

**49TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
June 26, 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 4:00 PM.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:** Directors Bogner, Chauvin, Cochrane, Hopkins, McDowell, McQueen.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Director Rosenthal and Brown, unexcused

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kalia Mitchell, Board Resource Coordinator, Fairs and Expositions

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Lengthy discussion ensued concerning the NCRA contract which is valid through July 4, 2017 and what direction should be taken in the future. Director Chauvin made a motion to have a meeting tomorrow, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4pm to determine the future relationship between the 49<sup>th</sup> DAA and NCRA. Director Hopkins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**

The next regular board meetings are scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>th</sup>. Fair Time Board Meetings will be held in the Director's Building, Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 3pm, Saturday and Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30am.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Select Volunteer of the Year**

This action will remain open for now.

**2. Proposed Skating Rink**

A discussion ensued concerning a proposed skating rink in Lewis Hall. Jeff Warrenburg from Paradise Skate in Antioch came to grounds to look at our buildings and discuss a proposal with Manager Strickler. He was willing to meet with the board concerning his proposal. Director Hopkins made a motion to have Manager Strickler move forward with negotiations concerning a contract for the skating rink. The motion was seconded by Director McDowell and the motion carried unanimously. Directors McDowell and Hopkins consented to join

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Manager Strickler on July 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM for a meeting with Mr. Warrenburg to further discuss a contract.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Bogner requested the Fair Foundation Member's names be included in Action Item 3 of the minutes. Director Bogner requested the Fair Foundation Member's names be included in Action Item 3 of the minutes. The May 22, 2017 minutes will be amended to read: "A discussion ensued concerning Grand Marshall nominees. It was decided to nominate the Directors of the Lake County Fair Foundation, Ruth Stewart, Jane Alameda, Bob Renker, Chuck Doty and Member at Large, Erica Illg. A motion to approve was made by Director Hopkins and seconded by Director Chauvin. The motion carried unanimously."

A motion was made by Director Chauvin and seconded by Director McDowell to approve consent agenda items 1–12 with the afore mentioned change. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CEO'S REPORT**

#### **PAST ITEMS**

Manager Strickler reported the Maintenance Door Grant walk around occurred. A CFSA representative and a potential vendor to look at all the doors in project for proposal. She has asked to have the project done before August 1<sup>st</sup>, or begin after fair. The current schedule has the work to be completed after fair.

Manager Strickler reported we participated in the Sprint Boat Grand Prix. In exchange for some equipment we were given a booth and hospitality suite for the event We were also provided advertising. The event was a success and they are likely to return next year.

Manager Strickler reported we had exactly the same number of attendees and vendors at the June Swap Meet. We will continue to have the swap meet and will be doing more publicity. We are going to promote it as Second Sunday Swap Meet/Flea Market.

Manager Strickler reported the Exhibitor Contest book is in and has been delivered to businesses around the lake.

Manager Strickler reported online entries are up and running.

Manager Strickler reported the office is beginning to hire for summer help. We currently have hired one person as part-time office staff.

#### **Grounds and Building Projects**

- Manager Strickler reported we are in the process of upgrading our computer equipment and software.

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- Manager Strickler reported the sewer in front of Lewis Hall has been repaired.
- Manager Strickler reported we have been approved for a tree removal and replanting grant for \$16,500.
- Manager Strickler reported restroom renovation is slowly moving forward. We are applying for a grant through PACE. Manager Strickler met with Peter Nolasko and thinks he can get them done before fair.

**Meetings**

Manager Strickler reported she attended the Lake County Fair Foundation Meeting. The Foundation has allotted \$15,000 toward the renovations of the Lewis Hall restrooms.

Manager Strickler reported she attended the Ag and Natural Resources meeting. They are working on a grant through Umpqua Bank for added support of the March 15, 2018 event. They have set a limit of 2500 children for Ag and Natural Resources Day. Some discussion ensued.

Manager Strickler reported she attended the last Junior Livestock Committee meeting; they are planning on having a vendor in Junior Building this year.

Manager Strickler reported she met with Harry Mason, Midway of Fun for the carnival contract; he was the only one who applied and request the Request for Proposal.

Manager Strickler reported she met with the Lakeport City Manager concerning the parade. She has requested access to the area near D Street gate to help give better access for some ladies with disabilities and to help move the goats on and off the grounds.

Manager Strickler reported our Exhibit Supervisors attended an Exhibit Supervisor Training facilitated by Charlie Baroni from the Marin County Fair.

**Future Items**

Manager Strickler reported she has been working with the Department of General Services to develop letters that the board may submit to politicians to get funding for broadband on the fairgrounds.

Manager Strickler reported the next Swap Meet will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Strickler reported she will be taking vacation days for June 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Strickler reported she, and Directors Bogner and Hopkins met with Cecilia Aguilar-Curry to discuss the future of the fairgrounds. She informed us she is a strong supporter of the broadband bill. She is interested in assisting the fair.

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**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

1. Executive Committee – Nothing to report
2. Building, Grounds, Long-Range Planning – Nothing to report
3. Discussion of 2017 Fair – times haven’t changed and price changes are in effect. Manager Strickler reported she is still working on finalizing grandstand events for the fair. She is trying to get a demolition derby, but they are extremely costly. The Ribbon Dinner mailing list will be emailed to all board members to allow them to add names for invitations. These should be returned to the fair by July 15, 2017.

**CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS**

- July and August Calendars of Events

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:48 PM the Board retired to a closed session. Everyone except Board members and CEO were excused during the executive session.

The open session reconvened at 6:35 PM. Director Bogner announced Manager Strickler’s decision to retire on November 1, 2017. The Board’s Executive Committee consisting of Directors Bogner, President of the Board, McDowell, Vice President of the Board, and Hopkins, the closest outgoing President will meet to begin the hiring process for a new CEO. Last year’s Board President, Director Cochrane has submitted his resignation to the Board effective today.

The Executive Board will ensure all appropriate agencies; news media and social media are notified of the job announcement. The Executive Committee will receive and review all applications before submitting the most qualified for interviews by the entire Fair Board of Directors. Upon agreement of the Board the candidate selected will be notified. The board signified unanimous agreement to this process.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 PM**

**VOTING RESULTS**

Director’s votes were all unanimous. Individual votes listed below.

DIRECTOR	Bogner	Brown	Chauvin	Cochrane	Hopkins	McDowell	McQueen	Rosenthal
VOTE	Yes	AB unexcused	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	AB
Abstain								

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Debbie Strickler, CEO

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 Date

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 Janeane Bogner, President

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