

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

May 11, 2022

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

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

BODs Absent: Dave Belmont, Joanne Cummings.

Members/Guests: Howard Brewen, Colleen Bojorquez, Deb Cipriano, Mike Cipriano, Barry Fisher, Chuck Fletcher, Robert Stewart, Ken Thomas.

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

Approval of Minutes: Susan Beebe made a motion to approve the April minutes. Daren Friedle 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 May 11, 2022.

Deana Nelson reported to the Board that the barn loan was under eight-hundred thousand dollars. After some discussion, Daren Friedle 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, and indicated they were standard payments. Deana noted that the charge for the fire alarm increased from one-hundred five dollars to one-hundred fifty dollars every 2 months. Daren Friedle made a motion to ratify the checks written. Patricia Lawrence made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson made a motion to move one-hundred thousand dollars to Farm Credit West savings account and apply one-hundred thousand dollars to pay down the barn loan from the checking account.

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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 and informed that all changes need to be sent to him by June 1, 2022. From there, John will finalize the by-laws and forward them to the Board.
3. Concessions – Dave Belmont – Michael Torgerson indicated the concession committee was proceeding as it should.
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 closed with a total of three hundred forty-six members. Brenda indicated there were forty-one new memberships, 5 memberships from previous years, with fourteen not renewing. Brenda indicated that were thirteen memberships still available, which would remain on the list for next year. There was some discussion regarding the pick-up party, however, no decision will be made until the Board knows if the Fair is going to have the Premiere Party.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon reported that 2 sets of four seats and 2 sets of 2 seats did not renew and were filled from the wait list.
9. Scholarships – Ernie Rey informed the Board that all applications were with the Scholarship Committee. The meeting to review the applications was canceled and will be rescheduled in the next week or so. Ernie indicated it was down to 6 applicants. When asked if the committee had enough money to fund 6 scholarships, Ernie indicated he did not know how much money was in the scholarship fund.

B. Special Committees:

1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capital Project – Dave Belmont – no report.
2. Legal Task Force – Michael Torgerson informed the Board that the Legal Task Force has a meeting with the Fair on Monday, May 16th to discuss Lifetime Memberships.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. CMSF Board of Directors Liaison Update – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols – no report.
2. Fair Update – Colleen Bojorquez, CMSF CEO reported things were going as well as expected. Entries are open, with handbooks on-line. Entertainment is pretty well set, with the announcement Friday of an additional grandstand act, and the final grandstand act announced the following week or so. The Fair is working on Monster Trucks; however, insurance is extremely high for this event. Colleen indicated both front parking lots will be resurfaced, with additional work being done to the backstage area.

Board Comments:

Deana Nelson indicated there may be a need to order additional Buyer Thank You Cards.

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John Peschong reported the Jim Brabeck Scholarship winner was selected today. The winner of the scholarship is a Paso Robles High School Industrial Arts student.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Dusi
Secretary

*The Next Regular Board Meeting:
Wednesday, June 8, 2022*