

49TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 28, 2019

The meeting was held in the Administration Office 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 McDowell called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Directors Bogner, Hansen, McDowell, McQueen, Turner, and Rosenthal.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Directors Chauvin, and Brown.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Director Turner moved to approve, Director McQueen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES FOR October 22nd: Director Bogner moved to accept the minutes, Director Turner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS: The next regular board meetings will be December 10th at 4:00 PM and January 28th at 4:00 PM.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Furia for Furia Motorsports, Bill Himenes for NCRA.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Himenes had nothing to report.

Mr. Furia shared go carts start this weekend. They have been doing some property improvements to make things safer. He stated there has been some changes in rules over the past couple of years and lower cost Craig motors are making it affordable for more people to join in the sport. He is encouraging racers to run in the planned upcoming series which will bring more racers to Lakeport Speedway. Some discussion ensued.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Nominations for 49th DAA President and Vice President:** Director Turner was nominated for President. Motion to approve was made by Director Bogner, Director McQueen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Director Rosenthal was nominated for Vice President. Director Bogner motioned to approve, Director McQueen seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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2. **Contract Extension for RA18/027, NCRA/Lakeport Speedway:** Some discussion ensued. Motion to approve was made by Director Turner, seconded by Director McQueen, and was carried unanimously.
3. **2019 Budget Approval (full budget under correspondence):** Some discussion ensued. CEO Conkle stated she is willing to facilitate training to look at the budget in depth. Motion to approve was made by Director McQueen and seconded by Director Turner. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **2018/2019 Allocation Request Approval:** CEO Conkle stated fairs are going to be reclassified next year for 2020. Motion to approve was made by Director Turner and seconded by Director McQueen. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: Director Bogner stated she would like to see policy enforced and collections for the auction be made the day of the auction. She stated she is concerned about what it is costing the fair for collections being made after the fair. CEO Conkle stated she would like to see a plan in place to have at least one courtesy year to prepare people for the policy enforcement. Some discussion ensued. Motion to approve was made by Director Bogner and seconded by Director Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

1. Committee appointments will be made by the new board president at the January 28th meeting.
2. Some discussion ensued concerning bank signers.

CEO'S REPORT

Meetings attended:

- CEO Conkle reported the Fair Foundation approved \$850 to help finish the front gate, signage, and electrical conduit. They also approved \$3000 to be used with a grant from Home Depot to put new wood floors in the Little Theater.
- CEO Conkle reported the deadline for student registration to AG Days has been extended because of all the school closures we have had.
- CEO Conkle reported she attended the Junior Livestock (JL) Meeting. JL members are interested in being more hands on in making changes and improvements. This will put them in more control of their program.
- CEO Conkle reported the Executive Committee met today regarding NCRA contract.

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- CEO Conkle reported she had premium book review meetings with people who would like to suggest changes for 2019. She had about 25 people come throughout the day and it was very good. They were people who have worked during the fair. They were organized and had very good ideas and suggestions. The next one will be February 1st beginning at 1:30 PM and the office will remain open until 5:30 PM.
- CEO Conkle attended the Fall manager's Conference. She stated her concern for the future of the fairs in California because of an upcoming turnover in managers with managers who are new to the industry. This is due to the retirement of many managers who have been in the industry for 25 or 30 years. This and other issues make the liability risk pool questionable. Some discussion ensued.
- CEO Conkle reported meeting with the California Department of Food and Agriculture. There are new regulations coming.
- CEO Conkle reported fairs with projects not completed by December 31st lose their grant from California Fair Finance Authority and are ineligible for future state grants for 5 years. Our project is completed. Fairs who have completed their projects are first in line for future grants. CEO Conkle has already put in for a patch fencing grant for our race track.
- CEO Conkle reported the Western Fair Association is going through many transitions in their upper management. We may get new board appointments before the governor leaves office.
- CEO Conkle reported our office was closed nearly 3 whole days due to the poor air quality. Some discussion ensued concerning phone messaging when we are closed and getting new phones.
- CEO Conkle reported she flies out to the San Antonio International Association of Fairs and Expositions Conference on Friday. Because of the travel ban we will not be eligible for reimbursement of the funds for the conference.
- CEO Conkle reported she will be attending the Western Fairs Association (WFA) Conference in January. We have 3 candidates who are applying for WFA Internships.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

- December calendar of events
- 2018/2019 Proposed Budget

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ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION: 5:53 PM

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION: 7:35 PM

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION: Reviewed CEO Performance Evaluation with CEO Conkle. A motion to approve a salary adjustment of an increase of 7% monthly was made by Director McQueen and seconded by Director Bogner. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 PM

VOTING RESULTS

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

DIRECTOR	Bogner	Brown	Chauvin	Hansen	McDowell	McQueen	Rosenthal	Turner
VOTE	Yes	Absent	Absent Excused	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Abstain								

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtny Conkle, CEO

Date

Tom Turner, President

Date