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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

Wow, this summer is just screaming by! Hope everyone is enjoying the hot, sunny days and eating plenty of steamed crabs!

With Fair Week just a few weeks away, that is our main focus, as it is this time every year. Lots being done getting ready for Fair, and lots to do. With this being our 70th anniversary, Sharon Gertz has lined up a laser light show each evening. Please be sure to come out to the Fair and enjoy! And again, if you have a few free moments, let Sharon or I know. We have plenty of tasks, big and small, that we could use help with. And new this year is ONLINE entry for ALL indoor and livestock exhibits! We have been doing livestock entries online for a few years and now are including all exhibitors and exhibit entries. If you plan to enter indoor exhibits or livestock, please go to:

<https://www.blueribbonfair.com/BRFairProd/BlueRibbonStart.aspx?ID=1527>. Online entries will be open until August 27, 11:59 p.m. There are many good reasons we have gone online, but the most important is that it will make life much easier for our volunteers, and that is a good thing.

Rentals are going strong, with just

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a few "big" rentals left. Weather has been a factor for a few events, but is expected since we are an outdoors venue. We continue to work with the many county services to ensure the proper emergency services are in place. This tends to be challenging at times, but the county has been extremely responsive, and sometimes forgiving, in dealing with us and our rentals. I do look forward to the planned "Special Events" permit process that is in the works. We, the Fair, have given input on the proposed legislation and will continue working with the county on any modifications needed.

Please do not forget that at our August 16th General Membership meeting we will be voting on suggested bylaw changes. It is very important that we have a good turnout. This meeting will be in person, but a ZOOM link will be offered for those that cannot attend in person. As we will need to vote, the meeting will be in person at the Fairgrounds. As the General Membership meeting will be in person, the August 9, BOD meeting will be held via ZOOM. You will find the suggested bylaw changes listed in this newsletter.

If you should travel General's Highway, you will see our new LED sign! Big thanks to Martin Hardy, Colonial Electric and Quality signs in getting this completed. I have already heard a few compliments. One project down, many more to go!

And another big thank you to our grass cutting crew. The Fairgrounds always look great.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fairgrounds.

John H. Faber

President, Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc
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FAIR WEEK

MOTIONS

There were no motions approved at the July 12, 2022 Board of Directors meeting..



FAIR WEEK PHOTOS FROM PAST YEARS

We are still looking for some past Fair Week photos that Deana Tice would like to use in her publicity campaign on Facebook. She would like to do a page on each event to be held at the Fair, so please send or email your photos to her at her email address enticementstables@msn.com.



The Fair Week Committee met on Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

ADVERTISING: Every event will be advertised on Facebook and posts will increase as Fair Week nears. Radio station remotes have been scheduled.

BARN AREA: Area needs lots of clean-up. John Faber is testing birds on August 27 & 28. Contact him if you need a bird tested.

BEER/WINE: Cans only this year. We may have 3 stations.

CATALOG: Please pick up at the Exhibit Building and get out to the community.

CONTESTS: No changes. All in progress.

CARNIVAL: Paul Joseph reduced the price of Opening Day bracelet to \$10.

CONTRACTS: All confirmed.

ENTERTAINMENT: Denise White will coordinate and will be helped by Kathy Pettigrew and Rich Lewis. Tractor Club will have the shingle mill and tractor pulls.

EXHIBIT BLDG: Online entries this year. John Faber, Amanda Wahle, Chris DiBenio, and Wendy Sites will be handling the online registration. There will be an email address for questions.

GATES: Shifts being scheduled now. E-TIX will be at Front and Back gates. Will have turnstiles again this year.

4-H DEPT: Will be accepting entries on Saturday, Sept 10, 1-5 p.m.

OFFICE: Fair Week managers are Peggy Peffley and Lori Gray, and will handle golf carts and radios.

RIBBONS/TROPHIES: Ribbons are in, trophies will be ordered in August.

VENDORS: Vendor meeting on August 25. Looking for new vendors. Deana Tice will be working with our sponsors.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be a Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday in the Overstreet Garden. Micheal Doyle is chair.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 25, 2022

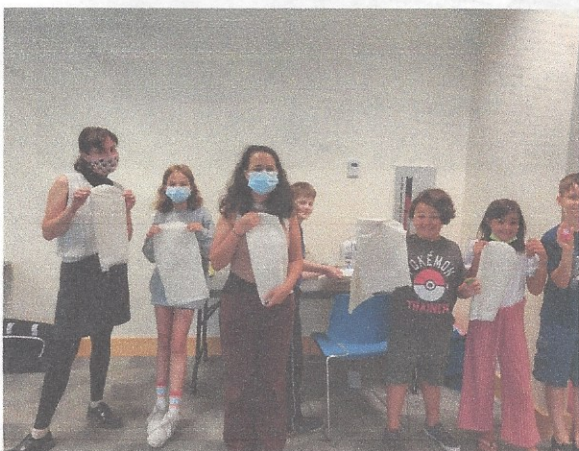


4-H CORNER

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation will host its annual 4-H Cookout on Friday, August 12th with a rain date of August 19th. All County 4-H'ers are invited to this fun-filled event that will be held at the River Birch Pavilion. Hotdogs, hamburgers, sides, salads and desserts are on the menu. Tractor rides will be running throughout the evening. Please be sure to RSVP.

The members of the Trail Blazers Natural Resource Club met recently and had a Sew-A-Thon at the Odenton Library. The first order of business was to sew 50 scarecrow heads to be used at the Scarecrow Making Workshop that will be part of the Anne Arundel County Fair in September.

Next, each 4-Her worked on his or her project that they will be entering in the County Fair this year.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN HANDICRAFTS

Help is very much needed in the Handicrafts Department in the Exhibit Building. Please contact John Richardson at jjrichardson2@msn.com or Sharon Gertz at sgaafair@aol.com, if you can help in any way.

