

Sonoma County Fair
APPROVED Minutes of the
Fair Operations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Administration Building, Board Room

VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT: Lisa Wittke Schaffner, Wanda Tapia, Kevin Howe, Bev Palm

VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cindy Crane

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Max Mickelsen, Tony Gerald, Marilyn Herzog, Ross Liscum

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley- Thorn, Jane Engdahl, Heather Borck, Lorna Fox

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittke Schaffner at 5:00p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION REGARDING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE 2020 SONOMA COUNTY FAIR:

CEO Bartling led a discussion of moving the rodeo and Farmers' Day to the second Saturday of the Fair and have the Monster Truck and Destruction Derby shows the first weekend due to school starting before the last weekend. Some concerns raised were debris from the Destruction Derby in the arena and noise from the trucks during the beef auction and load out. Staff to look at exhibit schedules and possible show moves and report at the next meeting. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WASHED ASHORE EXHIBIT:

CEO Bartling and Exhibits Coordinator Borck went to Bandon, OR to preview the Washed Ashore Exhibit. The company will be providing a proposal to possibly bring the exhibit to the 2020 Fair. No action taken.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CHAIR WITTKESCHAFFNER'S APPOINTMENT OF AN AD HOC FAIR COMMITTEE TO COLLABORATE WITH STAFF AND AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE HARVEST FAIR BOARD AND SONOMA COUNTY FAIR FOUNDATION ON AN AG EXHIBIT IN SARALEE & RICHARD'S BARN AND OTHER NEW FAIR ACTIVITIES:

Chair Wittke Schaffner reported on a meeting that took place last week regarding the use of the Saralee & Richard's Barn during fair. An Ad Hoc meeting will be formed made up of representatives from the Fair, Harvest Fair and Fair Foundation. **Director Palm moved to appoint Directors Muelrath and O'Kelley to represent the Fair at the Committee; Director Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

There being no further business, Director Palm moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:43p.m.; Director Hinton seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.