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STARK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
STARK COUNTY

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To the Board of Directors:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Stark County Agricultural Society
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Stark County Agricultural Society, Stark County, Ohio, (the Society) as of and for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Society has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Society's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Society does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Society has elected not to reformat its statements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Society as of November 30, 2006 and 2005, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Stark County Agricultural Society, Stark County, as of November 30, 2006 and 2005, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Society has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 7, 2007, on our consideration of the Society's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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December 7, 2007

**STARK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
STARK COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005**

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Operating Receipts: | | |
| Admissions | \$476,400 | \$493,083 |
| Privilege Fees | 204,447 | 188,257 |
| Rentals | 177,177 | 179,226 |
| Sustaining and Entry Fees | 41,710 | 40,945 |
| Parimutuel Wagering Commission | 5,334 | 3,610 |
| Other Operating Receipts | 63,726 | 63,010 |
| Total Operating Receipts | 968,794 | 968,131 |
| Operating Disbursements: | | |
| Wages and Benefits | 180,744 | 189,657 |
| Utilities | 90,218 | 82,249 |
| Professional Services | 208,700 | 223,133 |
| Equipment and Grounds Maintenance | 178,040 | 219,528 |
| Race Purse | 68,196 | 68,202 |
| Senior Fair | 43,576 | 42,782 |
| Junior Fair | 19,182 | 17,244 |
| Capital Outlay | 110,924 | 22,659 |
| Other Operating Disbursements | 208,146 | 227,070 |
| Total Operating Disbursements | 1,107,726 | 1,092,524 |
| Deficiency of Operating Receipts Under Operating Disbursements | (138,932) | (124,393) |
| Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements): | | |
| State Support | 29,155 | 32,044 |
| County Support | 95,000 | 45,000 |
| Donations/Contributions | 35,424 | 27,999 |
| Investment Income | 1,566 | 817 |
| Debt Service | (45,879) | (43,694) |
| Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements) | 115,266 | 62,166 |
| Deficiency of Receipts Under Disbursements | (23,666) | (62,227) |
| Cash Balance, Beginning of Year | 53,370 | 115,597 |
| Cash Balance, End of Year | \$29,704 | \$53,370 |

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

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**STARK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
STARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Stark County Agricultural Society, Stark County, (the Society) as a body corporate and politic. The Society is a county agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1849 to operate an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Stark County Fair during August/September. Stark County is not financially accountable for the Society. The Board of Directors manages the Society. The Board is made up of 20 directors serving staggered three-year terms. Society members elect Board members from its membership. Members of the Society must be residents of Stark County and pay an annual membership fee to the Society.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity includes all activity occurring on the fairgrounds. This includes the annual fair and harness racing during fair week. Other year round activities at the fairgrounds include facility rental and community events. The community events include the Stark County Italian-American Festival and the Pro Football Hall of Fame Ribs Burn Off. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Stark County, Ohio.

Notes 9 and 10, respectively, summarize the Junior Fair Board's and Junior Livestock Sale Committee's financial activity.

The Society's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Society is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

This financial statement follows the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. This basis recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribe or permits.

C. Cash

The Society maintains monies in a checking account and money market savings account.

D. Budgetary Process

The Budget Committee annually prepares an operating budget, including estimated receipts and disbursements. The Board approves the budget in its final form during the first six months of each fiscal year. The Board reviews the budget throughout the year and compares it with actual results.

**STARK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
STARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Society's accounting basis records acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment as capital outlay disbursements when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not include these items as assets.

F. Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a). Contributions to the Society are deductible per Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v1). Management is unaware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

G. Race Purse

Home Talent Colt stake races are held during the Stark County Fair. The Society pays all Sustaining and Entry fees, the required portion of the cash received from the Ohio Fairs Fund, and the Society also contributes an additional amount for Race Purse to winning horses.

Sustaining and Entry Fees

Horse owners and the Home Talent Colt Association pay fees to the Society to qualify horses for entry into stake races. They must make payment before a horse can participate in a stake race. The accompanying financial statement report these fees as Sustaining and Entry Fees.

Ohio Fairs Fund

The State of Ohio contributes money to the Society from the Ohio Fairs Fund to supplement the race purse. See Note 4 for additional information.

H. Pari-mutuel Wagering

A wagering system totals the amounts wagered and adjusts the payoff to reflect the relative amount bet on different horses and various odds. The total amount bet (also known as the "handle"), less commission, is paid to bettors in accordance with the payoffs, as the pari-mutuel wagering system determines. The Society contracts with a totalizer service to collect bets and provide the pari-mutuel wagering system.

Pari-mutuel wagering commission (the commission) is the Society's share of total pari-mutuel wagers after payment of amounts to winning bettors. The commission is determined by applying a statutory percentage to the total amount bet and is reflected in the accompanying financial statement as Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission. See Note 4 for additional information.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005
(Continued)**

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

For the year ended November 30 2006, the Society had budgeted receipts of \$1,239,300, actual receipts of \$1,129,939, resulting in a variance of (\$109,361). Additionally for fiscal year 2006, the Society had budgeted disbursements of \$1,235,800, actual disbursements of \$1,153,605, resulting in a variance of \$82,195. For the year ended November 30 2005, the Society had budgeted receipts of \$1,196,300, actual receipts of \$1,073,991, resulting in a variance of (\$122,309). Additionally for fiscal year 2005, the Society had budgeted disbursements of \$1,196,300, actual disbursements of \$1,136,218, resulting in a variance of \$60,082.