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## MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any member updates you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Martin Hardy. You may reach Martin by calling him at 443-995-8431, or by email at [caulkhead1@gmail.com](mailto:caulkhead1@gmail.com)

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PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

We will be voting on proposed changes to our bylaws at the General Membership meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. The proposed changes are attached.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

New this year! County Fair entry day has gone online! You can enter all your items online, and your entry tags will be preprinted and ready for you when you arrive! Want to see how it's done? Check the website, www.aacountyfair.org, for a step by step instruction guide! Got a question? Email the Online Entry Team at AACoFairEntryHelp@gmail.com and we will do our best to help!

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## WOOD NEEDED AT THE FAIRGROUNDS SAWMILL

Free slab wood is needed at the Fairgrounds' Saw Mill. You haul! Any questions call Rich at 443-618-4918



## MEMBER UPDATES

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in August:

Marvin Glass - Aug 6  
Rich Suhrie - Aug 7  
Roger Massey - Aug 9  
Jay Pratt - Aug 13  
Justin Ralston - Aug 13  
Linda Hall - Aug 14  
Margaret Chase - Aug 15  
Todd Degreenia - Aug 15  
Aimee Cooper - Aug 16  
Ruby Schwinn - Aug 16  
Ursula Nevius - Aug 19  
Brittany Rawlings - Aug 19  
Billy Gallagher - Aug 22  
Wendy Sites - Aug 22  
Vivienne Drummond - Aug 24  
Garrett Watts - Aug 24  
Jimmy Frisco - Aug 25  
Amanda Wahle - Aug 25  
Michelle Cooper - Aug 27  
Ethan Thomas - Aug 28  
Andy Bates - Aug 30  
John Wahle - Aug 30

Happy Anniversary wishes to those celebrating their happy day in August:

Amanda & Mike Crutchley - Aug 5  
Betsy & Roger Massey - Aug 10  
Cari Green & Hubby - Aug 14

Please also keep those who are presently dealing with chronic illnesses in your thoughts and prayers.

# 2022 CALENDAR

- Aug 2 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office or Zoom
- Aug 3 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Aug 9 - Board of Directors  
7:30 p.m. ZOOM meeting
- Aug 13 - SOCA Wine Festival
- Aug 16 - Membership Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office  
And ZOOM available
- Aug 17 - 4-H Foundation Meeting  
Fair Office
- Aug 20 - Bo's Rock/Hair Band
- Aug 27-28 - Private Company Picnic
- Aug 31 - Fair Week Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Sept 6 - Rental Committee
- Sept 7 - Junior Board
- Sept 14-21 ANNE ARUNDEL  
COUNTY FAIR

**\*\*Information about the outside events can be found at the County Fair website [www.aacountyfair.org](http://www.aacountyfair.org)**

## *General Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, August 16, 2022  
7:30*

### AGENDA

**Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes  
Summer Events  
Fair Week**

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## **2022 CALENDAR FAIR EVENTS**

**Fair Week - September 14 - 19, 2022**

**Flea Market - Oct 1, 2022**

**Antique Tractor Pull - Oct 1, 2022**

**Halloween Happenings - October 14 -16; 21 -23;  
28 - 30, 2022**

**Christmas Display - November 26 - Dec 19, 2022**

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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-  
2022 Suggested Bylaw Modifications-**

**Revised Bylaws-**

**Section 4.... VOTING**

Bylaw as Currently Written:

Any person who has not paid their dues for the current membership year by April 20th, will not be considered a member for the purpose of voting. A majority of votes will determine election to office. (Amended 8/2017)

By Law Suggestion:

Any person who has not paid their dues for the current membership year by January 20th, will not be considered a member for the purpose of voting. A majority of votes will determine election to office.

Rationale: It is easier to keep track of membership dues if everyone follows the calendar year.

Submitted by Mitzi Hardy

Date: 4/19/2022

**ARTICLE V.... Membership Section 1..... Regular Membership**

Bylaw as Currently Written:

Application for regular membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The application must be approved by the Membership Committee before regular membership becomes effective. Regular members will be entitled to admission to the Fair as well as full voting privileges. Applicants for regular membership must be at least 18 years of age. (Amended 8/11/2020).

Bylaw Suggestion:

Application for regular membership must be in writing on an application form furnished by the Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. (or a copy thereof). The application must be approved by the Membership Committee before regular membership becomes effective. Regular members will be entitled to admission to the Fair as well as full voting privileges. Applicants for regular membership must be at least 18 years of age. Any person who has not paid their dues for the current membership year by January 20th, will not be considered a member for the purpose of voting.

Rationale: Again just to improve clarity of the deadline.

Submitted by Mitzi Hardy

Date: 4/19/2022

## **ARTICLE V.... Membership Section 1..... Dues**

### Bylaw as Currently Written:

Regular membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year. Associate membership dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). 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. (Amended 8/10/21).

### Bylaw Suggestion:

Regular membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year. Associate membership dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). ~~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: Goal is to have active members year round, not just members who want the benefits of fair week. Everyone is a new member each year.

Submitted by Mitzi Hardy

Date: 4/19/2022

## **New Bylaws-**

## **POLICIES 28a- Page 20-21 to be moved to ARTICLE I- SECTION 6- NOMINATIONS**

### 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. If passed it should be referenced under **ARTICLE I- SECTION 6- NOMINATIONS**

Submitted by Stacy Eckels

Date: 11/1/2021

**POLICIES 28a- Page 20 to be included in BYLAWS- ARTICLE III- SECTION 2...ELECTION (to be added below current bylaw):**

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: 11/1/2021