

**The California Mid-State Fair  
Heritage Foundation, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

May 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dave Belmont.

**BODs Present:** Dave Belmont, Mike Brady, Debbie Dusi, Brenda Fletcher, Daren Friedel, Patricia Lawrence, Tim Hartzell, Deana Nelson, Ernie Rey, Denise Stornetta, Michael Torgerson.

**BODs Absent:** Susan Beebe, Mike Coon, John Peschong.

**Members/Guests:** Ashley Blanke, Branden Blanke, Meg Evans, Mike Bradley, JD Cronin, Kay-C Cronin, Meg Evans, Chuck Fletcher, Joy Powers, Mary Pat Reilly, Vicki Silva, David Sylvester, Paul Trett.

**Approval of Agenda:** Michael Torgerson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Denise Stornetta made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Deana Nelson motioned to approve the April 10, 2019 minutes. Denise Stornetta made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

**Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:**

Dave Belmont asked the members and Board of Directors to introduce themselves.

**Financial Report:** The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period of January – May 8, 2019. Denise Stornetta made a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports as submitted. Brenda Fletcher made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson presented the list of checks written since the last Board meeting. Denise Stornetta made a motion to ratify the checks written. Mike Brady made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

Unpaid Bills: Deana Nelson indicated there was one unpaid bill in the amount of \$1,260.00 for tax preparation. Denise Stornetta made a motion to pay the \$1,260.00 bill for tax preparation. Mike Brady made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

Daren Friedel recommended the Board make an advanced payment on the barn loan to get it paid down more quickly. Daren Friedel made a motion to make a one-time payment of \$210,000.00. Michael Torgerson made a second to the motion. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**Board Business:**

1. Membership – Brenda Fletcher confirmed membership closed May 1<sup>st</sup>, with 36 not renewing. There are currently 66 on the waiting list. Brenda indicated an email was sent out last Friday to the first 36 on the waiting list with Tuesday, May 14, 2019 as the final date to complete their application and pay their donation. From there an additional email will be sent to the next group on the waiting list, if there are still memberships available. In addition, Brenda informed the Board that a sign-up sheet to cover the office during the fair will be available for Board members. The office is open from 5:00-7:00 p.m. each night of the fair. The Membership Committee is currently working on the 20-year celebration.
2. Concessions – Michael Torgerson reported that the Fair has offered the operation of the concession in the Skybox to the Heritage Foundation. The Concessions Committee confirmed with our current

- concessionaire that they would be able to take on this additional work and were in favor of it. The Fair offered operation of the Skybox concession with one stipulation; The Heritage Foundation earmark our net portion of the revenues to a line item used only to fund maintenance and repairs of the Skybox. Michael Torgerson made a motion to accept the offer from the Fair to operate the concession in the Skybox, and to earmark our net portion of the revenues to be used only to fund maintenance and repairs in the Skybox. Patricia Lawrence made the second to the motion. After Board discussion the motion passed unanimously.
3. Facilities – Chuck Fletcher stated that the project to remodel the outside door to Section 8 to meet the State Fire Marshall’s requirements has become a big problem. They were having trouble matching the outside siding, but feel they have that resolved and the work should start any day.

**New Business:**

1. Mike Bradley CMSF CEO reported the following:
  - a. Island Bar and Grill renovations are moving along;
  - b. Still exhibits and livestock applications are available on-line;
  - c. Mother’s Day horseshow is currently going on with 200 horses participating. There have been 2 herpes cases in the State of California.
  - d. The Three Speckled Hens events has concluded;
  - e. Billy Idol has been booked for the “Evening of Rhythm and Brews”, with tickets going on sale May 10, 2019, along with Lynyrd Skynyrd tickets;
  - f. The California Mid-State Fair Board and the Heritage Foundation Board will participate in a joint retreat on May 29-30, 2019.

**Board Comments:**

Patricia Lawrence stated she recently attended a benefit for the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation, Inc., and that during the festival they had a big screen TV that streamed the money amounts raised and where the money went. Patricia thought this might be something the Heritage Foundation could do on the TV in the lounge.

Ernie Rey discussed the use of the TV in the lounge for streaming events at the fair and Heritage Foundation projects.

Denise Stornetta attended the Agriculture and Livestock Advisory Committee meeting and reported that the schedule to bring in pigs has been changed to Sunday and they will be vaccinated for the flu. The fair is planning a Poultry Knowledge Bowl for the kids who cannot show their animals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Dusi  
Secretary

The Next Regular Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019