

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
THE CLINTON COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ADOPTED DECEMBER 1, 1956**

ARTICLE I -TITLE -Section 1. The Society shall be known as the Clinton 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 Clinton County, which the Board deems proper, and in the best interests of the community.

ARTICLE III -MEMBERSHIP -Section 1. Any legal resident (age 18 or over) of Clinton 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 membership shall be issued to corporations, organizations, partnerships, or firms.

Section 3. The new membership will be on sale from Thursday of the Fair until the Thursday of the next Fair. The membership is in effect from December 1 until November 30.

ARTICLE IV -BOARD OF DIRECTORS -Section 1. The 'management shall consist of a board of 15 members, who shall be elected for a term three years and the terms so arranged that the terms of one-third of the members shall expire annually. Section 2. Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal from office, or other pauses, may be filled by the Board until the next annual election when a director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V -ELECTION -Section 1. The annual election of the Board of Directors shall be held in the office of the board at the Fairgrounds on the third Tuesday in October of each year from 4:00 PM. to 8:00 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 legal residents of Clinton County holding membership certificates in the said society at the close of the annual fair 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 10 or more members of the Society who are residents of Clinton County, 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. Shall be amended to read as follows: The term of office of the retiring directors shall expire and that of the directors-elect shall begin on January 1 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 the first Monday in November of each year at 8 PM.

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 the First Monday in November of each year, except when the said date is a legal holiday, then they shall meet the first Tuesday, and elect the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President, Vice President and the Treasurer shall serve one year and the Secretary 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 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 Clinton County Agricultural Society, so help me God."

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

A. A majority of the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot: or

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

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 or 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 bylaws.

ARTICLE IX -COMPENSATION -Section 1. The compensation of the Board members shall be fixed by the Board in accordance with rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Section 2. (Optional Provision) The President may be compensated in an amount not to exceed \$250.00 per year as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. (Optional Provision) The Secretary may be compensated in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 per year as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. (Optional Provision) The Treasurer may be compensated in an amount to not exceed \$500.00 per year as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. (Optional Provision) The Fair Manager may be compensated in an amount to not exceed \$500.00 per year as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE X -BONDS -Section 1. The Secretary shall post surety bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 payable to the Society conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall post a surety bond double the amount received from the county to the Society, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall post a surety bond double the amount received from the county to the Society, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

ARTICLE XI -FAIR DATES -Section 1. The Board of Directors shall fix the date of the annual exposition of the Society, subject to the approval of the Ohio Director of Agriculture.

ARTICLE I -QUORUM -Section 1. Six 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 meeting of the Board of Directors shall be the first Monday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the fairgrounds office.

Section 2. Special meetings may be held when necessary, at the call of the President or at the call of the Secretary, upon the 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 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 Presidents 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 Vice President to assume all the 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 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 his hands and pay the same over to the Treasurer to take his receipts therefore;
- (6) Keep a correct Itemized account of all receipts and expenditures of money;
- (7) Make out the annual report to the Ohio Department of Agriculture;
- (8) 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) Perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

ARTICLE V -RULES -The Board of Directors may enact Rules and Regulations for conducting the business of the Society, which do not conflict with constitution or by-laws, Regulations of the Ohio Department of

Agriculture, or laws of the State of Ohio.

ARTICLE VI -The Clinton County Agricultural Society shall have the right to have an annual dinner meeting at their expense.

ARTICLE VII -The Board of Directors may receive only their actual expense in attending the meeting of the board and the business of the Society.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NO STRAW FURNISHED BY FAIR BOARD

Exhibitors should examine the following rules in order to understand the manner in which the fair is conducted and to prevent mistakes, which might otherwise occur:

1. Our fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and under all applicable Ohio Department of Agricultural Administrative Code Rules. This law and the amended rules may be viewed and/or secured at the Secretary's Office.

2. Competition open to all unless specified.

3. All animals and articles for competition must be placed in their proper position (except cut flowers and tender, delicate fruits, bread, cakes, etc.) by the stated time, otherwise they will be positively excluded from competition. The Board will strictly adhere to the above rule, left to the superintendent of each department.

4. No animal to be entered in the name of any other than the bona fide owner. Should any be found otherwise entered they will forfeit to the County Board any premium awarded by the judges.

5. Any person attempting to exhibit an animal in any class other than that to which it belongs shall forfeit the entrance fee.

6. No person other than the judge will be permitted to go into the ring where the stock is exhibited, except the officers of the Board and the Superintendents.

