

The Shelby County Ag Society met on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 in Senior Fair Office on the Shelby County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by President Eric Garber. Roll call was taken with 24 members present. Also, in attendance were Chris Roediger, Katie Hughes and Kimberly Pistone from the Sidney Daily News.

Secretary Report:

Mitch Brautigam moved to accept the emailed August meeting minutes; Brad Meyer seconded the motion; motion approved.

Treasure Report:

Jason Howell moved to accept the treasurer report

No Treasures Report or Bills To Be Paid were presented, due to a prior motion to waive these reports for 2 months.

Committee Reports:

Swine Born and Raised Show for 2024: Kevin Zircher asked for permission to host this show for 2024. Jason Howell moved to accept this request, Kevin Dosceck seconded the motion; motion approved.:

Swine Pen Availability: Tony Bornhorst questions the availability of swine pens in the Livestock Complex and questioned the number of tack pens on the Sheep and Goat side of the building. After some discussion, Bill Clark responded stating that there are 10 – 12 missing gate fronts and to the Sheep and Goat tack pen question – stating the number of tack pens were in relationship to the number of sheep and goat entries per family and the type of project they were bringing – i.e. – breeding versus market. Plus, the number of scratched entries. After some additional discussion and a question by Curt Wells, it was decided to pursue the possibility of moving the wash pens outside of the building. This idea will be followed up with the Fire Department, plus Chris will reach out to some fabricators to make replacement gates.

Commissioner Financial Support: Tony Bornhorst questioned the comment made by a fair goer regarding the State Required financial amount totaling \$4,100. He presented a spreadsheet per his office of the past financial support provided by the county.

Camping: Jamie Reece shared that we had approximately 230 campers with a max capacity of 250 spots. We will need to remind our vendors to state on their contracts if they plan on camping.

Merchant Hall: Tim Martin thanked those who helped set up and take down the pipe and drape for the fair. Plus, those who helped him with the dollar lunch program through the week. This has become a popular option during the week.

Veterans Day: Jerry Schmidt thanked Kevin Schaffner for getting the Mission 22 unit in for Veterans Day. It was greatly appreciated by the veterans.

Kids Day: over 550 kids were in attendance for this event

