

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

May 8, 2024

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

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

BODs Absent: Branden Blanke, Patricia Lawrence

Members/Guests: Steve Baker, Colleen Boroquez, Deb Chenier, Michael Cipriano, Chuck Fletcher, Thomas Humphrey, Steven Nakamoto, Nancy Wheeler-Nichols, 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 motioned to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, meeting. Brenda Fletcher 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 – May 8, 2024.

Deana Nelson went over the CD maturity dates and informed the Board that the CDs have made \$8,000 in interest.

Deana Nelson indicated she felt the work on the concession under the Skybox should be a donation to the Fair. Dave Belmont reported that the name of the new concession was Grandstand Pizza. After some discussion regarding improvements to the Island Bar and the Grandstand Pizza, Dave Belmont made a motion that the \$20,000.00 allocated to improvements to the Island Bar; also be used for improvements to the Grandstand Pizza. Deana Nelson made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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The list of checks written since the last meeting was presented. Dave Belmont made a motion to ratify the checks written. Brenda Fletcher made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Currently, there are no unpaid bills.

Board Business:

- A. Standard Committees
 - 1. Executive Committee – Michael Torgerson – no report.
 - 2. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – no report.
 - 3. By-Laws –John Peschong - no report.
 - 4. Concessions – Dave Belmont indicated that the Concessions Committee met with Brett and Jay regarding the construction at the Island Bar and Grandstand Pizza. Dave reported all is going well.
 - 5. Elections – John Peschong stated there are elections this year which will be discussed after the fair.
 - 6. Facilities – Ross Tenhaeff reported the elevator was fixed and cleared during the annual inspection.
 - 7. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
 - 8. Membership – Brenda Fletcher reported membership closed and we are full with 10 new memberships this year. Brenda also indicated there are still 127 on the waitlist and the Membership Committee will be reviewing the list after the Fair. Brenda and Joanne Cummings will meet regarding the Heritage Foundation 25th anniversary.
 - 9. Balcony – Mike Coon indicated all-balcony seat memberships were renewed.
 - 10. 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 informed the Board that during the 2022 Fair a woman fell on 24th street heading to the fair and has named the Heritage Foundation in her lawsuit. Dave explained that with no success our insurance company attempted to get the Heritage Foundation out of this suit. Dave further explained that since this fall happened outside the fairgrounds our insurance will not cover our expenses. After some discussion, Dave Belmont made a motion to allocate \$5,000 and to have the Executive Committee retain an attorney to represent the Heritage Foundation in this matter. Joanne Cumming made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - 3. Capital Improvements – Deana Nelson – no report.

Old Business:

- A.
- B.

New Business:

- A. CMSF Board of Directors Liaison Update – Nancy Wheeler-Nichols announced that Mission Square Entertainment was now on the website.
- B. Fair Update – Colleen Boroquez CMSF CEO reported that staff was slammed with interim events. The Sheriff's Rodeo, Paso Robles Wine Festival, Cork & Jam concert, and Firestone Walker Beer Festival are coming up. In addition, fair preparations are constantly going on. The wine night and one other concert will be announced next week. Colleen also indicated that Jelly Roll and Carin León are sold-out shows. Colleen announced that Rob Swift is the new Chief of Events. Colleen

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encouraged the Heritage Foundation to reach out to Rob with any concerns as he has lots of plans to make things run smoother.

Board Comments:

Deana Nelson announced that she had submitted the Ag West Farm Credit Stewardship Fund paperwork. The announcement of the award for \$30,000 will be made mid-summer.

Brenda Fletcher reminded everyone no guests will be admitted to the Heritage Lounge on “sold out” concert nights. In addition, in the past members have only been able to purchase a limited number of tickets, in the past, it has been 4 per membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie Dusi
Secretary

***The Next Regular Board Meeting:
June 12, 2024***