

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes June 6, 2023
5:00 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Vice President Steve Drake, Treasurer Lewis, Secretary Ginny Rench, Board member Joel Rosenberg and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Cristin Combs, Brian Bolton, Steve Rench, Robert Meier, Chris Barrier, Amy Combs, Jessica Bolton, Eric Banuelos, Nate Jackson, and others who did not sign in or we could not read.

Absent: None

I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Canedy

II. **Call to Public:** None

III. **Consent agenda** – Mr. Drake moved to approve the Minutes from May 19, 2023 with corrections. Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor

IV. **Chairman’s Report** - *None

V. **Administration Report** - * AFA recap, including Arizona Department of Ag, * Trip to Montana next week.

VI. **Financials** - With it being the 6th of the month, we have not received our bank statements so May information will be presented in July with the June information. Direction was given to purchase a 30 to 50 gallon sprayer for weeds at tractor supply or northern tool. Auction numbers were reviewed and compared to the 2022 Auction. We had more animals so discussion was briefly held on how to keep the buyers and not take so many hours. Discussion included less small stock, only blue ribbon animals and other ideas. Livestock Committee will discuss and give recommendation to executive board.

VII. **Committee Report** –

A) **Livestock:** * Working on thank you letters, have the new people seated on the committee tonight.

B) **Arena Report:** * Working on a fall series

C) **Rentals:** Very busy, not many Saturdays left in 2023 and 2024.

E) **2023 Fair** – * 3 emails with suggestions for 2024, mostly livestock suggestions. * Fix lights was on the top of many lists * Dirt piles * Set up Pens * Weeds. Nate Jackson comments were 1) Judges work for us. 2) Telling leaders how it will go should not be the livestock committee job to keep parents and exhibitors informed, the leaders need to step up. Jessica Bolton comment was that thank you letters were not acceptable and it seemed that parents, exhibitors and leaders did not care about the quality of the letters. Amy Combs stated the small stock judge was great.

VIII **Old Business**

A) **Fire Hydrants** – After all the digging, testing and information we need to put a new water line in from 12th street to the 1st hydrant. We will get bids to do this project.

B) **APS – lines underground** – We have not received numbers from APS.

C) **Power Changes:** After the meeting with the City one of the big concerns is the power around the fairgrounds. We have for the past 10 years been each year improving, and moving power so there is not overload. There was 5 items on the opening day of fair that we needed to correct to get our permit. These items were taken care of but we need to move forward with permanent solutions. Behind the office the many extension cords need to be covered and power along the way, all power cages need to be locked, every extension cord needs to be labeled as to who it belongs to.

D) **Master Plan** – will work on this after fair.

E) **Roof on Office**– Need more bids.

F) **Navajo County** – Mr. and Mrs. Rench and Coleen took the cages back to Holbrook.

G) **2023-24 Budget** – 1st draft was presented and questions were asked. We will use the cash carryover for capital improvement plans. We do not know the exact amount of the Governors

Fund Grant but we will get that in the budget before we adopt in July. Mr. Drake would like to see a water tank with a boost pump for well for the high usages times. Priority given on capital improvement projects: 1) Water line to fire hydrants, 2) Seal Coat asphalt and 3) Septic 2nd opinion and then replace the leach lines.

IX New Business

- A) Carnival Contract** –We are at the end of our 10 year contract. We would like to do a 5 year with an option for an additional 5 years. What information can we get regarding maintenance on the rides.
- B) Waterline bids to hydrants**– We will need to get 3 bids to do the project. Coleen will get with the City for what is needed. People to ask for bids from: McDonald Brother, Longfellow Excavating, David DeWitt, Thad Card, Ed Shill and Danny Elmer
- C) Sealing Asphalt:** It was suggested that we seal asphalt to keep it, when reaching out to McDonald Brothers who paved the road they do not seal it, gave us the name of Cactus Asphalt.
- D) Security Cameras:** We are getting bids on security cameras on property. Thus far it is hard to compare bids so more information needs to be gathered. The bids have come in as low as \$10,000 and as much as \$25,000 this would cover the whole property.
- E) Stackable Cages for future fairs:** A group of people met in the small stock barn to look at options from stacking our current cages, how to improve the frames. Also if we should use wood or steel on the frames. They are going to try to work up a proto-type.
- F) Fire Lane:** We have sent a letter to the City to leave up the fire lane as a year around fire lane. We will discuss this and the apron with the City maintenance department.
- G) Art Building Septic:** We are having issues with the Art building septic. When it was pumped before fair it was suggested that our leech line is not working. The Board would like a 2nd opinion.

X. Future Agenda Items- Move forward with spray foam bids on the inside of show barn on south and west walls and the small stock building on the west side, contacting Gail Insulation, Bakeer in Cornville, Monty Pierce and Trevor Valenzuela. Also Mr. Rice would like information on getting solar on our buildings.

XI. Executive Session – NONE

XII. Adjournment – 6:30 pm Mr. Drake made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.