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MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL FAIR BOARD MINUTES February 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Diane Geary, Chairperson at 10:05 AM at the Maryland Department of Agriculture

Attendance

Board- Linda Brown, Jo Ann Cashman, , Diane Geary, Elizabeth MacDonald, Daniel Mast, James Moxley III, Connie Palmer, Hal Spielman

Staff- Logan Yearsley

Joined by phone - David Cavey

Minutes of November 16, 2016

Minutes will be sent out electronically for review and approval at the next meeting in March.

RFID Tagging Report

The Secretary and Mast gave an update on the progress being made with the tagging. There have been some issues that have come to light with implementation. The Secretary will be attending the RFID tagging meeting held 2-21-17 at MDA to make sure we are kept in the loop and see what opportunities are available.

Show Shake

The board was asked to take a stance on the use of the product Show Shake. After consultation with the State Vet. The Secretary has advised against a stance being taken on this matter. A motion was made by Moxley and seconded by Mast. "The MAFB has no stance on natural substances being used in show animals."-Motion passed

Report on 4-H Policy

The Secretary advised the Board on exactly what the 4-H policy was on showing in multiple shows. It was decided by the board that there was not a need to move forward with a policy pending the outcome of the 4-H/FFA MOU becoming finalized.

Report on Prince George's Co. Fair

The Executive Secretary gave his update on the failure of PG Co Fair to live up to the requirements of the grant contracts for the last two years. He made the board aware of their grant application being unacceptable for 2017 and 2 months late in 2016. He also let the Board know that there had been previous precedent from the Board to withhold grant funding for shows that were not meeting their obligations. The recommendation of both the previous and current Executive Secretary is to not fund PG Co. Fair for 2017.

Mast the board member that met with PG Co at the Regional Budget meeting reported that he believed the fair deserved a chance to get their paperwork in order. He did receive the paperwork that had been left blank in the application by the statutory one month prior to allocation meeting deadline. The paperwork however was incorrect in their financial reporting.

The motion to accept the application put forward based upon supporting documents and pending the fair having a review of their finances was moved by Mast and seconded by Moxley.- Motion Passed

Regional Meeting Reports

The board members gave reports on each group they met with during their regional meetings. All reports were satisfactory. Cavey gave his report via telephone.

Upcoming Board Meeting

March 16, 2017 held at MDAG

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Cashman and seconded by Spielman. Chairperson, Diane Geary adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Logan Yearsley, Executive Secretary