

CONSTITUTION OF THE GUERNSEY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I - Title

This Society shall be known as the Guernsey County Agricultural Society.

ARTICLE II – Object

~~The object of this Society shall be to promote and encourage agriculture, horticulture and the rearing of better livestock, improve domestic science and art, promote general Community betterment, together with all other industrial, commercial and educational interest of the County.~~

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of the Society is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code and shall be to promote, encourage and improve the condition of agriculture, horticulture, promology, industry, science, art, household economics, and the public schools and to promote the general betterment of our communities within Guernsey County and the State of Ohio. This shall be accomplished primarily through the promotion and organization of the annual county fair.

ARTICLE III - Membership

~~Section 1. A person may become a member of this Society by paying sum of twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) the membership fee of the Society as fixed by the Board of Directors not later than the 15th day of October. Refer to Article V – Section 3.~~

Section 1. Any natural person 18 years of age or older and a resident of Guernsey County may become a member of the Guernsey County Agricultural Society of Ohio by paying annually the membership fee of the Society as fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Membership shall be available after the reorganizational meeting held the second Thursday in November until October 15th of the following year.

~~Section 3. 2. No person shall be permitted to purchase or secure more than one membership ticket.~~

~~Section 4. 3. No membership ticket shall be issued to corporations, organizations, partnerships or firms.~~

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ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

~~Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of one member from each of the eighteen townships and three from Cambridge Township. In addition to township representatives, there shall be three Directors at Large, one to be elected each year.~~

~~Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Guernsey County Agricultural Society of Ohio shall consist of twenty-four members, elected by the membership of the Society.~~

Section 2. All new candidates for members of the Board must be members of the County Agricultural Society (see Article III).

Section 3. Members moving from one township district to another shall be members of the Board until the expiration of their term of office.

Section 4. The term of office of the retiring Directors shall expire and that of the Director-elect shall begin on the second Thursday of November of each year, or until the successors are qualified.

Section 5. There shall be five Directors elected based on their residency by township from Districts I, II, IV, four Directors elected based on their residency by township from District III, and five Directors shall serve in an at-large position.

Section 6. There shall be four districts in Guernsey County described as follows:

<u>District 1</u>	<u>District 2</u>	<u>District 3</u>	<u>District 4</u>
<u>Wheeling</u>	<u>Monroe</u>	<u>Westland</u>	<u>Center</u>
<u>Knox</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Wills</u>
<u>Adams</u>	<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>Spencer</u>	<u>Richland</u>
<u>Liberty</u>	<u>Madison</u>	<u>Valley</u>	<u>Oxford</u>
<u>Cambridge</u>	<u>Londonderry</u>		<u>Millwood</u>

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Section 76. The Directors shall be elected for a term of three years so arranged that one-third of the members be elected each year.

Section 87. The Board is empowered to appoint qualified members to the Board in case of any vacancies caused by death, resignation, removal from county, or other causes, until the next annual election, when a director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - Election

Section 1. The annual election of Directors of the Society shall be by ballot, held in the office of the Society of Old Washington on the first Thursday of November of each year from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Ballots must be marked with a "x" opposite the name of each candidate voted for, otherwise the name will not be counted, unless the intent is very clear.

~~Section 2. Ballots must NOT be taken out of the room for marking and voting. Any information needed shall be given by the judges. No soliciting of votes will be allowed in the voting room.~~

Section 2. Qualifying members of the Guernsey County Agricultural Society of Ohio (see Article III) must declare his/her candidacy by filing with the Secretary of the Society at least seven days prior to the annual election a petition that has the signatures of 10 or more members of the Society.

Section 3. To be eligible to vote at the annual election of Directors a person must be a member of the Society and be a resident of Guernsey County. Only members of the Society, eighteen years of age and residents of Guernsey County shall be allowed to vote at the annual election of

~~Directors. No membership ticket shall be issued to corporations, organizations, partnerships or firms.~~

Section 4. The annual election of the Society shall be held by three judges and two clerks appointed by the President. The judges of elections shall certify membership roll and certify the rights of all persons before receiving their ballots.

