

Sonoma County Fair
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Friday, April 3, 2020 1:30 p.m.
1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the April 3, 2020 Sonoma County Fair Board meeting was held virtually. All actions were voted by roll call.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Max Mickelsen, President; Marcia Mickelson, Vice President; Teejay Lowe, Treasurer; Wanda Tapia, Secretary; Rob Muelrath, Past President; Cindy Crane, Tony Gerald, Marilyn Herzog, Kevin Howe, Ross Liscum, Annette O'Kelley, Kanani Reynolds, Bev Palm, Neysa Hinton, Lisa Wittke Schaffner

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Michael Margetts, Jane Engdahl, Heather Borck, Cliff Sanders, Lorna Fox, Paulette Swallow, John Monahan

CALL TO ORDER: 1:45pm

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Lowe moved to approve the agenda; Director Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Items 1-6:

Director Wittke Schaffner moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the change on the Agriculture & Exhibits minutes to include Shari DeGraffenreid as attending; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Item 7:

Director Wittke Schaffner moved to approve the Item 7 of the Consent Agenda; Director Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS - President Mickelsen

CEO AND STAFF REPORTS:

CEO Bartling reviewed the upcoming Interim Event Schedule and the March Interim Financials.

Fair Operations – Director Wittke Schaffner

Director Wittke Schaffner reported on Item 7 on the Consent Agenda that recommended holding the Kid's Free Day admission on Thursday, August 6th and Monday, August 10th due to the schools reopening.

Competitive Exhibits, Ag & Educational Exhibits – Director Howe

Director Howe gave a report of the April 3, 2020 Special Meeting of the Competitive Exhibits, Ag & Educational Exhibits Committee meeting.

Director Howe moved to schedule a May 1 meeting of the Committee regarding the 2020 Hall of Flowers to make a determination whether to move forward; Director Crane seconded the motion; the motion passes unanimously.

Director Howe moved to authorize Exhibits Coordinator Borck to send out a letter to exhibitors regarding possible contingencies should there be no 2020 Fair or 2020 Junior Livestock Auction; Director Liscum seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Buildings & Grounds – Director Liscum

Director Liscum moved to have CEO Bartling continue negotiations with the County to locate 10 trailers in the D Lot for homeless citizens with COVID-19; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Racing – Director Lowe

CEO Bartling discussed racing at other venues. No action taken.

Budget & Finance – Director Lowe

Director Lowe moved to approve the draft financial statement through February 2020 as presented; Director Liscum seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (non-discussion item)

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Director Lowe to adjourn the meeting at 2:20pm; Director Liscum seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from the February 25, 2020 Board Meeting
2. **Fair Operations Committee Meeting**
Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2020 Committee Meeting
3. **Ag & Exhibits Committee Meeting**
Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2020 Committee Meeting
4. **Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting**
Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2020 Committee Meeting
5. **Racing Committee Meeting**
Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2020 Committee Meeting
6. **Budget & Finance Committee Meeting**
Approval of Minutes from the February 25, 2020 Committee Meeting
7. **ACTIONS FROM MARCH COMMITTEES**

FAIR OPERATIONS:

- Recommendation to hold the Kid's Day free admission on Thursday, August 6th and Monday, August 10th

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS, AGRICULTURE & EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

- Recommendation to add a primary 4-H division for pygmy goats.
- Recommendation to add Fred Esposti to the swine advisory, Kristin Anderson to the Sheep Advisory and Ron Zanetti to the Horse Advisory.
- Recommendation to send courtesy letters regarding continuing as JLA Solicitors to Jack Balistreri and Manuel Brazil
- Recommendation to send a courtesy letter to Larry Morrison regarding participation on Farmer's Day Committee

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

- Recommendation to approve rent consideration for the University of CA Agriculture & Natural Resources for the May 3, 2020 4-H Open House and Chicken Que.
- Recommendation to approve the 2nd one-year option for the Active 20-30 Club's annual 4th of July event.
- Recommendation to approve the lease with GTE Mobilenet of CA LP, doing business as Verizon Wireless for a cell site on the fairgrounds.
- Recommendation that due to the Corona Virus, the Jockey Club will be closed from March 13-31st.

RACING:

- No actions taken.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

No Committee meeting in March.