

**Sonoma County Fair
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:15 p.m.
1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Max Mickelsen, President; Marcia Mickelson, Vice President; Teejay Lowe, Treasurer; Wanda Tapia, Secretary; Rob Muelrath, Past President; Cindy Crane, Tony Gerald, Marilyn Herzog, Neysa Hinton, Kevin Howe, Ross Liscum, Annette O'Kelley, Kanani Reynolds, Wanda Tapia, Lisa Wittke Schaffner

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Neysa Hinton, Bev Palm

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Lorna Fox, Jane Engdahl, Michael Margetts, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn

CALL TO ORDER: 5:15PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Muelrath moved to approve the agenda; Director Wittke Schaffner seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Items 1-4:

Director Lowe moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction to the spelling of Dina King on the Ag & Exhibits Draft Minutes; Director Gerald seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

President Mickelsen noted that Doug Beretta was appointed as an Honorary Director by the Board of Supervisors. He also welcomed Kanani Reynolds as a new Board member representing the 5th District.

Director Herzog joined the meeting by phone and was well-wished by all the Board members for a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

President Mickelsen read a letter that CEO Bartling had sent to the Board regarding the efforts by staff during the recent evacuation and thanked the staff for all their hard work.

CEO AND STAFF REPORTS:

The Correspondence Binder was circulated and CEO Bartling distributed the upcoming Interim Event Schedule and the October Interim Financials.

Fair Operations – Director Wittke Schaffner

No meeting in November.

Competitive Exhibits, Ag & Educational Exhibits – Director Howe

Director Howe gave a report of the November 12, 2019 Competitive Exhibits & Ag Committee meeting. He reported that the JLA funds have been 100% collected.

Director O’Kelley reported on the “Washed Ashore” exhibit that she visited in Oregon. Staff will look at the feasibility of having this exhibit at the 2020 Sonoma County Fair. No action taken.

Director Wittke Schaffner moved to accept Islands of Adventure as the 2020 Hall of Flowers theme; Director Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Director Howe moved to approve altering the current DNA/Drug Testing Policy by removing the DNA requirement for all market species; Director O’Kelley seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Director Howe moved to add Luke Stevens and Andrew Nunez to the Beef Advisory Committee; Dina Kina to the Sheep Advisory Committee; Trent Ackerman to the Swine Advisory Committee; Frank Gambonini to the Dairy Advisory Committee; Lisa Bacon to the Horse Advisory Committee and Ernie Nunes to the Goat Advisory Committee; Director Liscum seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Buildings & Grounds – Director Liscum

Director Liscum gave a report of the November 14, 2019 Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

Director Liscum moved to approve a 3-year rental agreement with Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire with an 8% increase for the full term of the agreement; Director Muelrath seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Director Liscum moved to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000 for the contract for an irrigation system for the carnival lot; Director Crane seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Racing – Director Lowe

No meeting in November. CEO Bartling stated she would be attending the CHRB meeting this week in San Diego.

Budget & Finance – Director Lowe

Director Lowe gave a report of the November 19, 2019 Budget & Finance Committee meeting. **Director Lowe recommended to approve the draft financial statement through October 2019; Director Mickelson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Committee

No meeting in October

Report on Harvest Fair – Director Lowe

Director Lowe moved to approve the request from the Harvest Fair Board of Directors for the Fair Board to forgo the 50-50 split of revenue sharing for the 2019 Harvest Fair; Director Crane seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Director Lowe moved to approve the request from the Harvest Fair Board to aggregate the current contract between the Harvest Fair and the Fair Board that states the 2020 Harvest Fair will be held during the 2020 Sonoma County Fair and to keep the 2020 Harvest Fair dates in October; Director Crane seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (non-discussion item)

None

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Director Liscum to adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm; Director Lowe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from the October 22, 2019 Board Meeting
2. **Ag & Exhibits Committee Meeting**
Approval of Minutes from the November 12, 2019 Committee Meeting
3. **Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting**
Approval of Minutes from the November 14, 2019 Committee Meeting
4. **Budget & Finance Committee Meeting**
Approval of Minutes from the October 22, 2019 Committee Meeting