

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

August 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Torgerson.

**BODs Present:** Dave Belmont, Branden Blanke, Mike Coon, Joanne Cummings, Debbie Dusi, Daren Friedle, Deana Nelson, John Peschong, Ross Tenhaeff, Michael Torgerson.

**BODs Absent:** Susan Beebe, Brenda Fletcher, Patricia Lawrence.

**Members/Guests:** Steve Baker, Colleen Bojorquez, Deb Cipriano, Mike Cipriano, Kim Daily, Anna Hahn, Vicki Silva, Michael Silvas, Susie Torgerson.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mike Coon made a motion to approve the agenda. Joanne Cummings made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Deana Nelson made a motion to approve the June minutes. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:**

Chairman Torgerson asked the members present to introduce themselves.

**CMSF Staff Report:** No report.

**Financial Report:**

The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period ending August 9, 2023.

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

Deana Nelson presented the list of checks written since the last meeting. Dave Belmont made a motion to ratify the checks written. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson informed the Board that the Buyer Thank You Cards totaled \$2,400 and in years past it has been \$5,000-\$7,000. Deana indicated it involves extensive work and is mostly done by Mike Coon. The Board agreed to discuss the Buyer Thank You cards at another meeting.

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Deana Nelson reported there were still unpaid bills that will be paid after the meeting tonight and will appear on the report for the September meeting.

Deana Nelson indicated her financial advisor suggested the CMSF Heritage Foundation invest their monies for a better return on funds. Deana suggested a small group of Board members meet with him to discuss this option. After some discussion, it was decided that the Budget Committee, along with Michael Torgerson would meet with the financial advisor.

In addition, Deana Nelson made a motion to add Ross Tenhaeff to the Budget Committee. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Board Business:**

A. Standard Committees

1. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – no report.
2. By-Laws –John Peschong - no report.
3. Concessions – Dave Belmont reported to the Board that it was a good fair financially. Concession sales were up from last year, and expenses appear to be down.
4. Elections – John Peschong – no report.
5. Facilities – Mike Coon indicated the Mission Statement was up, and that the Board might want to put a border around it. Mike Coon is obtaining quotes for cameras in the lounge, in addition to talking with Colleen about the ability of the Heritage Foundation to install them.
6. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
7. Membership – Brenda Fletcher – no report.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon reported all is well with Balcony seating, still 61 on the waitlist.
9. Scholarship – Joanne Cummings indicated scholarship had been present, however, she was not sure when.

B. Special Committees:

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

**Old Business:** No Old Business

**New Business:**

- A. 2023 Fair Wrap-Up tabled until the September meeting.
- B. CMSF Board of Directors Liaison Update – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols – no report.
- C. Fair Update – Colleen Bojorquez, CMSF CEO stated the fair went well with numbers up, even though the weather did not cooperate. The concerts did extremely well, and the Industrial Arts sales dollars were up. Rotary Wine Makers Cook-Off is coming up, and next week a horse cutting with 400 horses. All in all, everything is moving along.

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**Board Comments:**

Dave Belmont and John Peschong both felt the fair went very well.

Michael Torgerson thanked the Board for all their help and indicated it made for a good fair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Dusi  
Secretary

***The Next Regular Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023***