

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

September 13, 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, John Peschong, Ross Tenhaeff, Michael Torgerson

BODs Absent: Branden Blanke, Debbie Dusi, Deana Nelson

Members/Guests: Steve Baker, Colleen Bojorquez, Deb Cipriano, Michael Cipriano, Ed Hale, Lori Marquez Nancy Wheeler-Nichols

Approval of Agenda: Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the agenda. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the May minutes. Mike Coon 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 this month.

Financial Report:

The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period ending September 13, 2023.

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

The list of checks written since the last meeting was presented. Daren Friedle made a motion to ratify the checks written. Dave Belmont 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 – Dave gave a thank you to Bret and the team for an amazing fair. Gross was nearly \$1.2M with net profit at \$160,341.02 – great year!

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4. Elections – John Peschong – no report.
5. Facilities – Mike Coon informed the board that the elevator needs servicing. Mike will also be getting a security camera quote that will include 3 cameras.
6. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
7. Membership – Brenda Fletcher reported that there are 92 members on our waitlist. Membership pledges will be available January 1, 2024-April 1, 2024.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon stated that we may need to replace 4 chairs on the balcony.
9. Scholarship – Joanne Cummings – 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. Capital Improvements – Deana Nelson – absent.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

- A. 2023 Fair Wrap-Up – Heritage Foundation Board of Directors – no major issues for the 2023 fair and a great fair was agreed upon by all.
- B. CMSF Board of Director Liaison Update – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols – absent.
- C. Fair Update – Colleen Bojorquez, CMSF CEO – Colleen noted that the interim schedule is filling up nicely for the fairgrounds with events for 2024 coming along nicely. Some include Cattle-Pac, Circus Allegra, Tip-a-Cop & Ag Venture. The next CMSF Board Meeting will be held a week early. Sabrina is currently working remotely while helping out family and all seems to be working out great. Colleen also stated that the Annual Dinner is looking to be Friday, April 5, 2024.

Board Comments:

John Peschong provided a PSA on the homeless situation in SLO county, but especially Paso Robles lately. Drug use is rampant and warned everyone to be aware of their surroundings, especially after dark.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Beebe on behalf of Debbie Dusi, Secretary,

Susan Beebe
Vice Chairman

*The Next Regular Board Meeting:
Wednesday, October 11, 2023*