

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

April 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:33p.m. by Chairman Michael Torgerson.

BODs Present: Dave Belmont, Mike Brady, Mike Coon, Debbie Dusi, Brenda Fletcher, Daren Friedle, Patricia Lawrence, Deana Nelson, John Peschong, Ernie Rey, Denise Stornetta, Michael Torgerson.

BODs Absent: Susan Beebe, Brandon Blanke.

Members/Guests: Steven Baker, Colleen Bojorquez, Lisa Millar, Constance Stewart, Robert Stewart, Susie Torgerson.

Chairman Instructions:

Chairman Torgerson asked all guests wanting to discuss any items that are not on the agenda to please post their questions in the chat section.

Approval of Agenda: Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the agenda. Deana Nelson made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the April minutes. Patricia Lawrence made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:

Chairman Torgerson indicated there were no questions or discussion items in chat.

Financial Report: The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period of January 14 – April 14, 2021.

Denise Stornetta made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports as submitted. Mike Coon made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson presented the list of checks written since the last meeting. Denise Stornetta made a motion to approve the checks written. Dave Belmont made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson reported she currently has no unpaid bills.

Board Business:

A. Standard Committees

1. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – no report.
2. By-Laws – John Peschong indicated the updates are with Chairman Torgerson.
3. Concessions – Dave Belmont welcomed Steve Baker to the concessions committee. Dave indicated he has been talking with Brett and Jay regarding concessions should we have a 2021

fair. They recommended not opening all the concessions. The Silo and Island bar need some maintenance work done. After some discussion, Dave Belmont made a motion to allocate up to \$5,000.00 to do this work. Brenda Fletcher made the second the motion, which passed unanimously. In regard to the Lounge, Dave stated it may not be feasible to open it if the fair is only allowed a 25% capacity and that Brett had some ideas for a place for the members to go.

4. Elections – John Peschong – no report.
5. Facilities – Ernie Rey – no report.
6. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report
7. Membership – Brenda Fletcher indicated that the first 20 on the waitlist have been contacted, and there are currently 14 new members. There is a few more days to respond and then the next 20 will be contacted. There are currently 309 memberships if all renew.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon – One more request has been added to the balcony wait list.
9. Scholarship – Ernie Rey indicated a link to the application had been put on the web site.

B. Special Committees:

1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capital Project – Dave Belmont – no report.
2. Jim Brabeck Foundation – Denise Stornetta – no report
3. Legal Task Force – Dave Belmont – no report.
4. Property Acquisition Task Force – no report
5. Virtual Auction Fundraiser – Patricia Lawrence stated the auction committee meets weekly. Currently there are 25-30 confirmed donations out of the 75 needed. Mike Brady indicated he will be working on photos, fliers, and videos to begin posting the donations on social media. Debbie Dusi reported donations are moving forward and reminded everyone that the donor forms need to be completed and submitted.

New Business cont:

1. Deana Nelson indicated that she has been working with America Riviera to move our accounts. Heidi at American Riviera is opening a business money market account and a checking account. Deana stated she would not recommend moving the account until after the virtual auction. After some discussion Deana Nelson made a motion to move the Heritage Foundation accounts to American Riviera. Denise Stornetta made a second to the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. CMSF Board of Directions Liaison Update – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols – no report.
3. Colleen Borjorquez CMSF Interim CEO reported the dates for the fair are July 21, 2021 through August 1, 2021. There are still no firm decisions at this date, however, the good news is that the fair now falls under the guidelines of amusement park and they are able to operate at 25% capacity. Colleen indicated there will probably be no “big” entertainment but maybe local entertainers and that the Fair Board is committed to a live junior livestock auction if possible.

Board Comments:

Michael Torgerson stated that we may be able to hold our next meeting in the Heritage Lounge in person with guests possibly participating on ZOOM.

Recess at 7:13 pm.

Reconvene at 7:14pm to Close Session to discuss Property Acquisition.

Closed Session – no action taken

Recess at 7:16pm.

Reconvened at 7:16pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Dusi for

Susan Beebe
Secretary

*The Next Regular Board Meeting:
Wednesday, May 12, 2021*