

Sonoma County Fair
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Competitive Exhibits, Agriculture and Educational Exhibits Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Showcase Cafe

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chair, Kevin Howe; Vice-Chair, Annette O'Kelley; Cindy Crane, Marilyn Herzog, Marcia Mickelson , Bev Palm

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kanani Reynolds

OTHER DIRECTORS PRESENT: Max Mickelsen; Neysa Hinton

OTHERS PRESENT: Paulette Swallow, Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Lorna Fox, Greg Duncan

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Howe at 5:57 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director O'Kelley moved to approve the agenda; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Hall of Flowers Update - GREG DUNCAN

Flowershow Designer Duncan shared sketches of the 2020 Hall of Flowers" Islands of Adventure" as well as the professional garden themes.

Discussion & Possible Action: Ag Recognition Awards

Paulette Swallow presented the recommendations for the Dairy of the Year, the Equine Recognition Award and the Rancher of the Year Award.

Director Crane moved to accept the Award recipients as presented, motion seconded by Director Herzog; motion passed unanimously. Names are withheld until the awardees are notified.

Discussion & Possible Action: 2020 Poultry Shows

Director Crane moved to not hold poultry shows in 2020 as per the recommendations from the State Veterinarian; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & Possible Action: Hall of Flowers Dedication

The Committee discussed people that they would like to see on the list of possible awardees. **Director Crane moved to approve the Hall of Flowers dedication awardee as voted on (name withheld until notified) for the Hall of Flowers Dedication; Director Palm seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion and Possible Action: Guidebook Dedication

The Committee discussed people that they would like to see on the list of possible awardees. **Director Herzog move to approve (name withheld until notified) for the Guidebook Dedication; Director Mickelson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion and Possible Action: Auctioneers

Director Crane moved to have staff proceed with the contracting of auctioneers after they have discussions with Rex Williams; Director O’Kelley seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

Paulette Swallow discussed updates to the State Rules.

Market Animal Identification Process

JLA Commission Rate

It was reported that the Arthur “Big Boy” and Catherine “Honey” Kunde Fund for Scholarships has given \$5,000 to go towards scholarships.

Paulette Swallow distributed a list of Award Sponsorships that still need to be funded.

The next Garden Selection Meetings are February 26 & 27. The committee members were invited to participate.

The Washed Ashore and the Farm Bureau Ag Education Exhibit were discussed. It was reported that these items were going back to the New Fair Activities Ad Hoc Committee.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Breed Divisions

Weighmaster

Video Livestreaming

Solicitor/Farmers Day dinners (combine and present Ag Recognition Awardees)

Auction luncheons

ADJOURNMENT

Director Palm moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48p.m., seconded by Director Crane, motion passed unanimously.