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

8. Cattle and sheep 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. First premium, Blue: second premium, Red.

9. No animal or article shall be removed before the close of the exhibition, via, 4 P.M., the last day, without consent of member in charge and must take part in livestock parade. Failing to do so forfeits premiums.

10. The County Board will take every precaution in its power for that 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 desired to give attention to their articles and at the close of the Fair to attend promptly to their removal.

11. 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.

12. Persons occupying stalls acquire no right thereto, but may be removed at any time by order of the Superintendent of that Department.

13. Superintendents are appointed whose duty is to take charge of animals or articles on exhibition in their respective classes.

14. All premiums will be paid as soon as possible after the close of the fair. All checks void after 90 days and will be forfeited to the Society.

15. Horses and cattle entered on the Society's books must be exhibited at the proper time and in proper form or be required to pay one dollar for each day for use of stalls.

16. Entries can be made by letters addressed to the Secretary, stating full particulars as to the animal or article to be exhibited; but in all cases the money must accompany the entry.

17. Application for space for exhibit or articles not competing for premiums should be made as soon as practicable to the Secretary.

18. Exhibitors of stock will be required to keep their stalls open and in good order, and their stock accessible to visitors at all reasonable hours during the Fair.

19. No person except the officers of the Society shall see or be informed of the number of kind of entries made.

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

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

22. There will be no admittance the grounds inside the driving track except through the grandstand, and to persons having grandstand tickets. All persons entering inside grounds are not allowed to use loud, profane or vulgar language, and are forbidden to crowd about or enter the judge's stand, or in any way interfere with persons charged with any duty pertaining to the track, grounds or race.

9. No animal or article shall be removed before the

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

24. Premium Cards have no value as to the payment of the premiums as premiums are paid only by records of the Judge's books and from which there shall be no appeal.

25. \$50.00 of the Secretary's salary is not to be paid until the Secretary makes his report to the Ohio Fair Managers Association and it is approved by our local Board.

26. The Secretary and Treasurer are to give bond approved by local Fair Board, \$1,000.00 each.

27. NO DOGS will be allowed on the Fair Grounds during the Fair, except Seeing Eye Dogs and 4-H Dog Projects that may be showing for competition.

28. NO BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES, OR ROLLER BLADES will be allowed on the Fair Grounds during the Fair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2005 CLOSING OF ENTRIES

All non livestock exhibits (except cut flowers and perishable goods) must be on the grounds by Saturday, July 11, 2004 opening of the fair, with entry cards attached and will be under the control of the respective department superintendents in charge until the close of the fair. All livestock and exhibits must be entered previous to Wednesday July 6, 2005 at 6:00 PM., so that the superintendents in charge will have ample time to provide you with proper space and accommodations, entry cards, and exhibitor's tickets.

Special attention is called to persons contemplating making exhibits that the Secretary will, starting June 20, 2004, be at the office (8:00 A.M. - 4:00 PM.) so as to enable those desirous of making entries to have plenty of time to prepare same and get their entries made and tags for same before the rush which is bound to come the last days prior to the opening. Help the Secretary and the Board and yourself by making entries as early as possible.

This year remember: POSITIVELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 6:00 PM. WEDNESDAY JULY 6, 2005, preceding the Fair.

**Office hours for July 6, 2005 only
will be 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.**

THE FAIR CLOSSES SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005 REGARDLESS OF WEATHER

SPECIAL NOTE

In the event that the receipts for the Fair, 2005, from all sources are not sufficient to pay all expenses and premiums, the Board of Directors finds it necessary to pay all premiums pro-rate. All premium checks will be mailed out as soon as possible after the Fair.

Livestock exhibits must remain in position until 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 16 of the Fair, all other exhibits must remain in position until 4:00 PM, Saturday, July 16 of the Fair.

The exhibition will begin at 9:00 AM. each day and continue until the program of the day is completed.

Until the awards are made, marks of identification of the owner will not be allowed.

The Clinton County Agricultural Society will take every precaution to avoid accidents, but in no case will the said Society be responsible for any injury to any visitor or exhibitor or any person while on the grounds of the Wilmington Fair Company, during the Fair, or in any building or in the grandstand, or be responsible for any injury or damage or loss of property to any exhibitor while on the grounds.

Protest must be made in writing signed by parties making protest and filed within one hour following judge's final decision, accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 which will be retained by the C.C.A.S., if protest is not sustained.

