

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

June 12, 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, Daren Friedle, Patricia Lawrence, Deana Nelson, Ross Tenhaeff, Michael Torgerson

BODs Absent: Susan Beebe, Branden Blanke, Brenda Fletcher, John Peschong

Members/Guests: Steve Baker, Cathy Borg, Colleen Boroquez, Howard Brewen, Deb Chenier, Michael Cipriano, Julie Fallon, Thomas Humphrey, Renee Petroff, Steven Nakamoto

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

Approval of Minutes: Mike Coon motioned to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting minutes. Joanne Cummings made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:

Chairman Torgerson announced that no one was monitoring the Zoom for this meeting and questions would not be accepted through the chat. 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 – June 12, 2024.

Deana Nelson indicated that the fair bills should be paid without using any of the funds in the CD's.

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

Currently, there are no unpaid bills.

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Board Business:

A. Standard Committees

1. Executive Committee – Michael Torgerson reported that the Executive Committee met and set the agenda for the June meeting.
2. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – no report.
3. By-Laws – John Peschong - no report.
4. Concessions – Dave Belmont reported that all is going well in preparation for the fair. Brett is currently working on the new concession “Grandstand Pizza.” Dave will take care of licensing with the ABC next week.
5. Elections – John Peschong – no report.
6. Facilities – Ross Tenhaeff – no report.
7. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
8. Membership – Joanne Cummings updated the Board on the lanyards and pins for the 25th anniversary and plans for the pick-up party.
9. Balcony – Mike Coon reported all balcony seats were sold. Mike stated he will look at the current seating after the Fair.
10. Scholarship – Joanne Cummings – no report.

B. Special Committees:

1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capital Project – Dave Belmont – no report.
2. Legal Task Force – Michael Torgerson stated that the Executive Committee reached out to Clay Hall, and he is currently working on a response to the lawsuit. There is a deposition scheduled for July 2, 2024.
3. Capital Improvements – Michael Torgerson stated that they had met with Fair staff and walked through the beef barn area. During the meeting, Colleen indicated they would like to see the length of the beef bard remain the same, with the building not being as wide.

Old Business:

- A.
- B.

New Business:

- A. CMSF Board of Directors Liaison Update – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols – no report.
- B. Fair Update – Colleen Boroquez CMSF CEO reported the month of May was the busiest May since 2019 and staff is full speed ahead. The opening ceremony will be at 3:45 p.m. on the first day of the Fair and carnival rides will be free that day. Colleen invited all to attend. Colleen gave a rundown of some of the new attractions for this year’s Fair and indicated staff was very excited about the upcoming Fair. In addition, Colleen will be meeting with the City regarding the lawsuit.

Board Comments:

Deana Nelson asked about the Buyer Thank You Cards. After some discussion, the Board felt we should continue with the Buyer Thank You Cards.

Joanne Cummings indicated there would be a sign-up sheet for food sponsorships at the pick-up party during the fair. After some discussion, Debbie Dusi was asked to send out an email to all members regarding the sponsorships.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie Dusi
Secretary

***The Next Regular Board Meeting:
August 14, 2024***