

The Shelby County Ag Society met on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 in the Senior Fair Office on the Shelby County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by President Mitch Brautigam. Roll call was taken with 26 members present. Also, in attendance was Chris Roediger and Katie Miller.

Secretary Report:

Jake Yinger moved to accept the emailed December meeting minutes. Brad Meyer seconded the motion; motion approved.

Treasure Report:

Ken Ihle moved to accept the December EOM Treasurer's report; Jerry Schmidt seconded the motion; motion approved.

Bill Frey moved to approved the January Bills To Be Paid; Ben Brautigam seconded the motion; motion approved

Tyler Geise moved to have the treasurer move \$25,000 from savings to checking; Bill Frey seconded the motion; motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Born and Raised Swine Show – Kevin Zircher asked for permission to keep running this show. Kevin shared those 105 exhibitors participated in this show in 2024. Tim Everett moved for this show to continue; Bill Frey seconded the motion. During the discussion process – it was determined to extend this show for 3 years. Jake Yinger moved to amend the motion for the 3 year extension, Brad Meyer seconded the motion. After a series of votes for the original motion and the amended motion; motion approved.

Sale Committee – Nick Howell shared with the board that Breeders World would be used to assist with the auction. The discussion then went to the use of RFID tags for Swine and Cattle. After some discussion Judy moved to use RFID tags both species; Scott Bertsch seconded the motion; motion approved.

Nick then shared the Sale Committee's thought to be a Premium Bid Only Sale – after significant discussion – Tim Martin moved to table any discussion until additional information is provided; Ken Ihle seconded the motion; motion approved.

Tug a Truck – Tyler shared with the board that this event will be moved to Sunday due to the same event being held during our previously scheduled date. He expects 10 -15 trucks, the organizer is changing, however the cost remains the same.

Ride Company – Based upon a conversation at convention – Chuck Zell's food trailer that currently is on the midway – will remain. The rides will not open until Monday, so the pre-view will remain. There will be an elimination of 4 to 5 games .

Entertainment – This is in the works, with almost everything under contract. The Flying Walinda's will bring their trapeze and high wire act, plus Country Start play offs will return, plus other local groups.

Open Hog Show – Judy stated the judge has been hired.

Jr. Fair Steer Weigh In – Mike York shared that 23 beef and 26 dairy steers were checked in, plus 3 market heifers.

Old Business:

Meat Raffle Fundraiser – meat raffle tickets will be available at the February meeting. The drawing for the winners will occur at the conclusion of the Jr. Fair Livestock sale.

New Business:

Financial Institution Authorization: Randy Bensman moved that the Board continue with First National Bank of New Bremen as our financial institution, Brad Meyer seconded the motion; motion approved.

ODA Weighers Application: Provided the form from ODA, any Senior Fair Board member that runs scales for the fair is required to complete the form.

Committee Assignments: a draft of the committees was verbally shared – the final draft will be available during the February meeting.

Fairbook Changes – all fairbook changes are required by the February meeting. Pages were handed out to committee chairs.

Big Brothers/Sisters – Bowling event – several of the board members volunteered to be on a team for this community event on Friday, February 28.

Picnic Tables – Mike York shared an idea from Convention – where we collect plastic bottle caps then have them recycled into picnic tables.

Chris:

New Restrooms: The building of the new restrooms is currently in process, currently waiting on cement blocks.

Water Line Project: Phase 2 of the water line project will be starting soon.

Katie:

Katie shared the list of fair changes for 2025, the next Jr. Fair Board meeting will be Sunday, January 19 at 6:00 PM

Adjournment: Ken Ihle moved to adjourn the meeting; Shannon Roberts seconded the motion; motion approved.

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President	Date	Secretary