3. CASH

The carrying amount of cash at November 30, 2006 and 2005 follows:

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Demand deposits | \$6,422 | \$16,654 |
| Money Market | 23,282 | 36,716 |
| Total deposits | \$29,704 | \$53,370 |

Deposits: The Federal Depository Insurance Corporation insures up to \$100,000 of the Society's bank balance per bank. The entire year end bank balance is FDIC insured.

4. HORSE RACING

State Support Portion of Purse

The financial statements report Ohio Fairs Fund money, received to supplement purse for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005 were \$17,704 and \$20,304, respectively, as State Support.

Pari-mutuel Wagering

The Society does not record the Total Amount Bet or the Payoff to Bettors in the accompany financial statement, rather, it records the Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission (commission) which is the Society's share of total pari-mutuel wagers after paying winning bettors. The expenses of providing the pari-mutuel wagering system are called Tote Services, and these expenses are included in Professional Service Disbursements, State taxes, which are also paid from Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission, are reflected in Other Operating Disbursements, and the amount remaining is the Society's net portion.

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STARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005
(Continued)**

4. HORSE RACING (Continued)

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Amount Bet (Handle) | \$ 26,254 | \$ 17,897 |
| Less: Payoff to Bettors | (20,920) | (14,287) |
| Parimutuel Wagering Commission | 5,334 | 3,610 |
| Tote Service Set Up Fee | (400) | (400) |
| Tote Service Commission | (2,729) | (1,788) |
| State Tax | (736) | (459) |
| Society Portion | \$ 1,469 | \$ 963 |

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at November 30, 2006 was as follows:

| | Principal | Interest Rate |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Note Payable for Office Building | \$94,483 | 6.79% |

The \$182,284 Office Building Note bears a variable interest rate of 6.79% and is due to the Key Bank National Association. The note, which is secured by an open-end mortgage, was entered into on May 21, 2004 and matures March 23, 2009. Proceeds of the note were used to construct an office building and are collateralized by the building.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest is scheduled as follows:

| Year ending November 30: | Building Note |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 2007 | 44,466 |
| 2008 | 44,466 |
| 2009 | 14,822 |
| Total | \$103,754 |

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

In 1996, the Society established a 403(b) plan in which all qualified employees may participate. This plan is funded by both Board and employee contributions. The Board contributes \$700 annually to the accounts of the Secretary and Caretaker. All other contributions are funded entirely by the employee.

All employees contribute to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participate. For 2006 and 2005, employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Society contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participant's gross salaries through November 30, 2006.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Society provides health coverage for full-time, supervisory employees through McKinley Life insurance company.

The Stark County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Stark County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1711.24. A private company provides general liability with limits of \$5,000,000 in the aggregate and \$1,000,000 per each occurrence. This policy includes crime coverage for employee dishonesty with limits of liability of \$1,000,000. The Society's Office and Grounds Administrator and Treasurer are bonded with coverage of \$20,000 each.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A Board member owns a company which sold concessions at the fairgrounds throughout the year. The Board member paid the Society \$1,092 and \$1,962, during 2006 and 2005, respectively for that right.

The Caretaker owns a company which received \$1,700 each year from the Society for cleaning the grandstands during the 2006 and 2005 fair weeks.

The Caretaker and a Board member also rent horse stables from the Society.

9. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

The Junior Fair Board, which is comprised of 4-H, FFA, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Farm Bureau Youth organization representatives, is responsible for the Junior Fair Division activities of the Stark County Fair. The Society disbursed no monies directly to the Junior Fair Board and \$19,182 and \$17,244 for 2006 and 2005, respectively directly to vendors to support Junior Fair activities. These expenses are reflected as a disbursement in the accompanying financial statement as Junior Fair Disbursement. Stark County paid the Society \$500 to support Junior Club work. The Junior Fair Board accounts for its activities separately. These accompanying financial statements do not include this activity. The Junior Fair Board's financial activity for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005 follows:

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Beginning Cash Balance | \$ 19,765 | \$ 16,596 |
| Receipts | 21,855 | 22,814 |
| Disbursements | (24,270) | (19,645) |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$ 17,350 | \$ 19,765 |

**STARK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
STARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005
(Continued)**

10. JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE

The individual Junior Livestock Committees (i.e. the Beef Committee, the Swine Committee, etc.) are separate committees charged with running the Junior Livestock Auction. This auction is held during fair week. Children may sell their animals directly to market or through the Stark County Agricultural Society's auction. A commission on auction sales covers auction costs. The Junior Livestock Committee retains this money. The accompanying financial statement does not include the Junior Livestock Committee's activities. The Junior Livestock Committee's financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2006 and 2005 follows:

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance | \$ 49,530 | \$ 41,841 |
| Receipts | 588,972 | 705,059 |
| Disbursements | <u>(595,123)</u> | <u>(697,370)</u> |
| Ending Cash Balance | <u>\$ 43,379</u> | <u>\$ 49,530</u> |



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Stark County Agricultural Society
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Stark County Agricultural Society, Stark County, Ohio, (the Society) as of and for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 2007, wherein we noted the Society follows accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Society's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Society's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Society's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

We consider the following deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting: 2006-001 through 2006-003.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Society's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe Findings 2006-002 and 2006-003 are also material weaknesses.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the Society's management in a separate letter dated December 7, 2007.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Society's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Society's management in a separate letter dated December 7, 2007.

