

CCT Board Meeting Feb 13, 2021 at Red Angel Pizza

Attendees: Kari Wann, Vince Sutter, Denise Sutter (zoom), Angie Caryer, Ed Caryer, Deacon Caryer (zoom), Lynn Skelton (zoom), Bill Spencer, Megan Wright, John Fifer, and Andy Wehri.

Start of meeting: The meeting started at 2:00 pm at the Red Angel Pizza.

Minutes: Bill motioned to skip the minutes, Kari seconded the motion and it was carried.

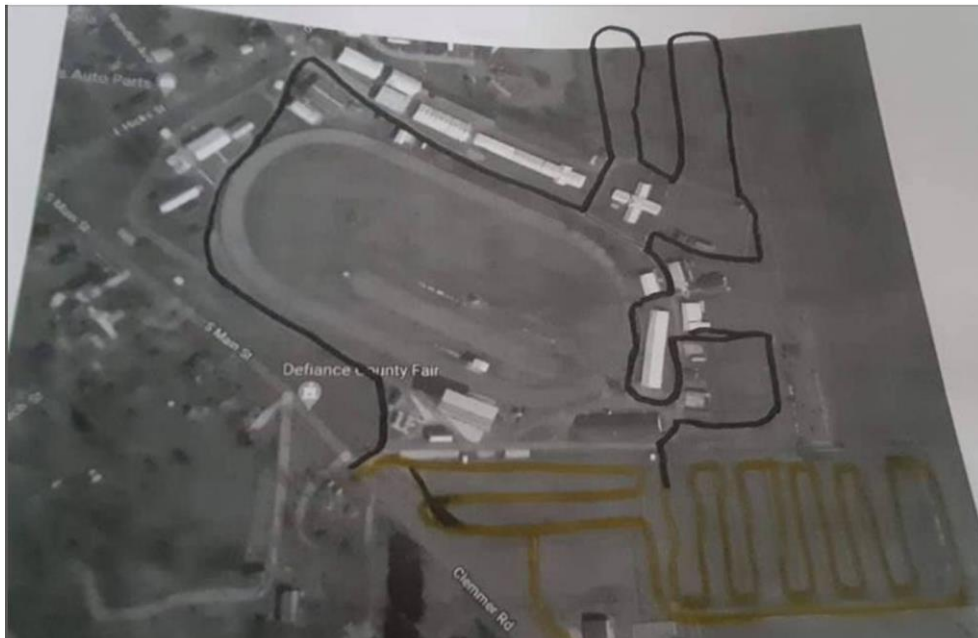
Financial report: Angie handed out copies and read the details of the financial report. Vince motioned to approve the report, Kari seconded it, the board approved the report.

Trailer storage: Vince met with Lee Eicher to discuss storage of the people mover and the boom lift at the Crook Miller factory (now owned by Eicher's company). Lee offered a one-year storage for both the people mover and the lift for a total of \$400. This is slightly less than the cost of storing the equipment at the Blue Beef Barn (which was possible only because there was no fair in 2020). Denise motioned to accept the agreement, Kari seconded the motion, the board voted to accept storage at the Crook Miller building once the weather is agreeable to moving the equipment.

It was noted that this is unrelated to storage of the new semi-trailer at Brown's facility in Farmer, Ohio. Storage of the new semi-trailer has been agreed upon and is settled.

Eric Miller (drone): Following up on this issue from the last meeting. Denise noted the value in Eric's photos and videos in promoting the CCT. She motioned to send him a check for \$300, which was seconded by Kari, the board voted to approve the expenditure.

2021 Route: The issue of altering the route for 2021 that was discussed two years ago and in the prior meeting was raised for consideration. Lavon had increased the height of the PA wiring to provide clearance for buses and had stone hauled on these sections with expectation this route would be used in 2020. Ed provided the diagram below. The route differs after the entrance, around the harness barn and immediately after the Red Angel display (leading to the Christmas Card Lane).



The route was presented for consideration by the board. After the snow retreats, the plan is to have a bus navigate this route to verify its viability. Members are also encouraged to drive this route to visualize how the displays would be located given the additional length that would be gained. This issue will be revisited in later board meetings.

Contracts: The reindeer and fireworks contracts have both been completed and signed.

Purse Bingo: Kari has been working this event and has the agreements in place. She noted that she needs a \$200 deposit (that can be refunded if the event is cancelled). She also needs to provide a copy of the CCT insurance policy for their records. This led to the status of Lowell's review of the current insurance policy. I will follow up with him on his review. The motion to provide the deposit was initiated by Deacon was seconded by Denise, and was approved by the board.

5k Fundraiser: Discussions turned to the 5k and who would head up the 5k, should we continue to hold this fundraiser. None of the board members are avid runners or have connections to the running community. If no one is found to run the 5k Run, it was suggested that we eliminate the race itself but convert the event into a simple walk, bike, golf cart, fundraiser with no motor vehicles. This would retain the walking event that is desired by the community, without the issues of timers, timing of visitors, etc. It was also noted that we will need most board members on hand to supervise visitors to keep them out of the displays. Photos were posted showing visitors taking pics in the middle of displays in 2020. This issue will be revisited as we near the planning stages of opening this season.

Christmas Card Lane (sales): The issue of resuming the sales of new Christmas cards was raised. With the new storage, provided by the new semi-trailer, the CCT is in a position to resume card sales. Denise noted that she will continue to generate the graphics for the cards but wanted someone to handle the calls, sales, and other tasks associated with the cards. John volunteered to handle the tasks associated with cards. Then the number of new cards to be sold was discussed. It was proposed that a total of 28 new cards would be sold under the condition that they would be in place for 3 years at which they would need to be renewed or removed. Ed motioned to approve this plan, Kari seconded it, and the board approved this plan for the new cards. It was also suggested that we limit card sales to 5 cards per year but that will be addressed next year.

Christmas Card (placement): The criticisms of the CCT were discussed. Specifically the grouping of the cards into one area. The group discussed the options of keeping the card lane as it is or the option of breaking the cards into groups (of ten) and distributing them along the length of the CCT. The idea seemed plausible and this issue will be revisited in the future, after the board has had time to consider the options. Given the option of increasing the length of the route, this would allow more locations to distribute the cards along the route.

Andy Wehri: We had a visitor for this meeting that listened to the various issues throughout the meeting. John asked Andy to introduce himself, which he did along with his interests in Christmas lights and becoming involved with the CCT. Andy wanted to give back to the community in the form of volunteering with the CCT. Vince motioned to accept Andy, Ed seconded the motion and the board voted to accept Andy.

Next Meeting: The next CCT board meeting will be held on March 14 at 2 pm at Red Angel Pizza.

Motion to Adjourn: Ed made a motion to adjourn; Kari seconded it, and the meeting ended.