

**49TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 3:00 PM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Directors Bogner, Brown, Chauvin, Hopkins, McDowell, Rosenthal.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director McQueen, unexcused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Himenes, NCRA, Duane Furman, past Livestock Superintendent and Katie Evans, public.

PUBLIC INPUT:

NCRA representative Bill Himenes, reported on the recent NCRA race. The attendance was a little low. Things are winding down. They have one more race to end the year.

Duane Furman expressed his desire to see the board to select a new CEO with livestock experience.

Katie Evans had no input.

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next regular Board meeting will be October 23rd at 4:00 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Refunds

All Junior Livestock market animals require photos and the cost was added to the entry fee as in the past. The Board was asked to consider refunds for Junior Livestock photo fees paid in error through a separate entry number in the Entry Program. Staff is reviewing the records for photo fees which were paid in error to ensure our refunds are accurate. \$120 is an acknowledged refund to Cindy Nolan for camping fees. Director McDowell made a motion to approve the refunds after review and seconded by Director Rosenthal. The motion passed unanimously.

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CEO'S REPORT

PAST ITEMS

Manager Strickler reported we were down in attendance this year. It is believed the heat was a big factor. Manager Strickler we have revenue insurance and she is looking at filing a claim. We were up in still exhibit entries and livestock animals.

Manager Strickler reported we are in the process of after fair cleanup. We have sprayed in addition to hanging numerous fly traps to contend with the flies. We are having the manure hauled off the grounds.

Manager Strickler reported our ATM machines did well. In the future we will be putting one in Lewis Hall for the skating rink, and we will use the other one for events as they occur.

Manager Strickler reported we are still invoicing and doing a little bit of cleanup work on the Junior Livestock Auction. Staff member, Conkle has registered for and will be attending a Showworks training program in November.

Manager Strickler reported on the Appreciation Dinner. Fifty plus guests attended. She will be sending a letter and plaque of appreciation to Sally Green for her volunteer work.

Manager Strickler reported the work was completed on the maintenance grant for tree removal and trimming. She does not know now if there will be money for planting new trees.

Manager Strickler reported on the AB1499 bill for fair funding. It has been requested we recruit a board member who is willing to contact Governor Brown in our behalf. This is a bill that would allow a percentage of sales taxes collected during the fair to return to the fair as funding. This bill also has a component that would require the fair to pay for overtime anytime a person works over eight hours. Directors Brown and McDowell volunteered to contact the governor.

Manager Strickler reported Paradise Skates is scheduled to open on October 28th. He will be installing carpet and flooring after the Quilt Show. He has already set his website up to allow people to book parties at the rink.

Manager Strickler reported the Sutter Health Fair is the weekend of October 14th. The use of Lewis Hall for part of their event is an issue due to recent and ongoing renovations. Manager Strickler had set up several meetings with Sutter and Paradise Skates to figure out a plan.

Manager Strickler reported our grandstands and parking areas were used for the memorial services of the deputy who passed away.

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Future Items

Manager Strickler reported she will be having multiple fair follow-up sessions between herself, the exhibit staff and livestock staff so they can work on the book for next year.

Manager Strickler reported she will be working on the budget.

Manager Strickler reported she will be meeting with those involved in AG Days periodically between now and March 15th, 2018.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

1. Executive Committee - Nothing to report.
2. Building, Grounds, Long-Range Planning – Directors Hopkins and McQueen met with Jeff Warrenburg. He showed them how he will be using the building and they saw the many renovations and cleanup he has been doing. He explained the layout of what the building will look like when it is completed. His investment for the new floor is around \$48,000. Mr. Warrenburg discussed the use of the building for exhibits during the fair. He does not see any conflicts going forward.
3. Finance Committee – Nothing to report.
4. Lake County Fair Foundation – Director Bogner reported they made modest money on the wine booth due to the cost of the wine. Director Rosenthal is the new board representative on the Fair Foundation.
5. The Appreciation Dinner was a success, attended by 50 people.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

- October Calendar of Events
- Letter from Upper Lake FAA

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 3:55 PM

VOTING RESULTS

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Strickler, CEO

Date

Janeane Bogner, President Date