The Society's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. We did not audit the Society's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



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Auditor of State

December 7, 2007

**STARK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
STARK COUNTY**

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

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| 2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS |
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FINDING NUMBER 2006-001

Significant Deficiency

Jr. Fair Livestock Sales Committees

At the end of the fiscal year, the various Jr. Fair Livestock Sales Committees are required to submit their annual financial report to the Jr. Fair Board office for review by the Jr. Fair Coordinator. During our review of the livestock sales committees' fiscal year end financial reports we noted the following:

- Numerous financial reports were either incomplete or inaccurate all together.
- Financial reports did not always reconcile to the bank statement(s).
- Bank reconciliations were not always performed by the committees.
- Numerous committees did not maintain and submit all monthly banks statements with their fiscal year end financial report to the Jr. Fair Board office.
- There were inconsistencies in the fiscal year end date in bank statements or reports.

The Senior Fair Board should require all Jr. Fair Livestock Sales Committee to submit monthly financial reports to the Senior Fair Board for their review and approval. At a minimum, the financial reports should include month-to-date and year-to-date receipts and disbursements. Further, the report package should include a complete and accurate bank reconciliation to ensure the financial report reconciles to the bank statement. In addition, the Jr. Fair Coordinator or a member of the Senior Fair Board should initial and date the bank reconciliations on a monthly basis to document review of the reconciliation. This will help to avoid future discrepancies in the reporting of the Jr. Fair Livestock Sales Committee fiscal year end financial reports.

Officials' Response: The Society is currently addressing the recommendations to improve controls over Jr. Fair Livestock Committee's financial reporting.

FINDING NUMBER 2006-002

Material Weakness

Bank Reconciliations

As an established control procedure, monthly bank to book reconciliations are performed by the Society's Operations and Grounds Administrator (O&GA). During our testing, we noted this control procedure was performed for every month throughout the audit period; however, in fiscal year 2005 due to an upgrade to the Society's computer system, the 2005 financial data was lost. The Society was required to re-enter all the financial activity for 2005 into the computer system (Quickbooks). As a result of the lost financial data and the manual reentry of records, the financial report for fiscal year ending November 30, 2005 did not reconcile to the bank statements. The financial report was eventually reconciled to the bank statement.

In the future, the year end financial report should be reconciled to bank statements before it is submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Auditor of State. This will help ensure the financial report is complete and accurate and avoid future reconciling problems during the audit process.

Officials' Response: The Society has already implemented controls to ensure the fiscal year 2007 year end financial report is reconciled to the bank statements.

FINDING NUMBER 2006-003

Material Weakness

Ticket Sales/Accountability

The Society sells tickets for various events that take place during the fiscal year; however, the following conditions were noted during the review of the grandstand, parking, and gate admission ticket sales:

- Documentation was not maintained for the accountability of the ticket seller. The beginning ticket number, the amount of money collected, and the unsold tickets on hand were not overseen by the ticket seller.
- Documentation was not maintained for complimentary tickets issued, total tickets distributed and total unsold tickets returned.
- Documentation was not maintained to properly account for grandstand tickets.

To help improve accountability over the ticket selling process and account for the sequence of all tickets on a continual basis, the Society should establish a method encompassing the following:

- The Society should require the ticket sellers to be accountable for the number of tickets sold and the amount of money collected. A Ticket Seller Form should be implemented which includes items such as: the total number of tickets available for sale, the beginning and ending ticket numbers sold, the number of tickets sold, the amount of money collected, the remaining number of tickets unsold, and the signature of the ticket seller verifying that all information reported is correct. The Society Treasurer should also sign this form as evidence of review. This will help ensure that all tickets are accounted for and that monies collected are accurate.
- Maintain a list for complimentary tickets that indicates the ticket number(s), the individuals who received the complimentary ticket, and the number of tickets returned (if any).
- The Society should implement a system to better track the sale of grandstand tickets. The tickets should be pre-numbered and a seating chart should be maintained by the Treasurer to document which seats are complimentary, which seats are reserved, seats that are unsold, and seats that are currently sold. Ticket Seller Forms should be used by all ticket sellers. The Treasurer should reconcile the seating chart to the ticket sellers report to ensure that all seats/tickets are accounted for.

These procedures will help strengthen the accountability and completeness controls over the sale of tickets for various events.

Officials' Response: The Society is currently working to improve accountability of ticket sales.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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JANUARY 10, 2008**