

**Verde Valley Fair Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes June 29, 2022**  
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Pynne Johnson, Vice President Paul Groseta, Treasurer Lewis Rice (via Teams), Board member Steve Drake and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Brian Bolton, Jessica Bolton, Tosca Henry (arrived at 5:57 pm) and others who did not sign in or we could not read.

Absent: Secretary David Mongini

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm

**Call to Public:** None

**Consent agenda** –Mr. Mongini made a correction on the June 13, 2022 minutes – date was incorrect, should be June 13, 2022 Mr. Groseta moved to Approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Drake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion – all in favor

**Chairman’s Report** - None

**Administration Report** - \*Executive Board scholarship had 9 College students apply. Mr. Groseta recused himself from discussion since his daughter has applied. Mrs. Gilboy moved to do \$500 to each of the 9 applicants if all were complete applications. Mr. Drake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor – Mr. Groseta abstained.

\* Mrs. Gilboy had sent out some information on a free standing evaporative cooler for show barn, discussion was that people would stand in front of it and others would not get the benefit. More research will be done.

**Financials** - Mr. Drake moved to approve the May 2022 financials. Mr. Groseta seconded the Motion. All in favor.

**Committee Report** –

**Livestock:** \*The elected committee members were sat at the last meeting and elected Mr. Bolton as President, Ms. Kayla Niederer as Vice President, Mrs. Bolton as Secretary. The committee is working on rule changes for the 2023 fair.

**Arena Report:** \* The individual that was injured was asked to do a statement for our insurance, as of today nothing has been submitted.

**RV Camping Spots** – Mr. Mongini did not have an update.

**Rentals** –\* The job description was reviewed and added that the position is hourly, there will be a background check, no overtime without prior approval, part time and pay will depend on qualifications.

**VII Old Business**

**A) By-law worksession** 6:09 pm– Attorney Henry had the updated By-Laws and had some questions about clarifications that were needed – discussion was on who could be reimbursed and how that was done. There was not a consensus on “family members” so that will not be changed.

**Executive Session** 7:28 Mr Groseta moved to go into executive session regarding injury. Mr. Drake 2<sup>nd</sup>. 7:40 board came back into regular session

**B) Tractor Purchase** – Copies of what Mr. Mongini had received about a new tractor and the one the board viewed was presented. Mrs. Gilboy wash hesitant to purchase a brand new tractor for the fairgrounds and spend that much money when we are not having events in the arena consistently and we can rent one for the fair. Mr. Drake agrees that right now it might not be the best time to purchase a new tractor with how expensive they are. Mr. Groseta stated it would be best to wait and watch for something else. Mr. Rice was willing to wait. We will all continue to watch but not purchase at this time.

- C) Database Contract** – The livestock committee recommended hiring Mrs. Norris again for the 2023 fair. Mr. Groseta stated that Mrs. Norris should not be required to attend all Livestock and Executive monthly board meetings in person, but attend those that pertain to the database as needed. Mr. Groseta moved to hire Mrs. Norris with the updated job description. Mr. Drake 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. All in favor.
- D) Budget 2022 – 2023** – Last month multiple scenarios were presented and we need to decide which to implement – raising fees for camping – Mr. Drake would like to see a comparison of kilowatts used from 2019 in the off months to 2021 and 2022 in addition to raising the camping fees now. Mr. Drake moved to raise the camping fees as of August 1, 2022 to \$30 for power and \$20 a night for dry camping, Mr. Groseta 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor. Gate fees for 2023 Mr. Groseta moved raise the gate fee to \$8 to help offset the increased cost for parking. Mr. Drake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.
- E) New Fair Website** – Only 1 company responded, will continue to look when the rental person comes on staff.

#### **New Business**

- A) Photo Contract** - The 2022 fair photos are not all uploaded for the next contract wording needs to be added that the photos need to be uploaded each day by 2 am. And a deadline for all photo uploads.
- B) Governors Fund Financial Audit** – We have to do an onsite audit and the auditors gave us 3 days to get the information uploaded – that has now been extended to July 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**XI. Executive Session** – Mr. Groseta moved to go into executive session at 8:29 pm. Mr. Drake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – all in favor. Meeting resumed at 8:37 pm

**X. Future Agenda Items-** Top buyer program

**Adjournment** – 8:40pm Mr. Groseta made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Drake seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.