

ARTICLE I – TITLE

Section 1. The society shall be known as the Paulding County Agri- cultural Society.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

Section 1 . The object of the society shall be to promote and encourage agriculture, industry, science, art and other interests of Paulding County which the board deems proper and in the interest of the community.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 . Any resident of Paulding 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 themselves. No member- ship shall be issued to corporations, organizations, partnerships, or firms.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 . The management shall consist of a board of 18 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. One director shall be elected from each township, and one from each of the following villages: Paulding, Antwerp, Payne, Oakwood, Grover Hill and Haviland. Not more than one director from each of the above mentioned may be elected to serve concurrently.

Section 2 . Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal from office or other causes, may be filled by the board of directors until the next annual election, when a director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

Section 3. A director appointed to fill an unexpired term shall be allowed to run as a candidate for that respective locale, at the next annual election.

Section 4. Three (3) directors at large may be appointed by the president of the society to serve a one (1) year term. These directors shall have the same voting privileges, obligation and compensation as the elected directors.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION

Section 1. The annual election of the board of directors shall be held at the secretary’s office on the fairgrounds from noon to 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2019 during the fair.

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, and no write-ins will be counted.

Section 3. Only persons holding membership tickets on the date and hour of the election 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 ten or more members of the society who are residents of the county in which the society is organized, at least seven days before the annual election of directors is held. Only regularly nominated candidates who have met the filing requirements will be eligible for election as a director.

Section 5. The term of office for a retiring director shall expire

and that of the directors-elect shall begin at the annual meeting each year for three years, 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 the second Wednesday of November of each year at 7:30 p.m.

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 the 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 the second Wednesday of November of each year, and elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The president, vice president and treasurer shall serve one year and the secretary not more than three years as the board may determine, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. The president and vice president shall be directors. The secretary and the treasurer 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, 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 Paulding 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 or placing an amendment on the ballot; or

B. A petition with the secretary of the society at least 14 days prior to the annual meeting of the membership of the society. Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by not less than 25 members of the society.

Section 2. If an amendment is proposed, it shall be submitted to the membership of the society at the annual meeting of the membership of the society.

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

Section 4. If the 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 the board members shall be fixed by the board in accordance with the rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

ARTICLE X – BONDS

Section 1. The secretary shall post a surety bond in the amount of \$1500 payable to the society, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office.

ARTICLE XI – FAIR DATES

Section 1. The board of directors shall fix the dates for the annual exposition of the society, subject to approval of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

ARTICLE XII – ABSENTEE

Section 1 . Any officer, or director, absenting him/herself for three (3) consecutive regular meetings may upon a two-thirds vote of the board of directors, have his office declared vacant and his place be filled by the board.

Paulding County Agricultural

Society, Heather Cooper,

Secretary

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – 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 II – MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meetings of the board of directors shall be the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p .m .

Section 2. Special meetings may be held when necessary, at the call of the president, 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 purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE III – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1 .

- 1 . Roll call
- 2 . Reading and approval 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 IV – 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 orders 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 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 members of the society notice of the 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 her hands and pay the same over to the treasurer and take her receipt thereof.
- 6 . 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 amounts 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 . Keep a correct and itemized account of all receipts and disbursements.
- 5 . Make out the annual report to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- 6 . Perform such other duties as are determined by the board.

ARTICLE V – RULES

The board of directors may enact such rules and regulations for conducting the business of the society which do not conflict with the constitution or by-laws, regulations of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, or laws of the State of Ohio.

ARTICLE VI – ENTRIES

- 1 . All articles entered for premiums must be in the name of a bona-fide owner. See individual department rules for charges on stall and pen rent, entry fee, etc.. Payment to be made at the time of entry.
- 2 . Entries may be made by mail.
- 3 . Stalls will be assigned by superintendent.
- 4 . If persons to whom stalls have been assigned fail to occupy the same with stock on the first day of the fair, they shall forfeit all rights thereto.
- 5 . Carefully examine the premium list before making your entry and designate the animal or article by its number as it is described in the premium list.
- 6 . Any member of the board who shall, by virtue of this official position, use any means to defeat an impartial award, shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit his membership and the board shall appoint his successor.
- 7 . Any person who, by letter or otherwise, attempts to interfere with the committees during their adjudications, will be excluded from competition, and if the premium in anyway has, in the opinion of the board of directors, been obtained by fraud, such premium shall be withheld.
- 8 . Charges made of the violation of these rules must be especially stated in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100 at the first regular board meeting after the discovery of its violation. The deposit

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to be returned if complaint is sustained, otherwise retained by the board.

