

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

January 11, 2023

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

BODs Present: Susan Beebe, Dave Belmont, Mike Coon, Joanne Cummings, Brenda Fletcher, Daren Friedle, Patricia Lawrence, Deana Nelson, Ross Tenhaeff, Michael Torgerson

BODs Absent: Branden Blanke, Debbie Dusi, John Peschong

Members/Guests: Steve Baker, Colleen Borjorquez, Deb & Michael Ciprano, Bob Cummings, DeDe Davis, Meg Evans, Chuck Fletcher, Jasen Friedle, Ed & Denise Hale, Kim Mott, Susie Torgerson

Approval of Agenda: Joanne Cummings made a motion to approve the agenda, with the following change: Change “Swearing” to “Welcome” in of the new board members & to add the flag salute. Deana Nelson made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: Dave Belmont made the motion to elect the following officers for 2023,
Chairman: Michael Torgerson
Vice Chair: Susan Beebe
Treasurer: Deana Nelson
Secretary: Debbie Dusi
Darren Friedle made a second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Joanne Cummings made a motion to approve the November Annual Membership Meeting minutes. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously. Dave Belmont made a motion to approve the November Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Patricia Lawrence made a second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

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.

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-December 2022.

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

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

There were no unpaid bills at this time.

Board Business:

A. Standard Committees

1. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – A budget is being worked on for 2023.
2. By-Laws –John Peschong - no report.
3. Concessions – Dave Belmont – There is reported rain damage in the Little Hideout. An assessment of the damage will be reported.
4. Elections – John Peschong – no report.
5. Facilities – Branden Blanke – no report.
6. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
7. Membership – Brenda Fletcher indicated that pledges were sent out in early December. These are due May 1. Brenda also reported that there are roughly 80 on the waitlist.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon stated that there were still 58 names on the waitlist.
9. Scholarship – no report.

B. Special Committees:

1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capital Project – Dave Belmont reported that a drawing is being done showing a memorial area including a BBQ & shade for exhibitors and fairgoers to enjoy. Once complete, approval will be needed by the Pitts family to move forward with the project.
2. Legal Task Force – Dave Belmont – there will be a report at the February meeting.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

1. New Computer screen for Heritage office computer – Mike Coon moved to approve up to \$300 towards the purchase of a new screen for the computer in the Heritage Foundation office. Joanne Cummings made a second to the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. CMSF Board of Directors Liaison Update – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols – no report.
3. Fair Update - Colleen Boroquez CMSF CEO indicated that 6 staff members are planning to attend the Western Fairs Association convention in Reno, NV next week, barring any bad weather. The CMSF was one of 5 fairs nominated for the Merrill Award for the “Tiny Home Project”. Also, Krista Sabin and Rob Beneso will once again serve as President and Vice President of the CMSF Fair Board, respectively. The CMSF served as an evacuation center for about 12 groups serving those in need during the storms earlier in January. The cutting that was scheduled for this coming weekend has been canceled. Colleen indicated the Annual Dinner will be on April 1, 2023, and that the CMSF theme will be “Shake, Rattle & Roll”! Entertainment announcements should be made within the next month. And to conclude, Colleen stated that on December 20, 2022, The PR City Council agreed to the agreement for the property behind the Pioneer Museum that the CMSF is planning to purchase.

Board Comments:

1. Brenda reported that Helm & Sons will receive the Barnham Award for Concessionaires at the WFA convention next week.
2. Patricia Lawrence also shared that Brett Butterfield was named Roblan of the Year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Beebe for
Debbie Dusi,
Secretary

***The Next Regular Board Meeting:
Wednesday, February 8, 2023***