

Sonoma County Fair
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Competitive Exhibits, Agriculture and Educational Exhibits Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building, Board Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Doug Beretta; Cindy Crane, Marilyn Herzog, Marcia Mickelson, Bev Palm

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Annette O'Kelley

OTHER DIRECTORS PRESENT: Rob Muelrath

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Borck, Paulette Swallow, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Beretta at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Mickelson moved to approve the agenda; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Update: Hall of Flowers, Greg Duncan: Greg reported that the Hall of flowers is coming along well and on time.

Discussion and Possible Action: Nomination for Local Recognition Awards:

There were no formal nominations made for local recognition awards.

Discussion and Possible Action: Milk Barn

Exhibits Assistant Paulette Swallow reported that the milk barn maintenance is in progress and set up for milk hauling has been coordinated. Director Beretta made a suggestion that we look at creating a potential policy for dumping milk in the drain at fair. It has been a problem in the past with exhibitors. **Director Mickelson moved that milk dumped down the drain will result in an exhibitor being fined \$1,000; any unpaid fines will prohibit future entries; the motion was seconded by Director Herzog; motion passed unanimously.** Notification will go out before fair to all exhibitors and it will also be explained at the exhibitors/milk barn meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action: Fair Patron Messaging

COO Findley-Thorn reported that the guest conduct and free expression zone policies are currently being reviewed by the county.

Discussion Regarding Preventative Measure Protocols Related to Animals in Public Places

The Preventive Measure Protocols Related to Animals in Public Places released by CFSA and WFA were reviewed. Additional handwashing stations and signs in both English and Spanish have been ordered. After discussion the committee requested staff send a notification to all livestock exhibitors regarding E. coli and the importance of hand washing as well as setting a good example for fair patrons by following protocol.

Discussion and Possible Action: 2019 Entries

Exhibits Coordinator Borck reported that entries have closed and numbers look good for the 2019 fair. Livestock has mostly maintained numbers and stills numbers have increased slightly.

Request for Future Agenda Items:

Drug Testing and DNA Policy

Adjournment

Director Crane moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32p.m., seconded by Director Herzog, motion passed unanimously.