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~~Section 6. Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, refusal to qualify, removal from county, 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 1. The Board of Directors shall meet annually the second Thursday of November and elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Concession Manager, Marshall, Superintendent of Police and Superintendent of Gates; such other officers as it may deem proper, to serve one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected from the membership of the board, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who may or may not be members of the Board.

Section 3. Before elections of officers the newly elected Directors shall qualify by taking the following oath or affirmation, before a competent authority.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the rules and regulations of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture pertaining to County Fairs, and the best of my ability perform the Duties of Director of the Guernsey County Agricultural Society, so help me God."

Section 4. Any officer or member of the Board may be temporarily removed from such office or membership on this board by a majority vote of the Board at any regular meeting. Notice shall be served on such officer or member by mail or person within ten days of such action. He/ she shall be given an opportunity to defend himself at the next regular or special meeting of the Board, when if by three-fourths (3/4) vote such removal shall become permanent.

Section 5. The annual exhibition of the Fair Association shall be held on such dates as the Board may choose, of the best interests of the Society and County.

ARTICLE VII – ~~Miscellaneous~~ Compensation

Section 1. The compensation of Board members shall be fixed by the Board in accord with the rules of the State Board of Agriculture.

Section 2. The Board shall fix the salary of the Secretary, Treasurer and Concession Manager, an amount in accord with the rules of the State Board of Agriculture.

ARTICLE VIII Authority of Society

Section 24. (In Accordance with Ohio Attorney General Opinion 2103-023)- The Society may (1) authorize the holder of a valid liquor permit to have an event that is open to the public and conducted on the fairgrounds and (2) receive fees from the permit holder.

ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ – Miscellaneous Amendments

~~Section 1. The Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board, by a two-thirds vote of the Board, provided that written notice of passed amendments be read and filed with the Secretary at a previous regular meeting of the Board.~~

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution 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 of the Society at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual election of the membership of Society. Said petition must set for the proposed amendment and be signed by no less than twenty-four (24) members in standing of the Society.

Section 2. A public notice will be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county of how to obtain a copy of the proposed amendment(s) to the Constitution and/or By-Laws not less than three (3) times and not more than ten days before the election at which it will be voted upon.

Section 3. Amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws must be approved by the majority of the voting members at the annual election.

ARTICLE ~~XVII~~ – Regulations

Section 1. Nothing in this Constitution shall in any way supersede the laws of the State of Ohio or the rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture pertaining to the operation of a County Agricultural Society.

BY-LAWS OF THE GUERNSEY COUNTY AGRICULTURE SOCIETY

ARTICLE I - Quorum

Section 1. For the transaction of business any eleven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II - Meetings

Section 1. The Board shall meet annually the second Thursday in January after the annual meeting of the Board of Agriculture, to revise the Premium List and transact such other business as may be necessary for the success of the next fair. Other meetings shall be held on the second Thursday at 7:00 p.m. of each month, at the Fairgrounds. The settlement meeting for each Fair year shall be held on the second Thursday of October of each year. Special meetings may be held when necessary at the call of the President and the Secretary or at the written request of not less than five members of the Board.

ARTICLE III - Committees and Superintendents

Section 1. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed not later than the usual meeting for the revision of the premium list, by the President and Vice-President. Committees on Grounds and Buildings, Finance, Races, Attractions, Music and Privileges, Printing and Advertising. Special committees may be appointed at any time necessary. The executive committees shall be composed of the chairman of each of the Standing Committees, the President and Secretary are members ex-officio of all committees.

Section 2. Superintendent of Hall and Departments shall be appointed by the President not later than the meeting to revise the Premium List and such appointments must be Board Members.

ARTICLE IV - Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, use such authority as the best interest of the association may require and exercise such other duties usually incumbent upon such officer.