9. Diligence will be used by the board to prevent injury or loss of property, but will not be responsible for any damage, injury or loss that may occur.

10. If any disrespect is shown to the award or to the awarding judge by the exhibitor or his agent, he shall forfeit all the awards made to him, and it shall be the duty of the member in charge to report the same to the board at its first subsequent meeting.

11. There shall be elected or appointed by the president an executive committee, consisting of the president and five (5) members. Said committee to have full control of the business of the board, to let all contracts and inspections and approve all bills.

12. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership voting at the annual election of the board of directors.

13. Each member would only receive salary for each meeting attended including special meetings but not to exceed twelve (12) meetings.

14. That all bills before being paid must have the approval of the majority of the directors' present.

15. That all receipts be reported to the directors as taken in at each monthly meeting.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Susan Miller, Secretary of the Paulding County Agricultural Society do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the constitution and by-laws of Paulding County Agricultural Society. In witness thereof, I hereunto affix my signature at Paulding, Ohio, this 1st day of January, a.d., 2018.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No hay or straw will be furnished.

2. Open competition.

3. All livestock for competition must be placed in their proper position by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Otherwise, they will be excluded from competition.

3a. All animals must be housed in their respective designated areas as assigned, unless another area is approved by both Jr and Sr Fair Boards.

4. Stalls will be assigned by superintendents after entries are paid. Persons occupying the stalls that are not entered will be charged at the rate of \$2.00 per day for the use hereof, payable in advance.

5. Entries must specify owner's name, age, sex and description of animal offered. Age of pony to date from the first of January of the year foaled, but judge should ward actual age.

6. No animal is to be entered in the name of any other than the Bonafede owner. Matched ponies must be owned by an individual exhibitor or business firm. Should any be found otherwise entered, they will forfeit any premium awarded by the judges.

7. Exhibitors must see to the delivery of their articles to the superintendent or the appropriate departments and place them properly at his directions, and must claim them in person under the appointed time at the close of the fair.

8. Any person attempting to exhibit an animal in any class other than that to which it belongs shall forfeit the premium won in

that class.

9. Evidence satisfactory to the member in charge will be required that the animal exhibited as breeders are not bred and no award shall be made where there is unsoundness in breeding animals if there is any question in its transmissibility.

10. No person other than the judges will be permitted to go in the ring where the stock is exhibited, except the officers of the board of superintendents and approved ring assistants.

11. Cattle and ponies can enter the ring only under halter and in charge of a groom; sheep, swine and goats in charge of an attendant.

12. Livestock will be exhibited in rings prepared for the purpose, and the premium, ribbons or cards shall be attached by the judge before the animal leaves the enclosure.

13. No animal or article should be removed before the close of the exhibition on June 16, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. without the consent of the superintendent in charge.

14. The county board will take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of stock and articles on exhibition after their arrival and arrangement upon the grounds but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Exhibitors are responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. It is desired exhibitors give attention to their articles and at the close of the fair to attend them promptly as to their removal.

15. Should any premium be found to have been obtained by false evidence or misrepresentation, or a violation of the above rules, the money will be withheld by the board.

16. The stalling of animals will be worked out by mutual agreement of the junior and senior fair officials.

17. Persons occupying stalls acquire no right thereof and may be removed at any time by order of the superintendent of that department.

18. Superintendents are appointed by the president of the society; whose duty it is to take charge of animals or articles they are to determine upon.

19. Lots will be staked off on the grounds for the purpose of shows, lunch stands, etc. The committee, with the consent of the board of directors, will designate the purpose each lot or booth will be used for, and buyers will not be allowed to use them for any other. The time of use will close at the end of the fair.

20. Application for space for exhibition of articles not competing for premiums should be made as soon as practicable to the secretary. You will be mailed an application and contract to return for board approval.

21. Exhibitors of livestock will be required to keep their aisles open and in good order and accessible to visitors at all reasonable hours during the fair.

22. All protests to premiums must be presented in writing accompanied by a deposit of \$100 at the time of exhibition to the superintendent of the department where the objectionable awards were made and must state in writing the point claimed. All protest premiums will be withheld until a meeting of the board. If the complaint is sustained by the board, the deposit will be returned.

