

Sonoma County Fair
APPROVED Minutes of the
Fair Operations Committee Meeting
Tuesday – February 9, 2021 at 4:30pm

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the February 9, 2021 Sonoma County Fair Operations Committee meeting was held virtually.
All actions were voted on by roll call.

VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT: Lisa Wittke Schaffner, Chair; Tony Geraldi, Vice Chair; Bev Palm, Neysa Hinton, Kanani Reynolds, Sharon Wright, Hugo Mata

VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Marcia Mickelson, Annette O’Kelley, Marilyn Herzog

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Debbie Townsend, Heather Borck, Michael Margetts

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittke Schaffner and Roll Call was taken at 4:31p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Director Geraldi moved to approve the agenda; Director Palm seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2021 FAIR:

CEO Bartling reported that the vaccine rollout has been slow, and that the general population is not expected to receive the vaccine until Fall 2021. Bartling stated the decision regarding Fair vs No Fair could be made by end of March, however the decisions regarding the Hall of Flowers exhibit and the Professional, Amateur & Kids’ gardens should be made now. Discussions ensued regarding the lead time/expense for the Hall of Flowers and consideration of noticing the gardeners soon, so as to minimize their out-of-pocket costs. Should a Fair take place there could be a possibility that the kids’ could still have gardens. **Director Geraldi moved to recommend that the 2021 Hall of Flowers Professional & Amateur Gardens be cancelled; Director Reynolds seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Future Fair Themes

There being no further business, Director Palm moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m., seconded by Director Mata; the motion passed unanimously.