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 assist the President in any manner necessary for the success of the Fair.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a list of all members of the Society. Said list to contain the name, address, township or corporation represented the expiration date of his/her term. He/she shall receive moneys from all sources and pay same to the Treasurer forth with and demand receipt from said Treasurer for said moneys. He/ she shall submit a detailed statement of the Fair at the regular settlement meeting and at such other times as the Board directs. He/she shall prepare and submit a report to the State Board as required, keep a correct account of all receipts and expenditures, issue vouchers to Treasurer containing there-in bills that have been approved by the committee appointed by the Board President for that purpose. He/she shall keep a complete and detailed minute record of all committee meetings and Board meetings. Together with the Finance Committee he/she will regulate the use of complimentarys and passes as directed by the Board. He/she shall give bond in such amount as the Board requires.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys from the Secretary and give him/her receipts for same. Upon receipt of vouchers from the Secretary, he/she shall write checks in payments of each voucher, sign said check and return both check and voucher to the Secretary to be

counter-signed by said Secretary and mailed out by him/her. The Treasurer shall deposit immediately all moneys paid to him/her and retain a duplicate of the deposit slip. He/she shall file annually with the Board at its annual meeting and at such other times as he/she may be directed to do so by the Board, a detailed and itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Society. He/she shall give a bond in the amount to be determined by the Board with sureties approved by the Board for the faithful discharge of his/her duties.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Marshall to assist in keeping order on the grounds; the Board may, if necessary allow the appointment of an assistant.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Chief Superintendent of Police to appoint all police necessary for day and night service, keep the time and report the same to the Secretary, keep his force properly organized in order to protect property and exhibits; he shall have power to arrest or dictate the same, if necessary, without further order by the Board.

ARTICLE V - Duties of Committees

Section 1. It shall be the duties of the Grounds and Buildings Committee to see the grounds are kept in a neat and clean condition, that the buildings, fences and other property are kept in proper repair; to oversee the erection of new buildings and improving and repairing old buildings, and other improvements upon the grounds and employ a suitable person as custodian of the grounds according to the direction of the Board.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Financial Committee to inspect and audit the accounts and books of the Secretary and Treasurer and refer them to the Board for approval.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Printing and Advertising Committee to secure all necessary printing and advertising for the Society and have a general supervision of the Fair as the Board may direct.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Race Committee to secure race horses and arrange speed program and have a general supervision of the races as authorized by the Board.

Section 5. It shall be the duties of the Attraction, Music and Privilege Committee to secure suitable attractions and music for the Fair, grant space, locate all privileges of the grounds, collect rental for privileges, have a general supervision over same. This committee shall not in any way allow or tolerate immoral shows, lottery devices, games of chance, or gambling of any kind, including pool selling and paddle wheels, and any other feature objectionable to the Committee. This Committee shall have the power to stop, remove and if necessary, cause arrest for any violation of these rules of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture or the laws of Ohio.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act on matters demanding immediate attention, or when necessary, to call the entire Board together.

Section 7. The duties of Special Committee shall be defined in the resolutions authorizing their appointment.

ARTICLE VI - Duties of the Superintendents

Section 1. The Superintendents of Gates shall appoint the ticket takers or turn stile operators and have a general supervision and management of the Gates, and ticket takers, to the end of the greatest good to the Society.

Section 2. The Superintendent of Hall shall grant space, oversee the arrangement of exhibits to the greatest advantage, in making them neat and attractive.

Section 3. The Superintendent of Classes shall have charge of their respective classes, secure competent judges to place the rewards, record the decision of the Judges in proper class book, and have a general oversight of class or classes.

ARTICLE VII - Order of Business

Section 1.

Roll Call

Reading and approval of adoption of minutes

Bills and Accounts

Unfinished Business

New Business

Report of Special Committee

Report of Standing Committee

Report of Officers

Miscellaneous Business

Appointments

Adjournments

Section 2. These By-Laws may be temporarily suspended at any meeting by a majority of the Board.