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President's Message

Dear Fair Members and Volunteers,

June already! Hope everyone has some free time to spend outdoors. The Fairgrounds is a great place to relax, get some exercise, and just enjoy the open space. And while you are at the Fairgrounds, look around to see if anything looks out of place or is in need of repair. There has been a whole lot of beautification going on at the Fairgrounds thanks to Sharon G., the Exhibit Building crew, FFA and 4-H, and as always, the grass cutters, and others I am sure I missed. Let them know that their hard work is appreciated. And we have projects of all sizes. Just ask and we will get you started! We also have cicadas free for the taking if anyone is in need. Please, help yourself.

The goats did a good job removing some of the unwanted plants and the tree plants are looking pretty good now that they have leafed out. A few of the tree plantings will be relocated as they are not in the best of spots and hamper grounds maintenance. We can get to that in the Fall.

A few events held at the Fairgrounds this year have been well attended. Hopefully the trend continues and all events enjoy good crowds. It appears that folks are eager to get out of the house and enjoy some time outdoors. But PLEASE, continue to do President's Message Continued.....

your do diligence, practice social distancing where warranted, and wear a mask if needed.

I would like to mention again that the Fairgrounds was blessed with the approval of our bond bill request for 85K. The 3 projects slated are a new front LED sign, (and the old sign moving to the Back Gate), a new automatic gate at the bank entrance, and a complete and needed makeover for the Lower Stage. Thanks to Bruce Berreano and the many others who put in the hard work getting and submitting quotes, and speaking with elected officials concerning the Fairground's needs.

The Rodeo is just 2 weeks away. I am sure I will see many of you there. It is a fun event and great for the whole family. Come out and support the Fair!

In closing, my condolences to the White Family on Danny White's passing. Danny, Denise, and their daughter Amanda were very active Fair members for many years. They will always be part of our Fair Family and our deepest sympathy to them.

John Faber President, Anne Inc 410-991-4434

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

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ARUNDEL RIVERS PROJECT

For the past several months the Fair has been working with the Arundel Rivers Federation to remove the invasive species on the Fairgrounds and replant with native species. This is an ongoing project and much has been done and much more will be done in the future.

Right now the Arundel Rivers members are working with us to remove the invasive species from the 4-H gardens at the east side of the Exhibit Building. The gardens have been invaded by bittersweet and grapevines, but in the past several years years, several of the gardens have been taken over by a plant called the "chameleon plant," and it is now invading the rest of the gardens. We have sprayed, mulched and rooted out this plant, but it is still in charge.

The next step is to determine just what would be an effective method to get rid of the plant, or at least, make it manageable.

We are also hoping that Arundel Rivers will be able to use our 4-H members to help with this project, and that they may offer training to 4-H'ers to enable them to work and learn about the native species of trees and plants in Maryland.



FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Committee met on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. It was great to see everyone in person again.

ADVERTISING: A flyer is needed.

BEER/WINE: One more runner is needed to complete the Team.

CATALOG: The Exhibitor Catalog is at the printer and is also online. Joseph Degreenia will be working on the Entertainment Guide.

CONTESTS: All chairs working toward Fair Week.

CARNIVAL: Jolly Shows will open on Thursday for Kids' Day and Senior Day.

CONTRACTS: Most have been confirmed but not all received back.

ENTERTAINMENT: Debbie W-K and Billy Gallagher working on getting groups lined up for September.

EXHIBIT BUILDING: Much work going on all the time. Welcome to new chairs in Handicrafts, Elizabeth Molino and Lisa Angyelof. A meeting of all personnel will be scheduled soon.

GATES: Front, Back and Blue gates are covered.

4-H DEPARTMENT: We will follow the rules of the AA Co Health Dept. during Fair Week.

RIBBONS/TROPIES: Trophies will be ordered two to three weeks before the Fair.

<u>VENDORS:</u> Lacy has sent out all of the contracts to the vendors. They will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Vendors have expressed a great deal of interest. Michelle Cooper will be working with Lacy with the vendors.

NEXT MEETING JUNE 30, 2021

4-H CORNER



FFA NEWS

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation is back in business! Not quite all the way, but they are having some of the activities that once made up their yearly schedule.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Terry Cooper Unsung Hero Award, which was established in memory of Mrs. Terry Cooper, a dedicated 4-H volunteer who worked quietly behind the scenes doing whatever was needed to support the 4-H Program.

