

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

March 9, 2022

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

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

BODs Absent: Susan Beebe, John Peschong

Members/Guests: Colleen Bojorquez, Meg Evans, Nancy Wheeler-Nichols, Steven Nakamoto, Tamara Nakamoto, Constance Stewart, Robert Stewart

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: Deana Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Coon made a motion to approve the February minutes. Ernie Rey 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.

Financial Report: The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period January 1, 2022, through March 9, 2022.

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

Deana Nelson made a motion to apply the \$13,438.29 from patronage distribution to pay down the barn loan. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson made a motion to move \$100,000.00 from the checking out to the savings account at Farm Credit West. Denise Stornetta 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 no unpaid bills.

Board Business:

A. Standard Committees

1. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – no report.
2. By-Laws – Brenda Fletcher asked all the Board members to review the proposed amended by-laws and that a worksheet will be emailed to the board prior to the April meeting. After some additional discussion, the board agreed to review the worksheet and to vote on the by-laws at the April meeting.
3. Concessions – Dave Belmont indicated the concessions committee is beginning to ramp up. In addition, Dave indicated that the Fair as released an RFP for a spot in the Frontier area named the “Cantina.” The committee is working on the RFP.
4. Elections – John Peschong – no report.
5. Facilities – Ernie Rey – no report.
6. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
7. Membership – Brenda Fletcher reported membership is moving along, and that another reminder will go out shortly. There are currently thirteen new members.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon indicated there are currently fifty-nine names on the balcony wait list.
9. Scholarships – Ernie Rey no report. Deana Nelson notified the board that a link to the 2022 SLO County Ag Awareness and CMSF Heritage Foundation Scholarship application is now available on the Heritage Foundation web page.

B. Special Committees:

1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capital Project – Dave Belmont – no report.
2. Legal Task Force – Dave Belmont indicated he was talking with the Fair on a number of issues.
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 reminded the board of the Annual Fair Board Celebration.
2. Fair Update – Colleen Bojorquez, CMSF Interim CEO confirmed the Annual Fair Board Celebration. This event will be a different format this year, and invitations will be mailed out next week. The theme is “Full Steam Ahead,” and everyone is looking forward to a fun evening! Colleen indicated an announcement will be made next week for the wine night entertainment. Staff continues to work on securing entertainment for the nights still open on the Grandstands and working on entertainment for the Frontier Stage.

Board Comments:

Patricia Lawrence retrieved a message from the office phone asking that the minutes be posted on the Heritage Foundation web page.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Dusi
Assistant Secretary

*The Next Regular Board Meeting:
Wednesday, April 13, 2022*