

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes July 21, 2020
5:00 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Nate Jackson, Vice President Sonny Zale, Secretary Claudia Schwisow, Treasurer Beth Canedy, and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Eric Banuelos and Brian Bolton

Absent: Board member Kami Mulcaire

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm

Consent agenda – Mr. Zale made the Motion to approve all 4 sets of Minutes from May 19, 2020 Regular meeting, May 21, 2020 Special meeting, June 16, 2020 Regular meeting and May 21, 2020 Executive Session meeting. Ms Schwisow 2nd the Motion – all in favor.

Chairman's Report - *Attended the Arizona Fair Association (AFA) Zoom meeting regarding the fairs that are cancelling this fall and what that means for the state.

Administration Report - *Received the grant we were told in March we would not be receiving. * AFA is putting out a new dues schedule but we do not know when it will go into effect – our annual dues will go from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per year. * Time off request was presented for the next 12 months to the best of my ability.

Financials - Market is bouncing back better than expected. Ms. Canedy made the Motion to accept financials. Ms. Schwisow seconded the Motion. All in favor.

Old Business –

A) **2020-2021 BUDGET Discussion and Adoption** –2 budgets were presented one at full budget and one with a 25% reduction, including reduction in salary's. The board wanted to go with the full budget and just watch how expenses are going.

B) **2020 Executive Board Scholarship** – Next step is to send out of town, there were 5 entries

C) **2020-21 Livestock Election Results.** Mr. Eric Banuelos, Mr. Lonnie Ferguson, Mr. Brian Bolton, Mrs. Natalie Taylor, Mr. Donald Rezzonico and Mrs. McKenzie Banuelos was elected. Ms. Schwisow made the Motion to accept the Livestock Committee Election Results. Ms. Canedy 2nd the Motion. All in favor.

New business

Youth volunteering at fairgrounds – year around – Discussion on allowing livestock youth to volunteer year around. Conclusion was the leader has to be informed and approve them to volunteer and no boys and girls volunteering at the same time unless in separate locations.

A) **2021 Photographer fee** – The Photographers submitted a higher bid for the 2020 fair and wanted to roll it over to the 2021 fair – there has been an increase the past 2 years. Ms Schwisow made the motion to approve the rate for the 2021 fair and Ms. Canedy 2nd the motion. Discussion was that we do not sign anything until we know if there will be a 2021 fair. All in favor.

B) **2020-21 Governors fund**– The draft report is included in the packet and the best information we have was used to create the report. Mr. Jackson signed the report to be sent to the State.

C) **2021 Livestock Rulebook** – The Rulebook changes were reviewed that the Livestock Committee suggested. Ms. Canedy made the Motion to Approve the Livestock Rulebook Changes and Mr. Zale 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Committee Report –

Livestock: Scholarship set amounts will be discussed at the next meeting so that if x amount apply the amounts awarded will fall into the chart. Rulebook changes went really well. Livestock Database only had 1 application turned in.

Arena Report: - Ty Yost is looking for an arena to have team roping, will have to look into food vendors and the liquor sales.

RV Camping Spots – We have a large group coming in September – even though Thunder Valley Rally cancelled, they are still coming.

Bathrooms – City Inspection punch list is all we have left then we can get the COO

Shop - Power the bid came in at \$2,000 for the panel and the wire – get 2 more bids.

Rentals –Most are re-scheduling, only 1 has cancelled.

Possible Executive Session – none

Adjournment – 7:25 pm Ms. Schwisow made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Canedy seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.