Also, the Foundation's annual County Fair 4-H T-Shirt Contest is underway, and any County 4-H'er can submit a design for the T-shirt that the Foundation gives to each county 4-Her at Fair Week.

The Southern FFA Chapter was awarded a \$1200 Living to Serve Grant from National FFA to be used to make improvements to landscaping on the Fairgrounds. Members have already completed 3 workdays on the grounds and have renovated the area just below the Giant to reduce maintenance and increase visual appeal. Check out the new shrubs planted just below the Giant next time you visit the grounds

The FFA members are also working on the landscape beds around the Office and have planted perennials and annuals around the new deck. They are also working on other flower bed maintenance and painting activities.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Any changes for the Entertainment Guide should be sent to Joseph Degreenia who is working on that task. The Exhibitor Catalog is now at the printers, but there is a copy of it on the Fair's website.

BYLAW CHANGES

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Proposed changes to the Fair's bylaws were submitted by Fair members at the April Membership meeting. They were read at that time and are now being sent to each member and are attached to this newsletter. They will be voted on at the August Membership meeting.

Please do your part by reading them and then voting at the August meeting. If you have any questions you might have, please contact Stacy Eckels, Bylaw Committee chair.

FRONT GATE LOOKING GOOD!

Good news! Our friends at Homestead Gardens will be working on the front circle in front of the Fair Giant soon. Many thanks for all Homestead does for the Fair.

Also, the FFA members have been working on the area in front of the Fair Giant and also in front of the Office. Thanks for all their help too.

WE ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO WHERE WE BELONG

Together is where we belong, connecting with friends and family has been a little harder this past Instead of socializing, we have been social distancing. have planned staycations, attended celebrated virtual events and special occasionS in new different ways. But through it all. we have never lost sight of the importance of caring for each other, however we can.

FAIR WEEK 2021!!!

MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any member updates you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Joddi Akers. You may call Joddi at 410-923-6638 or email her at joddia@msn.com.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in June:

Marilyn Torres - June 3
Sandy Suhrie - June 4
Sally Simpson - June 8
Pete Peterson - June 11
Darla Webb - June 14
Amanda Barnett - June 15
Brian Nosalik - June 29

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to those couples celebrating in June:

Vivienne & Keith Drummond -June 6

Sherry & Jim Timmons - June

Sharon & Wayne Shorter - June 23.

Our deepest sympathy to the White Family on the loss of our dear friend Danny. We will miss you so.

Congratulations to Sydney and Zachary Wyvill on the birth of their

son in May.

Tommy Boehm would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, calls and visits he has received over the past two months. He is doing areat!

Please keep all of our members in your thoughts and prayers, who are undergoing treatments or suffering from chronic illnesses, or have in the past few months suffered from the dreaded COVID 19.

2021 CALENDAR

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AACF Rental Committee

June 1 -

	P.III. I all grounds
June 4 -	Chicken Wing Fest Set-Up
June 5 -	Chicken Wing Festival
June 8 -	AACF BOD Mtg
	Fairgrounds
June 12 -	Flea Market/Rodeo
June 13 -	83rd Birthday Picnic
	HAPPY FLAG DAY
June 15 -	AACF Membership Meeting
	Fairgrounds
June 17 -	FFA Banquet
June 18-19	Dance Academy
June 19-26	6 4 Rivers Boy Scouts
	Fathers Day
June 27 -	Wet & Wild Event
June 30 -	AACF Fair Week Meeting
	7 p.m. Fairgrounds
July 3 -	WeOutside Concert #2
July 4 -	HAPPY BIRTHDAY
	AMERICA
July 5 -	RootCulture/Jamaican Event
July 6 -	Rental Committee
	7 p.m. Fairgrounds
July 10 -	Phestival
July 13 -	AACF BOD Meeting
	Fairgrounds
Jul 16&17	Let's GoFest (Prep 13-15)
July 22 -	New Energy Equity
	Company Picnic
Juyl24&25	Heaven on Earth
	Jamaican Festival
July 25 -	Eagle Scout Ceremony
July 28 -	AACF Fair Week Meeting
	7 p.m. Fairgrounds
July 31 -	Shorter Family Picnic

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

AGENDA

*Bylaw Changes
*Wrap-Up Spring Events
*Summer Events
*Fair Week

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Saturday, June 12, 2021

Gate opens at 5 p.m.

Show starts at 7:30 p.m.



