

Sonoma County Fair  
**APPROVED Minutes of the  
Racing Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the May 14, 2020 Sonoma County Fair Committee meeting was held virtually.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Teejay Lowe, Chair; Tony Gerald, Ross Liscum, Marilyn Herzog,

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Lisa Wittke Schaffner, Rob Muelrath

**OTHER DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Annette O'Kelley, Max Mickelsen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Lorna Fox, Heather Borck, Cliff Sanders, Doug Gooby, Tag Witherspoon, Caroline Titus, Ellis Davis, Phone #s 493, 382, 361, 584

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Director Herzog moved to approve the agenda; Director Gerald seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote:** Ayes: Ross Liscum, Teejay Lowe, Marilyn Herzog, Tony Gerald; Noes: 0; Absent: 2

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**UPDATE ON THE 2020 RACE DATES:**

CEO Bartling reported that the application had been submitted last week. Cost analysis is still being done regarding if racing is held without spectators in 2020. No action taken.

**CHRB UPDATE:**

CEO Bartling stated that there is a new director of CHRB. She said that the CHRB has sent letters to tracks asking for financial support and she was going to be asking for clarification on the amounts being asked for. 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. A broader distribution of the letter will be sent 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. No action taken as it was already discussed and agreed to at another committee meeting and will be taken to the full board in May.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUESTING OUR AG COMMUNITY, EXHIBITORS ON 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:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Director Liscum moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:23p.m., seconded by Director Gerald, motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote:** Ayes: Ross Liscum, Teejay Lowe, Marilyn Herzog, Tony Gerald; Noes: 0; Absent: 2