

**49TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 24, 2017**

The meeting was held in the Administration Offices of the 49th District Agricultural Association.

Local media including radio, newspaper and television were notified of this meeting and were sent copies of the agenda.

President Bogner called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Directors Bogner, Brown, Cochrane, Hopkins, and McQueen.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Directors McDowell and Chauvin.

OTHERS PRESENT: NCRA representative Bill Himenes and CDFA, Board Resource Coordinator, Kalia Mitchell.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR March 27, 2017 BOARD MEETING:

Director Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes and Director Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular board meetings are scheduled for May 22nd and June 26th.

PUBLIC INPUT

NCRA representative Bill Himenes reported they have been working on the track and it looks good for races, things are drying out well.

CDFA, Board Resource Coordinator, Fairs & Expositions, Kalia Mitchell provided information to the board regarding the provision of resources and discussed the relationship between Fairs and Expositions, Lake County Fair, and the Fair Board. A discussion ensued concerning the needs of the fairgrounds. Kalia expressed an awareness of our needs and explained how the needs will be communicated within her organization going forward. Kalia offered suggestions how the board can actively enlist the help of government officials, within the state, to help with the needs of the fairgrounds.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Lake County Fair Gate Times and Prices

A motion to approve keeping the current fair gate times and raising the prices of admissions was made by Director Hopkins and was seconded by Director Cochrane. The motion carried unanimously.

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2. Approval of the Lake County Fair Alcohol Management Policy

A discussion ensued concerning the Alcohol Policy. Changes in wording were suggested concerning confiscation of suspicious IDs, expelling intoxicated patrons from the fairgrounds, trained servers, and having a photo ID. A motion to approve with suggested adjustments was made by Director Hopkins. Director Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Marquee Rotary Sign

A discussion ensued concerning signage proposed by the Rotary. Director McQueen offered to have more discussion with Rotary. A decision was made to table the matter until a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA, FINANCIAL REPORTS

A motion was made by Director Hopkins and seconded by Director McQueen to approve consent agenda items 1 – 11. The motion carried unanimously.

CEO'S REPORT

PAST ITEMS

- The Alcohol Policy, see Action Items.
- The non-smoking policy to be discussed under Discussion Items.

Manager Strickler reported she attended the Lake County Ag & Natural Resources Meeting.

Manager Strickler reported attended the Lake County Fair Foundation Meeting.

Manager Strickler reported we will be collaborating with Jack Long, in exchange for some equipment, we will have a sponsor booth at the Lakeport Sprint Boat Grand Prix Event on June 2nd and 3rd to further promote the Lake County Fair.

Manager Strickler reported she attended the Junior Livestock Meeting.

Manager Strickler reported she met with Dave Faries from Lake County Record Bee concerning events coverage.

Manager Strickler reported she met with the Junior Livestock Secretary.

Manager Strickler reported bidding packages for the Maintenance Grant are going out April 27th and it is projected the project will be completed by August 18th.

Manager Strickler reported the contest handbook is near completion and should be going to print soon.

Manager Strickler reported we have had some water leaks and erosion in the Little League Field due to the amount of the rainfall we have had.

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Manager Strickler reported we are planning the purchase of an ATM machine and are evaluating possible options.

Manager Strickler reported we are negotiating a new contract for KCA. Their contract ends in June. The school has never paid for water usage; Manager Strickler is reviewing option which may include having a water meter put in so water usage can be monitored and charged.

Manager Strickler reported the carnival contract will be made with Brass Ring's Midway of Fun.

Future Events

The Second Sunday Swap Meet is coming up on May 14th.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

1. Committee reports - Nothing to report.
2. Strategic Planning Session Follow-up. Director McQueen went to the Calistoga RV Convention to see what Calistoga's Fair RV Park looked like and if it would work for us. An RV center may not be in our best interests right now based on the current market.
3. Discussion of 2017 Fair times, and admission prices-see action item above.
4. Smoke Free Policy-Manager Strickler reported she has a Smoke Free Policy Draft. She has been working with Gina Lyle Griffin, the Health Programs Coordinator who has given her some information regarding smoke free policies. Based on the Boards' request, Manager Strickler is working on a proposed policy. The policy will be put on the next meeting's agenda for vote.
5. Lake County Fair Foundation-The next Ag & Resource Day will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018. The Foundation By-Laws indicate two fair board members should be a part of the foundation. We are still looking for a board member to join.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

- Fairs & Expositions. See public input above.
- May calendar of events.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:58 PM the Board retired to a closed session. Everyone except Board members and CEO were excused during the executive session.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:18 PM. As a result of the closed session further litigation will remain pending.