Free Parking Food and Beer on the Grounds
No outside Food or Alcohol

For additional information go to www.aacountyfair.org
Flyer attached

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Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair

To serve as a showcase for ingenuity, talent and interest in the agricultural life.

To serve as a means of educating children and young people to the honorable profession of farming, including the handling of animals from birth to market, the growth, preparation and preservation of food and the creativity of home arts skills.



Anne Arundel County Fair, INC-2021 Suggested Bylaw Modifications-

Suggested Change for Entire Document:

All "He/She" should be changed to They,

Rationale:

We need to be using the plural pronoun because it does not reference the current director or officers but the future positions as well. It should be plural not singular. "He/She" is clunky.

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

ARTICLE I- SECTION 6- NOMINATIONS (Page 4) Current Bylaw as Written:

The nominations of Officers and Board of Directors shall be submitted August 1 through September 30 of each year. Nominations cannot consist of nominees that would exceed the total of five (5) fair members belonging to the same non-profit organization, or more than three (3) fair members belonging to a forprofit organization.

Suggested Change

The nominations of Officers and Board of Directors shall be submitted August 1 through September 30 of each year. Nominations cannot consist of nominees that would exceed more than three (3) fair members belonging to a for-profit organization.

Rationale (reason for change)

This bylaw is not enforceable, and we are currently in violation of this bylaw by all being members of AACo Fair, which is a non-profit organization.

Submitted by Martin Hardy

Date: 4/8/2021

ARTICLE II, DIRECTORS, SECTION 2...HOW ELECTED: (Page 5)

Current Bylaw as Written:

Directors will be elected by ballot on the night of the election. A majority of votes cast is required for election.

Suggested Change:

Directors shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting in the month of November each year. A plurality of votes cast is required for election. **Rationale:**

In a race among three or more candidates, the *plurality* is the excess of the leading candidate over the next-highest-scoring candidate or that the winning candidate only needs to get more votes than a competing candidate.

Submitted by Joan Mauritzen

Date: 4/9/2021

ARTICLE II- SECTION 9... VACANCIES (Page 7) Current Bylaw as Written:

Vacancies in the Board occurring between annual meetings shall be filled for the un-expiring portion of the term by a majority vote of the remaining Directors

or be held open until the next annual meeting as determined by the Board of Directors.

Suggested Change:

Vacancies on the Board of Directors occurring between corporate meetings shall be filled for the unexpiring portion of the term by a majority vote of the remaining Directors or be held open until the next corporate meeting as determined by the Board of Directors.

Rationale:

In Article I- Section 1 it refers to our November meeting as our cooperate meeting,

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

ARTICLE II- SECTION 9... SPECIAL EVENTS (Page 7)

Current Bylaw as Written:

Anyone wishing to use the Fairgrounds for a Fair special event must submit a request in writing or via email to the Board no later than thirty (30) days before the event, for approval. (Amended 8/2018) Suggested Changes:

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHP- Section 8...SPECIAL EVENTS

Fair members wishing to use the Fairgrounds for a personal private event must submit a request in writing or email to the Board of Directors no later than thirty (30) days before the event, approval is subject to availability and membership status. Cost for fair members to host an approved private event is \$100. Rationale:

This bylaw is located in Article II which refers to Board Members, "anyone" is very vague. Our event calendar is priority. Members should be paid regular members. Our members should be making at least \$100 donation to use the grounds.

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

ARTICLE III, OFFICERS, SECTION 2...ELECTION: (Page 8)

Current Bylaw as Written:

All Officers of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting in November each year and shall hold office for a term of (1) year or until their successors are duly elected. No person shall hold more than one (1) elective office. (Amended 8/15/02)

Suggested Change:

All Officers of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting in the month of November each year and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected. A plurality of votes cast is required for election. No person shall hold more than one (1) elective office. (AMENDED 8/15/02)

Rationale:

In a race among three or more candidates, the *plurality* is the excess of the leading candidate over the next-highest-scoring candidate or that the winning candidate only needs to get more votes than a competing candidate.

Submitted by Joan Mauritzen

Date: 4/9/2021

ARTICLE III- SECTION 3 DUTIES OF OFFICERS: PRESIDENT (Page 9)

Current Bylaw as Written:

He/She shall have the power to declare a "State of Emergency" in the event of an unforeseen or natural disaster. (Amended 8/15/2001)

Suggested Change

They shall have the power to declare a "State of Emergency" in the event of an unforeseen or natural disaster and coordinate the emergency response plan as needed.

