

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MORROW COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: The Fair will be known as the Morrow County Agricultural Society and its purpose shall be for the improvement of agriculture, domestic industry, public schools and other interests of the county the board deems proper.

ARTICLE II: The Board of Directors for the management of this Society shall consist of not more than twenty-two members, one from each Township in the County and six Directors At Large with no more than two from any Village, one third of whom, or not to exceed one more than one third, to be elected annually for a term of three years. Term of office begins at first regular meeting after Annual Fair. A vacancy by any cause may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual election, when a Director shall be elected for the unexpired term. The Board of Directors shall meet the first regular meeting after the fair and organize by the election of a President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer, whose term of office shall be one year. Only members of the Board of Directors are eligible to the office of President and Vice President. The Secretary & Treasurer may or may not be a member of the Board. Directors must qualify by taking the oath of office. Election of officers shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE III: The annual meeting of the Society for the election of members of the Board of Directors shall be on the third Saturday of September, following the fair, in the office of the Secretary, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Candidates for Directors must be members. Each candidate shall declare his candidacy by filing with the Secretary of the Society a petition signed by ten or more members of the Society, at least seven days before the annual election of directors is held. The Secretary of the Board shall send name and address of each member of it's board to the director of agriculture within ten days after the election.

ARTICLE IV: Anyone may become a member of the Society for one year by purchasing a membership certificate at \$3.00 and at the same time receive a certificate of membership from a book with a duplicate stub and both be numbered consecutively. Membership certificates on sale on or after December 15 at the Secretary's Office, P.O. Box 168 Mt. Gilead Ohio 43338.

ARTICLE V: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, to preserve order and perform all duties of the usual character for such office. It shall also be the duty of the President, within thirty days of his election, to appoint an Executive Committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to have charge of the grounds and buildings, together with all necessary repairs; also the erection of any new buildings ordered by the Board. Also a Speed Committee of three members whose duty it shall be to have charge of the Speed Program and Race Track; a finance Committee of three members, whose duty shall be to look after the finances of the Society; an Auditing Committee of two members to audit the books of the Treasurer; a Music and Attraction Committee of three members to secure music and attractions for the Fair; a Revisions Committee of three members to revise the Annual Premium List; a Concession Committee of three members consisting of the President, Vice President and Secretary or Treasurer. The President shall also appoint a member in charge as Superintendent of each department.

ARTICLE VI: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President and to assist the President in the management of the fair.

ARTICLE VII: The Secretary & Treasurer shall give the Bond to the satisfaction of the Board; shall keep a full record of the business and proceedings of the Society and Board; shall conduct correspondence and shall have the authority at the suggestion of two or more Directors to call a meeting of the Society or Board when deemed necessary; shall receive all monies belonging to the Society and issue receipts for the same, make entry in the book provided for that purpose and deposit all funds in the name of the Society; shall pay out said funds for premiums and other disbursements when directed by the Board; shall prepare an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures for the year and see that the State report is made out and delivered according to Section 98180 of the General Code; give notice of Directors in election three weeks prior to the filing thereof, twice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County, keep a current list of membership of the Society available for inspection by any resident of the county.

ARTICLE VIII:

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; or

B. Filing a petition with the Secretary at least fourteen 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 twenty-five members eligible to vote.

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 at the annual meeting of the Society.

SECTION 3. When more than one amendment is proposed, they shall be so submitted as to enable the members to vote on each amendment separately, in order of addition to motion of amendments.

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: Competitors for premiums must have purchased a "Season pass".

ARTICLE X: A list of articles and animals for which premiums are to be awarded must be published at least three months previous to the day of exhibition.

ARTICLE XI: Animals entered for premium must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner except that ownership shall not be required in class of get or sire and produce of dam.

ARTICLE XII: Display and exhibit of all kinds of vehicles, machinery and farm implements open to the world.

ARTICLE XIII: The members in charge of each department offering premiums, shall select a competent person to act as judge in his department and recommend to the Board for approval and make a list of awards and have it signed by judge.

ARTICLE XIV: The animal exhibition of the Society must be held at the time discretionary with the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV: It shall be the duty of the President, Vice President and Secretary to supervise the printing of cards and admission tickets and to pass the admission tickets to the Treasurer and take his receipt for the same. It shall be the duty of the gate keeper to deliver the admission tickets to the President.

