disks used to get pulling track ready for use have broken again and need to be replaced. Mr. Lash stated he knew of a set for sale but wanted Mr. Moore to look at them before it was agreed to purchase them. Mr. Moore to look at them and report back.

Ms. Maley had nothing to report on from the 4H. Mr. Coder advised that they County had requested a meeting with Penn State to talk about the County Extension office.

Dates to remember:

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2019 Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Convention	Jan. 23, 2019 – Jan 26, 2019
2019 Greene County Fair	August 5, 2018 through August 10, 2019
2019 Lucas Oil Mega Pull	Saturday, September 21, 2019

Adjournment:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Lash and seconded by Mr. Trader. Motion was approved unanimously.