Rationale:

The Emergency Response Plan has assignments of responsibility of which the President is the coordinator. He/She to They, all pronouns should be adjusted in this document.

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

ARTICLE III- SECTION 3 DUTIES OF OFFICERS: TREASURER (Page 11)

Current Bylaw as Written:

He/She shall render a statement of the condition of the finances of the Corporation at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and at such other times as shall be required of him/her, and a full financial report at the January meeting of the Membership

Suggested Change

He/She shall render a statement of the condition of the finances of the Corporation at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors and regular membership meetings, and at such other times as shall be required of him/her, and a full financial report at the January meeting of the Membership.

Rationale (reason for change)

With the separation between BOD meetings and Membership meetings, the Treasurer is no longer required to present finance reports to membership apart from during the January Membership meeting. This change in the bylaw wording would correct that.

Submitted by Martin Hardy

Date: 4/8/2021

ARTICLE III- SECTION 3 ... DUTIES OF OFFICERS: TREASURER (Page 11)

Current Bylaw as written:

He/She shall authorize and audit to certify the Treasurer's books, annually and before they are turned over to the Treasurer-Elect.

Suggested Change

He/She shall authorize an audit to certify the Treasurer's books, annually and before they are turned over to the Treasurer-Elect.

Rationale (reason for change)

Spelling error.

Submitted by Martin Hardy

Date: 4/8/2021

ARTICLE V, SECTION 3a... FAMILY

MEMBERSHIP: (PAGE 13)
Current Bylaw as Written:

Application for Family Membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The Membership Committee must approve the application before membership becomes effective. Family Memberships will be entitled to one vote per membership and one free admission to the fair. Optional: Two votes per family and two free admissions to the Fair. (This will increase the dues to \$20.00). (August 2007).

Suggested Change

Remove the Family Membership bylaw

Rationale (reason for change)

The membership committee feels that the family membership option is redundant and not being utilized.

Submitted by Mitzi Hardy

Date: 4/9/2021

ARTICLE V, Section 4.... DUES: (Page 13)

Current Bylaw as written:

Regular membership dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year. Members failing to renew their membership by August 31st, each year, will be dropped from the membership roll, and must apply as new members to regain membership.

Suggested Change

Regular membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year. Associate membership dues shall be 10 dollars (\$10). Members failing to renew their membership by August 31st, each year, will be dropped from the membership roll, and must apply as new members to regain membership.

Rationale (reason for change)

The cost of membership has been the same for many years, but we have seen an increase in cost of doing business across the board. Generally, organizations periodically increase their dues. Associate membership comes with less benefits and will mainly be members under the age of 18.

Submitted by Mitzi Hardy

Date: 4/9/2021

ARTICLE VI- SECTION 2.... LIQUIDATION (Page14)

Current Bylaw as written:

In the event of the liquidation or dissolution or the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, the assets shall be expended in a manner which would promote or foster the cultural interest in Anne Arundel County.

Suggested Change

In the event of the liquidation or dissolution or the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, the assets shall be expended in a manner which would promote or foster the agricultural interest in Anne Arundel County.

Rationale:

We are an agricultural fair promoting the agricultural interest in Anne Arundel County. Funds should be spent to continue supporting agriculture.

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

ARTICLE VIII- SECTION 1: NOMINATING (PAGE 15)

Current Bylaw as written:

Consisting of three (3) members. This committee shall present at least one (1) candidate per office and at least five (5) candidates for Directors of the Corporation at the October Membership meeting.

Suggested Change:

Nominating: Consisting of at least three (3) members. The committee shall receive recommendations for new board members and officers.

The committee shall contact each candidate and make an assessment for a high level of personal integrity, their level of commitment to the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds and the availability of the candidate.

At the October board of Directors meeting, the Nominating committee chairperson shall present the full list of nominations and a shortlist of at least one (1) candidate per office and at least five (5) candidates for Directors of the Corporation for formal approval by the Board.

At the October membership meeting, the Nominating committee shall present the full list of nominations as well as the final slate of candidates.

Rationale (reason for change)

This change to the bylaw would provide more guidance on the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee.

Submitted by Martin Hardy

Date: 4/8/2021

ARTICLE VIII- SECTION 1- MEMBERSHIP: (Page 15)

Current Bylaw as written:

he Membership Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members. This Committee will approve

applicants for membership and will also be responsible for membership enhancement and appreciation activities. (Amended 8/15/00). The Committee must update records in a timely manner. At the end of the month, a raised membership list must be provided to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution (if new members have been added). (Amended 8/2019).