ARTICLE XVI: If any member of the Board of Directors be absent from three consecutive meetings, duly called, unless prevented by actual sickness of himself or family, or absent from the county, his place shall be declared vacant and filled according to Article II.

BY-LAWS

1. When animals or articles are not deemed worthy of a premium the judge will make no award, though there be no competition; but at their discretion the judges may award second premium.
2. The privilege of becoming a member of this Society for the purpose of voting at the annual election ceases one (1) week prior to Election. Memberships on sale December 15th.
3. The officers of the Fair shall take every precaution in their power for the preservation of all stock on exhibit, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give personal attention to their property.
4. Any six members of the Board shall be a quorum to do business.

RULES

1. Exhibitors must purchase a season pass to exhibit. All entries must be made by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday August 1, 2024, at which time the books will be closed. Entry fee must accompany entries.
2. All departments and classes will be passed upon by one or more judges at the option of the Board.
3. No gambling or lottery devices, pool selling, paddle wheels or immoral shows.
4. No persons shall be allowed the privilege of selling, dealing or bartering in spirituous, vinous or malt liquor on the fairgrounds. No drug related or obscene literature to be sold or distributed.
5. All persons, firms, organizations, committees, groups, and companies granted exhibition space for the Morrow County Fair shall abide by rules and regulations of the Morrow County Agricultural Society and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Only lessees shall occupy the space assigned. No exhibit space may be sublet without written approval of Fair Board.

