

Sonoma County Fair
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Executive Committee Meeting**
Tuesday - November 24, 2020

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the November 24, 2020 Sonoma County Fair Operations Committee meeting was held virtually. All actions were voted on by roll call.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Marcia Mickelson, President; Teejay Lowe, Vice President; Wanda Tapia, Treasurer; Kevin Howe, Secretary; Max Mickelsen, Past President; Rob Muelrath, Ross Liscum

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Marilyn Herzog, Cindy Crane, Neysa Hinton, Tony Giraldi, Bev Palm

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Debbie Townsend, Cliff Sanders, Heather Borck, Michael Margetts

The meeting was called to order by President Mickelson at 5:01 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Director Lowe moved to approve the agenda as presented; Director Liscum seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WEBINAR ON ALTERNATE FAIRGROUNDS OPERATING MODELS:

CEO Bartling reported that the CDFA presented a series of webinars throughout the State to discuss a uniform model for Fairs. The series was a bit premature, and needs to further address issues (i.e. governance restructure, sustainable business model other than tax funding & AB1499, etc.). **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DRAFT OF MODIFIED BYLAWS:

CEO Bartling reported the last update to the bylaws was in 2011, and some amended language is needed. A draft of the modified bylaws has been sent out for review, and will be deferred to the December committee meeting for discussion and possible action. **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DOG AGILITY COMPETITIONS:

CEO Bartling explained that under the current Health Order, dog agility competitions are not allowed, however horse shows are. Bartling stated she worked with Lisa Pheat, County Counsel, to send a letter to the State, explaining how the two events are similar, in that there is only one animal/one competitor at a time and there are no public spectators. Bartling reported that to date, there has been no response, and requested direction from the committee to move forward with booking dog agility competitions. **Director Lowe moved to allow dog agility competitions, and to approve sending a letter of notification to the Health Department; Director Liscum seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Draft of modified bylaws

There being no further business, **Director Liscum moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.; Director Lowe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**