Suggested Change:

The Membership Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members. This Committee will approve applicants for membership and will also be responsible for membership enhancement and appreciation activities. (Amended 8/15/00). The Committee must update records in a timely manner. At the end of the month, a revised membership list must be provided to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution (if new members have been added). (Amended 8/2019).

Rationale (reason for change)

Spelling and grammatical errors.

Submitted by Martin Hardy

Date: 4/8/2021

2021 Policy Change Suggestions-

POLICIES 5-

Current Policy as Written:

Every committee, none excluded, shall submit a budget to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Suggested Changes:

Every committee, none excluded, shall submit a budget by Oct 31st each year to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Rationale:

This formally provides the Board of Directors appropriate time to prepare the annual budget that is required to be presented at the December Board of Directors meeting.

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

POLICIES 28a- Page 20

Policy as Currently Written:

Qualifications of Office b Qualifications of Office. (Added 12/11/2007)

If the Board cannot find a member that fits the above criteria then the Board can appoint a person by majority vote to fill an open vacant Board seat. (Amended 11/13/18)

Suggested Changes:

BYLAWS- ARTICLE III- SECTION 2...ELECTION (to be added below current bylaw):

If the Board cannot find a member that fits the criteria outlined in ARTICLE III-Section 4, then the Board can appoint a person by majority vote to fill an open vacant Officers position.

Rationale (reason for change)

The policy should be integrated into the bylaws part of the Election process. This should not be able to be changed at any meeting and should be reviewed annually through the bylaw process.

It also allows for the Board to appoint a current member to an open Officer position if the need arises by majority vote. This will cause some numbering changes.

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

POLICIES 28a- Page 20-21 Policy as Currently Written:

President: He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, INC. AND

- He/She must have severed a full term of office as a Director or have served a full term as another Officer, OR
- He/She must have held the position as Fair Week Manager within five (5) years of being nominated. (Amended 11/13/18)

Vice President:

- He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, INC., and
- He/She must have served a full term of office as a Director or has served a full term as another Officer, OR
- He/She must have held the position of Fair Week Mangers for five (5) years of being nominated. (Amended 11/13/18).

Director-

- He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. for two years, OR
- He/She is a current voting member and has been an Event or Department Chairperson for a full one-year term minimum. (Adopted 8/15/06).

Suggested Changes:

BYLAWS- ARTICLE III- SECTION

4...QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS:

President: They must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, INC. AND

- They must have severed a full term of office as a Director or have served a full term as another Officer, OR
- They must have held the position as Fair Week Manager within five (5) years of being nominated.

Vice President:

- They must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, INC., and
- They must have served a full term of office as a Director or has served a full term as another Officer, OR
- They must have held the position of Fair Week Mangers for five (5) years of being nominated.

Directors and Officers:

- They must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. for two years, OR
- They are a current voting member and has been an Event or Department Chairperson for a full one-year term minimum.

Sections 4, 5, and 6 should be shifted to Sections 5, 6, and 7.

Rationale (reason for change)

The policy should be integrated into the bylaws as qualification for Officers. This should not be able to be changed at any meeting and should be reviewed annually through the bylaw process.

This will cause some numbering changes.

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021

POLICIES 28a. DIRECTOR: Page 21 Current Policy as written:

Director:

- He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. for two years, OR
- He/She is a current voting member and has been an Event or Department Chairperson for a full one-year term minimum. (Adopted 8/15/06).

Suggested Change

Director or Officer:

- He/She must be a current voting member of the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. for two years and is actively involved at the Fair. (As determined by the nominating committee), OR
- He/She is a current voting member, is actively involved at the fair and has been an Event or Department Chairperson for a full one-year term minimum.

Rationale (reason for change)

Active involvement at the fair provides the nominee a good understanding of the requirements, expectations, and responsibilities of being a member of the board.

Submitted by Mitzi Hardy

Date: 4/9/2021

New Policy 31-

Suggested Addition-

The Bylaw Committee Chair has the ability to make formatting and grammatical changes to the Bylaw and Policies Document as long as the structure and meaning of the Bylaw or Policy is not affected.

Rationale:

There needs to be more flexibility to fix spelling, grammar, and formatting than to run changes through the complete process to just add a "T" on the word The.

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 4/19/2021