

CONSTITUTION OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I - Title

SECTION 1 The Society shall be known as the Columbiana County Agricultural Society.

ARTICLE II - Object

SECTION 1 The object of this Society shall be to promote and encourage agriculture, industry, science, art and other interests of Columbiana County which the Board deems and in the best interests of the community.

ARTICLE III - Membership

SECTION 1 Any resident of Columbiana County may become a member of this Society by paying annually the membership fee fixed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 No person shall pay for or secure more than one such membership and that membership shall be for himself. No memberships shall be issued to corporations, organizations, partnerships, or firms.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

SECTION 1 The management shall consist of a Board of fifteen members, who shall be elected for a term of three years and the terms so arranged that the terms of one-third of the members shall expire annually. Not more than three Directors may be elected from one township to serve concurrently.

SECTION 2 Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal from office, or other causes may be filled by the Board until the next annual election, when a Director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

SECTION 3 When any Board of Directors Member is absent the entire week of the Fair, he will relinquish his seat on the Board. The Board of Directors will appoint a successor to fill his remaining term (with the exception to illness or death to immediate family).

ARTICLE V - Election

SECTION 1 The annual election of the Board of Directors shall be held at a designated building on the fairgrounds on the first Wednesday of October of each year from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

SECTION 2 The said election shall be by ballot. Ballots must be marked with an "X" opposite the name of each candidate voted for; otherwise the name will not be counted.

SECTION 3 Only persons holding membership certificates at the close of the annual Fair, and residing in Columbiana County, may vote.

SECTION 4 Members of the Society must declare their candidacy for the office of Director of the Society by filing with the Secretary of the Society, a petition signed by twelve or more members of the Society who are residents of Columbiana County, at least seven days before the annual election of Directors is held. Only regularly nominated candidates who have met the filing requirement will be eligible for election as a Director.

SECTION 5 In order to be eligible for candidacy for the office of Director of the Society, a member must have attended at least six (6) regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Board of Directors in the twelve (12) months preceding such election. This section shall not apply to appointments to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors pursuant to Article IV, Section 2.

SECTION 6 The term of office of the retiring Director shall expire and that of the Directors - elect begin on the third Saturday of November of each year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VI - Annual Meeting of the Membership

SECTION 1 The annual meeting of the members of the Society shall be held on or about December 1st of each year at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors, and the membership shall be notified of such meeting.

SECTION 2 At this meeting, the officers and directors of the Society shall make reports to the membership of the Society concerning the past Fair and make recommendations for the betterment of future Fairs. The members, shall be given opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of the Society and its Fair. Such other business may be presented as may be prescribed by this constitution or as may be deemed proper by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII - Organization and Meetings

SECTION 1 The Board of Directors shall meet annually on or about the third Saturday of November of each year, and elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Concession Secretary, who shall serve for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 2 All officers shall be directors, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who may or may not be directors.

SECTION 3 Before election of officers the newly elected directors shall qualify by taking the following oath (or affirmation) before a competent authority, designated by law:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Ohio, the Laws of Ohio and rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture of Ohio pertaining to agricultural societies and to the best of my ability perform the duties of Director of the Columbiana County Agricultural Society, so help me God."

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

SECTION 1 Amendments to the constitution or by-laws may be proposed by:

(A) A majority of the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot,

(B) Filing a petition with the Secretary of the Society at least 14 days prior to the annual election of the Board of Directors.

Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by not less than 25 members.

SECTION 2 If an amendment is proposed, it shall be submitted to the membership of the Society at the annual election of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 When more than one amendment shall be submitted at the same time, they shall be so submitted as to enable members to vote on each amendment separately.

SECTION 4 If a two-thirds majority of the membership voting on the proposed amendment shall adopt such amendment, it shall become a part of the constitution or by-laws.

ARTICLE IX - Compensation

SECTION 1 The compensation of Board members shall be fixed by the Board in accordance with the rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 2 The compensation of the Secretary, Treasurer, Concession Secretary, and Chairman of the Grounds Committee shall each be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - Dates

SECTION 1 The Board of Directors shall fix the dates for the annual exposition of their Society, subject to the approval of the Ohio Director of Agriculture.

ARTICLE XI - Quorum

SECTION 1 A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Society.

ARTICLE XII - Meeting

SECTION 1 A time and place for regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 Special meetings may be held when necessary, at the call of the President or at the call of the Secretary upon written request to the Secretary by not less than three members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 Written notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be delivered personally to each director or sent to each director, by mail, telegram, cablegram, or radiogram at least two days before the meeting. Such notice however, may be waived by any director either before or after the meeting. The notice need not specify the purposes of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII - Order of Business

SECTION 1

1. Roll Call
2. Reading and approval of minutes or adoption of minutes
3. Bills and accounts
4. Report of Committees
5. Report of Officers
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Appointments
9. Adjournment

SECTION 2 The order of business may be temporarily suspended at any meeting upon a majority vote of a quorum present.

ARTICLE XIV - Duties of Officers

SECTION 1 It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, to appoint committees, countersign all order for the disbursement of funds, and to perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

SECTION 2 It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assume all duties of the President in the event of his absence or vacancy of office and to perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

SECTION 3 It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

1. Keep a list of all members of the Society.
2. Keep accurately a record of all proceedings of the Society and the Board
3. Notify all members of the Board of the time and place of all special meetings
4. Give the members of the Society notice of time and place of the annual election of the Board of Directors and the annual meeting of the membership.
5. Keep strict account of all monies that may come into his hands and pay the same over to the Treasurer and take his receipts therefore.
6. Keep a correct itemized account of all receipts and expenditures of money.
7. Perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

SECTION 4 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

1. Receive all monies and give a receipt for same as to amount and sources from which it came.
2. Keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements.
3. Pay such orders as may be countersigned by the President and Secretary.
4. Perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.
5. Complete & file the Annual Report for the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 5 It shall be the duty of the Concession Secretary to:

1. Sell space to exhibitors, or concessionaires in buildings, on the midway, or other specified area at a unit price (per foot or per booth) which has been approved by the Board.
2. Locate all exhibitors, displayers, or concessionaires, and collect the fees for such space.
3. Keep strict account of all fees collected and pay the same over to the Secretary giving the source from which it came and receive a receipt from said Secretary.
4. After the close of the Fair, make a report to the Board, file a copy of said report with the President, Secretary, and Treasurer showing name, location, space and various fees collected.
5. Perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

ARTICLE XV - Rules

SECTION 1 The Board of Directors may enact such Rules and Regulations for conducting the business of the Society which to not conflict with the Constitution or By-laws, regulations of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, or laws of the State of Ohio.