

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

February 14, 2024

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

**BODs Present:** Dave Belmont, Mike Coon, Joanne Cummings, Debbie Dusi, Brenda Fletcher, Daren Friedle, Deana Nelson, Patricia Lawrence, John Peschong, Ross Tenhaeff, Michael Torgerson

**BODs Absent:** Susan Beebe, Branden Blanke

**Members/Guests:** Colleen Boroquez, Deb Cipriano, Michael Cipriano, Chuck Fletcher, Steve Nakamoto, Tim Santoro, Meg Torgerson, Nancy Nichols

**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:** Daren Friedle motioned to approve the January 10, 2024, minutes, adding The Farm Bureau Crab Feed report by Joanne Cummings under Scholarships. Joanne Cummings made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:**

Chairman Torgerson asked the guests to introduce themselves.

**Financial Report:**

A. Financials

The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period January 1 – February 14, 2024.

Deana Nelson explained the allocation of funds for the Schwab CDs. After some discussion, Daren Friedle made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports as submitted. Dave Belmont made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Deana Nelson reported that there were no unpaid bills.

**Board Business:**

A. Standard Committees

1. Executive Committee – no report.
2. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle presented a 2024 Budget to the Board. Daren asked the Board to look it over and it will be represented at the March 2024 meeting.

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3. By-Laws –John Peschong - no report.
4. Concessions – Dave Belmont – no report.
5. Elections – John Peschong - no report.
6. Facilities – Ross Tenhaeff indicated that the cameras in the Heritage Lounge will be finalized next month.
7. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
8. Membership – Brenda Fletcher stated pledges went out December 2, 2023, and are due April 1, 2024.
9. Balcony – Mike Coon indicated we have 61 on the balcony waitlist.
10. Scholarship – Joanne Cummings indicated 400 tickets have been sold for the Crab Feed, with a goal of 500. The cut-off for ticket sales will be at the beginning of next week.

A. 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 reported that Chuck Fletcher has agreed to be the Project Manager for the new beef barn, with Ross Tenahoff and Michael Torgerson assisting him. Deana will meet with the fair board to start moving forward on this project.

**Old Business:**

A.

**New Business:**

- A. CMSF Board of Director Liaison Update – Nancy Nichols reminded everyone of the Fair Board Annual Dinner which is on April 5, 2024.
- B. Fair Update – Colleen Boroquez CMSF CEO reported some events coming in the next few months are Rhone Ranger, Farm Bureau Crab Feed, NRA Dinner, Pacific Cutting Horse Association, Dr. Crocker’s Celebration of Life, Spring Classic Derby, The Home Show, along with other events staff is working on. Maintenance is currently working to make the Cantina Bar more functional. The paperwork is signed but needs a few more drawings for the Fire Marshal to get the work on the front gate started. This project will be completed before the Fair. Colleen indicated the Rodeo Gate will now charge admission and reported the change in the February Fair Board meeting to February 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Skybox.

**Board Comments:**

Joanne Cummings had some samples and prices for items to be included in the Membership packets celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Heritage Foundation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie Dusi  
Secretary

***The Next Regular Board Meeting:  
March 13, 2024***