

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

November 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Chairman Torgerson.

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

**BODs Absent:**

**Members/Guests:** Steve Baker, Cindi Belmont, Colleen Boroquez, Kathy Campbell-Dahl, Steve Chambers, Ty Christensen, Deb Cipriano, Michael Cipriano, JD Cronin, Bob Cummings, Kim Daily, Alicia DiGarzia, Dom DiGarzia, Barry Fischer, Chuck Fletcher, Holly Fletcher, Jeff Gallagher, Thomas Humphrey, Kaci Marcotte, Michael Marcotte, Tonia Mazzo, Irene Moore, Pat Moore, Kim Mott, Perino, Justin, Perino Robin, Gretchen Roddick, Mike Torgerson, Susie Torgerson, Robin Valdez, Cynthia Wilshusen

**Approval of Agenda:** Susan Beebe made a motion to approve the agenda. Deana Nelson made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Brenda Fletcher motioned to approve the October 9, 2024, minutes. Branden Blanke made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:**

No announcements, introductions, or member comments.

**Financial Report:**

A. Financials

The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period ending November 13, 2024.

Deana Nelson indicated she moved \$40,000 into the checking account in anticipation of the bill from the Fair for the main gate. Deana stated she would continue to work with the CDs to move money around and get the best interest rates.

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

There were no unpaid bills.

**Board Business:**

A. Standard Committees

1. Executive Committee – Michael Torgerson reported that the committee met and discussed the agenda for the Annual Membership meeting and Monthly Board meeting, along with committees for 2025.
2. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – no report.
3. By-Laws – John Peschong - no report.
4. Concessions – Dave Belmont reported that although there are no final numbers the concessions income was over \$200,000 for the 2024 Fair. Dave indicated he would have final number at the next meeting.
5. Elections – John Peschong – no report.
6. Facilities – Ross Tenhaeff stated the maintenance was completed on the heating and air conditioning unit. At this time there is no need for additional work.
7. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
8. Membership – Brenda Fletcher informed the Board of the Western Fair Association Convention dates (January 19-22, 2025) and the cost per member to attend. After some discussion, Dave Belmont made a motion to allocate \$1,200 per member, for 5 Board members to attend. Patricia Lawrence made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.
9. Balcony – Mike Coon stated we have 64 on the wait list.
10. Scholarship – Joanne Cummings confirmed the date of February 22, 2025, for the Annual Crab Feed.

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 – Chuck Fletcher is still waiting to hear back from P.G.&E. regarding the large transformer's effect on the project.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

- A. Western Fair Association - Brenda Fletcher covered this during the membership report.
- B. CMSF Board of Director Liaison Update – Nancy Nichols deferred to Colleen Boroquez.
- C. Fair Update – Colleen Boroquez gave an overview of the Western Fair Association Fair Managers meeting she attended. Colleen indicated that the WFA deals only with California fairs and that they are looking at foundations regarding compliance, are they following audit requirements? The annual dinner will be in April and the theme of the 2025 Fair is “Off to the Races”. Interim events are busy as well as booking for entertainment for the 2025 Fair. Colleen gave an overview of her staff and their duties and responsibilities. In conclusion, Colleen stated that everyone thought the new main gate looked great.

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**Board Comments:**

Michael Torgerson thanked Patrica Lawrence for her service on the Board since 2009.

The Board Welcomed the new board members and indicated they were looking forward to working with them in the coming years.

John Peschong announced that Ron Pateras a long-time community member who was very involved in the Fair died of cancer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie Dusi  
Secretary

***The Next Regular Board Meeting:  
January 8, 2025***