

**Verde Valley Fair Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes September 17, 2024**  
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Vice President Steve Drake, Treasurer Lewis Rice, Secretary Ginny Rench, Board member Joel Rosenberg and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Dan Sullivan, Brian Bolton, Robert Mier, Kinley Mier, Scott Taylor, Andy Groseta, Eric Banuelos, Emily from RISE, Cristin Combs and Steve Rench.

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Canedy
- II. **Call to Public:** Mr. Groseta presented some changes to the Auction as suggestions for improvements. The board was handed the suggestions in a document to review. Since the items were not on the agenda the board could not comment, but President Canedy stated we had considered many of the items and they are in the works for 2025. Mr. Taylor also spoke on moving the auction earlier and making it faster, all of which the livestock committee is working on.
- III. **Consent agenda** – Mrs. Rench made the Motion to accept the Minutes from August 20, 2024 Regular meeting Mr. Rosenberg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman's Report** - \*Was not able to attend the Yavapai County Fair but knew a lot of our exhibitors went over to their fair, by not owning the grounds it makes Verde Valley exhibitors thankful to own the fairgrounds so improvements can be made all the time. \* Went to the ADEQ meeting regarding the slag pile and the information given was there is no threat from the slag.
- V. **Administration Report** - \* Mom fell and cracked 5 ribs so working with family until she can live alone again. \* Going to see Mikey tomorrow after work. \* Until mom can live alone, I will be working remotely. \* Was at Navajo County Fair it was a great fair and I asked if some of their vendors would come down to our fair, they are going to look at their schedule, Navajo County Fair will be coming to help at our fair in 2025.
- VI. **Financials** - \* Mr. Rice stated that one of our CD's at 5.2% is coming due and does not think we will be able to get that high of a return on our money but will continue to look for the best option. Mr. Drake moved to accept the financials, Mrs. Rench 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.
- VII. **Committee Report** –
  - A) **Livestock:** \* Had the mandatory leader meeting, went really well, \* Lonesome Valley has 5 students returning. \* Input from the livestock committee about the Jr. Livestock Committee and how excited the committee AND the leaders are for this, looking at 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older students.
  - B) **Arena Report:** Going to have a 5 to 6 barrel race series
  - C) **Rentals** – .State FFA groups will be on grounds tomorrow from 6:30 am until 2:30 pm, could be anywhere from 250 to 400 students
- VIII **Old Business**
  - A) **Caretaker Trailer/Camp Host**– Nothing new to report at this time.
  - B) **Showbarn Buyer Signs-** Direction was given to look into more professional signs for the buyer boards – 928 Signs gave a bid for magnetic boards so that every year we only had to replace the 3 year old buyer and replace with the newest buyers. The initial cost would be expensive and then each year only about \$200 + to make the new magnets. Mrs. Combs called and got prices for the 4 ft x 8 ft banner behind the board and those run \$60 to \$80. The board directed us to hang the one we ordered in the Showbarn and make sure people can read it and then to look at getting our own banner printer.
  - C) **New Showbarn** – Utilities – We need to start the process for a new showbarn as in location, the utilities needed, what we want. Direction was given to poll the members on what they want in a new showbarn. The questionnaire would go out to members with the ballots.

- D) **Jr. Livestock Committee** – Parents would have to sign for the youth since they are under 18, we want to ask the parents “what will your parent volunteer for at the fair” .
- E) **MRI Parking lot for employees** – The parking lot area is mapped out, at this time they are not fencing it, they have given us insurance and they did some clean up of the piles of dirt and manure on that end of the property – we gained at least 30 more parking posts by their clean up, it looks so nice over there.

#### **IX New Business**

- A) **Security Cameras** – When the current cameras were put in, discussion was held on adding more cameras to the system including over the 2 bars and in the office. A bid was received from the same company the current cameras are from. The bid was over \$12,000 for the 3 cameras due to the number of trips they will have to come up here. Direction was given to staff to look at ordering the cameras ourselves and having staff run the cable and then paying the camera company to add them to our system.
- B) **D & O Insurance** – We were sent 2 bids for D&O insurance. The 1<sup>st</sup> bid was for 1 year and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was for 3 year, there is not very much cost savings to outlay 3 times the price so we will only purchase 1 year at a time.
- C) **Letter from Emily Holly at RISE Resource** - Ms. Holly requested to be on our agenda to discuss a discount on tickets for her staff. Clarification was made on what tickets she is talking about. The students and her staff are free to enter the fair during the field trip time, Ms. Holly was requesting a discount on RIDE tickets for her staff to ride with the students. Since the Fair Association is not the owner of the Carnival, Ms. Holly was directed to contact Browns Amusement for any sort of discount.
- D) **Fundraising BBQ** – Ms. Canedy wanted to discuss having a fundraising BBQ that students would pre-sell BBQ tickets for a drive through dinner, then all profits would be split between the clubs based on the number of students enrolled in their club. Discussion included who would cook the food, who would sell the tickets. Mr. Drake stated it would be like other events 10% of the members doing 90% of the work and is not interested in doing another fundraiser at this time.
- E) **Animal Wash Racks** – Ms. Canedy wondered if the Fair should install permeate chutes for the kids to use while at the fair. It was decided that those kids that want the chutes have them and until there is more room, we will need to wait.

#### **XI. Executive Session** – not needed

**X. Future Agenda Items-** Solar, Large water supply with a boost pump, Look for a grant for environmental storm water run off retention for the front parking lot, 10 year plan, excavator (discussion was we talked about this awhile ago and it was decided we would rent one and let someone else do the maintenance on it.

**XII. Adjournment** – 7:21 pm Mr Drake moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.