

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

April 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Michael Torgerson.

**BODs Present:** Susan Beebe, Mike Coon, Debbie Dusi, Brenda Fletcher, Daren Friedle, Patricia Lawrence, Deana Nelson, John Peschong, Ernest Rey, Denise Stornetta, Michael Torgerson

**BODs Absent:** Dave Belmont, Brandon Blanke.

**Members/Guests:** Matt Campbell, Meg Evans, Chuck Fletcher, Anna Hahn, Scott Monroe, Steven Nakamoto, Tamara Nakamoto, Michelle Rivas, Constance Stewart, Robert Stewart, Nancy Wheeler-Nichols

**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:** Daren Friedle made a motion to approve the agenda with Item VI to read: Discussion of the Vice-Chair and Secretary Positions. Mike Coon made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

**Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:**

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

**Discussion of Vice-Chair and Secretary positions:**

Chair Torgerson informed the Board that Denise Stornetta has accepted employment with the California Mid-State Fair and has resigned as a member of the Heritage Foundation Board of Directors. Chairman Torgerson explained that with her resignation the Board of Directors is left with an open Vice-Chairman position. Michael indicated the Executive Committee had discussed Susan Beebe as the Co-Chair and Debbie Dusi as the Secretary. After some discussion, Mike Coon made a motion to elect Susan Beebe to the Vice-Chairman position and Debbie Dusi to the Secretary position. John Peschong made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Torgerson further explained that with the resignation of Denise Stornetta the Executive Committee feels one Board Member should be added. After some discussion, Daren Friedle made a motion to appoint Joanne Cummings to the Board of Directors. John Peschong made a second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period January 1, 2022, through April 13, 2022.

Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports as submitted. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson presented the list of checks written since the last meeting, and indicated they were standard payments. Mike Coon made a motion to ratify the checks written. Patricia Lawrence made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson indicated she had a couple of unpaid bills and is doing some research on them before they are paid.

**Board Business:**

A. Standard Committees

1. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – no report.
2. By-Laws – John Peschong indicated the Committee is still working on the by-laws.
3. Concessions – Dave Belmont – no report.
4. Elections – John Peschong – no report.
5. Facilities – Brandon Blanke – no report.
6. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
7. Membership – Brenda Fletcher reported that general membership was looking good. The final date to pay membership is May 1, 2022. The Membership Committee has been contacting the waitlist persons, and if all contacted join membership will be down seventeen memberships. The committee will continue to contact persons on the waitlist with reminders and phone calls.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon indicated there are fifty-eight on the waitlist, with twenty-three current balcony membership not paid to date. Mike also stated that seven covers were done last year for the balcony seats and that some covers might need to be done this year.
9. Scholarships – Ernie Rey – no report.

B. Special Committees:

1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capital Project – Dave Belmont – no report.
2. Legal Task Force – Dave Belmont – no report.
3. Task Force for Capital Improvement Projected – Deana Nelson – no report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. CMSF Board of Directors Liaison Update – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols indicated there has not been a meeting since the annual dinner, so she did not have anything at this time to report on the dinner.
2. Fair Update – Colleen Bojorquez, CMSF CEO – no report.

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**Board Comments:**

Denise Stornetta stated she enjoyed working on the Board and thanked everyone for all their hard work over the years.

Daren Friedle indicated he would be coming to the Board to have a discussion on paying down the barn loan.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Dusi  
Secretary

*The Next Regular Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, May 11, 2022*