RULES CONTINUED

6. Concessionaires are bound by the terms of the contract they sign at the time of securing concessions. In addition they are liable to strict supervision by the management. The right is reserved to promulgate and enforce whatever rules appear necessary for the regulation of concessions.
7. Purchasers of privileges must keep their spaces in sanitary condition. Concessionaires and their help must be neat and tidy in dress. Persons found working at any privileges not complying with this section may be expelled from the grounds.
8. No persons are allowed to interfere with the awarding judge while making examinations.
9. All premiums not demanded before the first of December, next after the fair, shall be deemed donated to the Society.
10. All animals entered for competition and exhibition must be placed in their proper department on the first Monday of the fair between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. All animals must be inspected by the fair vet in the barn at the designated time and not removed from the stalls, or pens before their breed has sold in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale, on the last day of the fair.
11. Exhibitors of all cattle, sheep, and swine will be required to have registry papers at the show. Registry of all animals over one year and under one year eligible.
12. No intoxicated or disorderly persons shall be permitted to remain on the grounds, and it is hereby made the duty of the marshal, special constables and police to arrest on view all such persons and take them before the proper officers to be dealt with according to law.
13. If any disrespectful, vulgar or abusive language is used by an exhibitor, his agent or agency to any officer or member of the Board of Agricultural Society, to any awarding committee of their awards, or to the exhibitor of his agents, said exhibitor using such language shall forfeit all premiums that have been awarded to him during the fair; and also by a majority of the Board, to be expelled and deprived of the right to make exhibits or make entries to the Morrow County Fair for the space of not less than three (3) years and not more than ten (10) years, as the majority of the Board shall see proper and fit to designate. And it shall be the duty of the Board of Society, who may know and hear of such conduct to report the same to the board at its first subsequent meeting.
14. Any person or persons offering any animal in violation of Article XI of the Constitution shall forfeit all premiums that may have been awarded to him or them.
15. Directors, other than the Treasurer & Secretary shall receive \$4.00 per meeting, not to exceed twelve meetings and mileage both ways. Fair week to be called one meeting. Treasurer and Secretary receive compensation for their service.
16. No barren animal will be allowed to compete for premiums with breeding stock.
17. The Superintendent of each department shall read to the awarding judges of the different classes such part of instructions as pertain to their respective classes and see that the judge signs the committee books.
18. There shall be no entries made for competition on any articles not enumerated in the premium list.
19. In case the funds of the Society, after paying individual expense, shall be insufficient to pay the full amount of premiums which may be awarded, the same may be paid pro-rata among the successful competitors to whom the premiums may be awarded.
20. Protests against awards in any of the departments of the fair must be made in writing, signed and sworn to and clearly set forth. The grounds of protest must be filed with the Secretary no later than one day after the awards are made. Protests must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$25.00 which will be retained by the Society if the protest is not sustained. All protests will be considered by the Board at its first meeting succeeding the Fair, unless otherwise ordered. Parties interested will be duly notified and opportunity given them to submit evidence. Premiums or protested articles or animals will be withheld until the protest is decided.
21. All judges and department head rulings are final and uncontestable.
 - A) Judges determinations are made immediately at that time
 - B) Protests are against individuals or families against other individuals or families
22. Exhibitors must furnish their own hay or straw.
23. Police on duty day and night.
24. Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of which will in any way conflict with, or which is the subject matter of any privilege or concession granted or sold by the Morrow County Agricultural Society.
25. The Morrow County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for accidents or thefts on the grounds, but diligent care will be exercised to prevent same.
26. Premium cards and ribbons have no value as to payment of premiums, as premiums are paid only from records of the Judge's Books.
27. Every effort is made in the preparation of the Premium List for the Morrow County Fair to have it accurate, but the Society cannot bear any responsibility for errors, and no liability is assumed by the Society for any error in printing of the List.
28. Any exhibitor who has no competition can win only first and second premiums. Only one entry permitted in group classes and two in single classes.
29. No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Exception: Day of Dog Show - when all show dogs shall be kept on leash and at the Show Area at all times.
30. No persons, except officers of the Society, shall see or be informed of the number or kinds of entries made.
31. GOLF CARTS: There are to be no golf carts on the fairgrounds EXCEPT those which have been granted a permit from the Secretary's office. Only fair board members, concessionaires and handicapped persons with a valid State Placard may apply for a permit. No ATV's or similar vehicles will be allowed, other than those operated by security or the fair board. All golf carts are prohibited on main roads after 12:00 p.m. except for handicapped, fair board and employees of the fair board. Only a licensed driver may operate a golf cart on the grounds once a permit has been obtained.
32. The Morrow County Agricultural Society adheres to the State of Ohio Tampering & Misrepresentation Guidelines.
33. All animals (Jr. and Sr. Fair) must be visually inspected by the fair veterinarian. Barns will be toured starting at approximately 6:00 p.m. or immediately after the completion of harness racing.
34. No animal may be dismissed for health reasons without the written authorization of a licensed Veterinarian and a member of the Senior Fair Board.
35. A copy of the current Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules is available upon request in the Secretary's office.
36. The Revisions meeting is held the first Saturday in November at the Secretary's office. Revision suggestions may be offered to the Board, in writing, on this day or mailed postmarked by that Saturday.
37. The 4-H Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct, developed in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code is endorsed by, and will remain in force, throughout the Morrow County Fair.
38. The Morrow County Agricultural Society Board of Directors meet the fourth Thursday of every month at a time to be decided by the current board. The meetings are held at the Secretary's Office on the Fairgrounds in Mt. Gilead. Exception: When the fourth Thursday falls on a holiday or the fair, the meeting are then moved to the third Thursday.
39. No person shall be permitted to make solicitation of any nature on the fairgrounds except concession or commercial rented spaces. Posting of signs, distribution of handbills or advertising materials, selling or distributing free, any merchandise other than within the space occupied by a contracted exhibitor is prohibited.
40. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, no person shall knowingly possess, have under the person's control, convey, or attempt to convey a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance onto these premises. A valid license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun onto these premises.
41. No exhibitor or fairgoer shall be allowed to sleep in any barn per the Fire Marshall.

ANY VIOLATION OF THESE PUBLISHED RULES BY EXHIBITORS OR CONCESSIONAIRES WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF ANY AND ALL PREMIUMS AND PRIVILEGES!!



Fairground Drone Policy

The operation or use of any drones, unmanned aircraft/flying systems, and remotely controlled or radio controlled flying machines (whether or not motorized) of all types, shapes, and sizes (collectively, "drones") at any time on the property of the Morrow County Fairgrounds is prohibited under all circumstances except pursuant to the terms and conditions of written permission from the Morrow County Agricultural Society. This policy applies to all individuals, persons, companies, and business entities, and includes, but not necessarily limited to, promoters, tenants, renters, patrons, visitors, and guests. Permission to stay or remain on the Morrow County Fairgrounds property may, in the discretion of the Morrow County Fair Board, be revoked for any person(s) in violation of this policy.