The protest and monies will be given to the department chairman. At this time the protest and money becomes the property of the C.C.A.S.

Every effort will be made to resolve the protest within 24 hours.

Any premiums, trophies, awards and/or sale money earned by the protester and protestee will be held by the C.C.A.S. until the protest is resolved.

If the protest is upheld, all premiums, trophies, awards and/or sale money of the guilty party will become property of C.C.A.S.

In the decision of a case being brought before the C.C.A.S.. all parties involved will be notified of a hearing date with all parties having the right to present their case when satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the C.C.A.S. that any department rules and regulations have been violated by the exhibitors and/or their families may be barred from

9. No animal or article shall be removed before the

exhibiting at the Clinton County Fair for a minimum of 3 years.

Failures by the parties involved to comply with any request by the C.C.A.S. and/or Fair veterinarian in references to drug testing and/or protest investigation shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification for the current year and barred from showing the next year. All premiums, trophies and awards will be forfeited and become the property of the C.C.A.S.

No return checks given during Fair.

Exhibitors are required to have their animals and articles entered on the books at Secretary's office. On the entry of the same, cards will be furnished with the number and the class as entered at the office which are to be placed on the animals or articles exhibited.

The secretary shall not allow anyone to examine his books, nor shall he give information as to the number of entries in any class.

No person shall be allowed to show outside the fairgrounds within the distance prescribed by law, any curiosity for pay or set up for profit, any swing, gambling or refreshment stand, without permit, under penalty of law.

Premiums paid only on order of the Secretary.

The members in charge of each department will give proper notice of time and place where each class will be exhibited for the awarding of premiums, all livestock not present at time and place designated shall forfeit all rights.

A blue ribbon or card denotes first premium; red, second premium; white, third premium; yellow, fourth premium; green, fifth premium; royal purple, sweep-stakes. Exhibitors must see to the delivery of their articles to the member in charge of the appropriate department, and to the placing of them in position under his direction, and must claim them promptly at the appointed time at the close of the Fair.

Entry blanks, properly ruled for entries, will be found in the last part of this premium list. Additional blanks will be furnished on application. Send for blanks and make your entries early.

In case of the General Rules conflicting with Rules and Regulations of any Department under which an animal or article is exhibited, the said Department Rules will take precedence as regards said exhibit. Should any point be covered in the General Rules and not by the Department Rules, or vice versa, the same shall be considered as appearing in both.

No Fair has given more attention to the development of agriculture and stock raising. The premiums to the

boys and girls for club work have been increased to a marked degree. The Board is not satisfied with merely sitting still and allowing the Fair to get into a rut. They want it to be the biggest fair in Southern Ohio in time, and they want it at the same time, to be an exposition of greatest usefulness to the people of Clinton County.

Not only have liberal premiums been awarded in each department but also the Fair has had the best and most earnest cooperation of all people of the county. Everything possible has been done to interest the young folks on the farm in Clinton County and as a result it is felt that the Fairs already given have given valuable aid to the agricultural interests of the county -and agriculture is the basis of all wealth and prosperity.

In the conduct of the Fair and policy of the board and the various officials have been to be liberal and fair with the exhibitors and the horse race people -to send them away glad that they came to Wilmington Fair, and with a feeling that they can boost the fair with honesty and cheerfulness.

In the conduct of the Speed Ring it has been the fixed purpose to make it possible to earn a good profit by furnishing entertainment for the big crowds who attend the Clinton County Fair. This fair was the first in his section of the State to make a very light entrance fee and return it all to the purse and at the same time no deduction being made for money winners. The gratitude of horsemen has been outspoken.

No person shall be permitted to make solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds except in contracted concession or commercial rented spaces.

SANITARY REQUIREMENTS

I. Concessions handling, preparing, or serving foods, drinks, or confectionery items on the fairgrounds shall comply with all rules and regulations 3732.01- 3732.09 Ohio Revised Code and/or rules and regulations of the Food Establishment program of the Clinton County General Health District.

a. Garbage and other waste matter shall be kept in tight containers securely covered and removed daily, or more often if necessary.

b. All food, drinks, or confectionery shall be securely protected from flies, dust, dirt and other contamination while being prepared, served or stored.

c. Milk, chocolate milk, bottled soft drinks shall be served in the original container. Drinks in milk bottles with paper caps shall not be stored in water. If stored in an icebox, racks shall be provided so as to keep the bottles entirely out of any water from melting ice.