23. All premiums uncalled for thirty days after closing of fair thereafter will be forfeited to the society.

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24 . If there are not sufficient funds to pay all premiums allowed, after the payment of other expenses, including rent and purses in the speed ring, they shall be paid prorated.

25 . No person except the board members and appointed superintendents shall see or be informed of the number or kind of entries made .

26 . No gambling, games of chance, immoral exhibitions or intoxicated persons will be allowed on the grounds. No person will be allowed to sell intoxicating drinks on the grounds.

27. No advertising will be allowed on the grounds that will in any way interfere with the privileges sold by the board.

28. Premium cards have no value as to the payment of the premiums, as premiums are paid only by records of the judge's book, and from which there shall be no appeal.

29. Any verbal or posted changes made by Sr and Jr Fair Boards take precedence over all printed material.

30. No breeding of animals will be permitted on fairgrounds for any reason.

31 . Use of golf carts or scooter restricted to directors, handicapped individuals, adults 22 years and older.

INSTRUCTION TO THE COMMITTEES

1 . Each judge is expected to report to the members of the board in charge promptly at time set forth for exhibition of the entry book on which he has been appointed.

2 . Judging will be done by the single judge system unless the board of directors deems it proper to do otherwise.

3. If there be any question as to the regularity of an entry or the right of the animal or article to compete in the class or age or otherwise the committee shall report the same to the members in charge or adjustment.

4 . No judge is permitted to change an award after premium card is attached to an article.

5. When articles or animals are not deemed worthy, the judges shall refuse to award a premium. But the judge may attach commendatory cards to articles deemed worthy and report the same to the board in their committee book

6. Judges are directed not to award premiums to unsound animals unless they are fully satisfied the unsoundness is a result of an accident, not to animals or articles not worthy of a premium. In the thoroughbred classes, no animal will be allowed to compete for a premium unless the exhibitor presents a pedigree of the same.

7. No person who is an exhibitor can act as a judge on the class in which he exhibits or upon stock or articles in which he has an interest. The judge or the board of directors shall expel such person so offending from competing for a premium or exhibition of the grounds of the association until he shall have made proper apology.

8. Judge on champions will be instructed by the member in charge to give the award to the animal, pen, herd, or exhibit that they shall judge to be the best type or representatives of its breed or class.

9. No judge will be allowed to look over any exhibits before the time of judging.

10 . No deviation from the above rules will be made at any time of the annual fair without the consent of a majority of the board

of directors.

RULE VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

1. In the question of any Jr fair rule violation, the following due process will be used:

A . The exhibitor and/or parents involved will be questioned by the Jr Fair ruling committee. The purpose of the fair ruling committee at the county fair is to arrive at a decision after all alternative solutions have been exhausted.

B . The Jr fair ruling committee will consist of at least, but not limited to, five (5) individuals from the Jr fair ruling committee including one Sr Fair Board member, one Jr Fair Board member, one 4-H council member, the 4-H agent and the superintendent in charge of that department.

C. A grievance is to be submitted at the Sr Fair Board Secretaries Office in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence in a sealed envelope accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 which will be retained by the Jr fair ruling committee if the protest is not sustained.

D . The committee will notify the party(ies) grieved against and party(ies) have the opportunity of replying in writing within 24 hours of notification.

E . A spokesperson from each side of the dispute will have the opportunity to present their statement to the Jr Fair Ruling Committee.

F. A grievance will be taken under advisement by the Fair Ruling Committee within 48 hours after notification.

G. Unless a specific penalty is stated in a regulation, the Jr Fair Ruling Committee can consider any or all of the following:

1. Lower exhibitor's letter grade.

2. Withhold exhibitor's premium.

3. Declare an exhibitor ineligible for awards.

4. Recall awards received by an exhibitor.

5. Revoke state fair showing right.

6. Ban exhibitor from showing in future Paulding County fairs.

7. Revoke exhibitor's right to participate in the livestock sale.

H . All parties will be expected to abide by the decision(s) made.

I. Once a situation is acted upon by the committee, the decision(s) made by the committee is final.

J . These meetings will be documented, and results released.

2. Any person found guilty of a felony offense resulting from animal tampering or cheating in connection with the showing of an animal in the State of Ohio shall be barred from showing at the Paulding County Fair for life.

3. An exhibitor who is banned from exhibiting at any other Ohio fair or any state fair will be banned from participating at the Paulding County Fair.

4. Jr fair Ruling Committee reserves the right to turn cases over to Sr Fair board.