

**Sonoma County Fair**  
**APPROVED Minutes of the**  
**Fair Operations Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 12, 2020

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the May 12, 2020 Sonoma County Fair Committee meeting was held virtually.

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

**VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Annette O'Kelley, Max Mickelsen, Cindy Crane, Marilyn Herzog, Tony Geraldi, Ross Liscum, Kanani Reynolds

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley- Thorn, Lorna Fox, Paulette Swallow, Heather Borck, Jane Engdahl, Greg Duncan

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittke Schaffner at 5:00PM

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Director Hinton moved to approve the agenda; Director Palm seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lisa Wittke Schaffner, Kevin Howe, Bev Palm, Neysa Hinton, Wanda Tapia; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME ELEMENTS OF A FAIR IN A VIRTUAL MANNER:**

CEO Bartling led discussions on ideas for virtual activities that may be possible in lieu of the 2020 Fair. Jane Engdahl stated that she had sent out the pre-fair contest. There were discussions regarding adding features to the website and possible virtual events and CEO Bartling stated that there would not be staff or money to create those items. No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SENDING A LETTER TO STATE LEGISLATORS ON FUNDING FOR THE CALIFORNIA NETWORK OF FAIRS:**

CEO Bartling discussed a letter to send to State Legislators requesting funding for the CA Network of Fairs. It was decided that there should be a broader distribution of the letter to include the Board of Supervisors, Congressmen and any other government leaders as deemed appropriate and to include more details of the fairgrounds importance during disasters. Director Hinton moved to approve sending the letter with the changes stated regarding the distribution of the letter and more details of fairgrounds importance during emergencies; Director Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lisa Wittke Schaffner, Kevin Howe, Bev Palm, Neysa Hinton, Wanda Tapia; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUESTING OUR AG COMMUNITY, EXHIBITORS AND OTHERS TO SEND A LETTER TO STATE LEGISLATORS ON FUNDING FOR THE CALIFORNIA NETWORK OF FAIRS:**

Note: this item was discussed in tandem with the above agenda item.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Updates regarding possible virtual fair activities

There being no further business, Director Wittke Schaffner adjourned the meeting at 5:25PM.