

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes May 17, 2022

5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Pynne Johnson, Vice President Paul Groseta, Treasurer Lewis Rice, Secretary David Mongini, Board member Steve Drake and Director Coleen Gilbo in addition, public Brian Bolton, Jessica Bolton, Kayla Niederer, Kim Demoney, Mary Valenzula, Sonny Zale, Shelly Zale, Sheila Mongini, Barbara Roze, Joanie Gerlach, Veronica “Roni” Kennedy, Cristin Combs, Beth Canedy, Natalie Taylor, Monica Mongini, Michael Wilkerson, Rylee Ellis, Eric Banuelos, Brandon Wacker, Cheryl Brothers, Breanna Brothers, Mike Gilbo, Jessie Ryberg others who did not sign in or we could not read.

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm

Call to Public: None .

Consent agenda – Mr. Groseta moved to Approve the minutes from March 15, 2022. Mr. Mongini 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor

Chairman’s Report -Was not here last month but was at the Fair and was over whelmed and excited how the livestock committee went above and beyond at the 2022 fair.

Administration Report - *Executive Board scholarship was sent out, * there are 2 banquets – one for Camp Verde and one for Mingus will attend both if able. * Mrs. Gilbo was awarded “Women of the Year award by the Sisterhood Connection, * looking for a mobil band sawmill. * MRI send the COLA for the past year. *Arizona Fair Association mandatory meeting is June 6 to 8 in Phoenix, this will qualify the Verde Valley Fair for the Governors Fund Grant. In order to receive grant someone must attend the 2 mandatory meetings.

Financials - Mr. Mongini moved to approve the March through April 2022 financials. Mr. Drake seconded the Motion. All in favor.

Committee Report –

Livestock: *The air conditioner in the office was very helpful – thank you very much. * The Livestock Committee has requested that the Executive Board double the amount of the scholarships they hand out since the auction brought in so much scholarship money. Mr. Groseta moved to accept the recommendation of the livestock committee and Mr. Drake 2nd the Motion. All in favor.

Arena Report: * There was an injury at the arena and the person has asked for their expenses covered – our risk management has requested that witnesses and the injured party write down what they saw.

RV Camping Spots – Mr. Mongini will have an update at June meeting . Spoke with Joe Link from SWI.

Rentals –* Discussion on the rental coordinator position, review of the job description. * Opportunity to purchase a used 4 keg kegerator for larger events – the cost is \$2,000 which is less than half for a 2 keg unit. Board approved the purchase of the unit. Mr. Groseta stated it would be great at the auction.

Fair 2022 – Fair was AWESOME and very busy – Parking costs were through the roof with the shuttle service and the security people helping in the parking lot. * Mrs. Gilbo requested that we give “Bonus’s” to those that work the whole fair including the Monday and Tuesday after fair for clean up – hiring people has been a struggle, paying minimum wages makes it very hard to hire people that will work. Discussion on amounts and who would qualify, some wanted if they worked one day they get something – Mrs. Gilbo stated if they did not work the entire fair and the two days after, they do not qualify. Mr. Groseta moved that a bonus between \$100 to \$500 based on years of service and quality of job done for the past and future years. Mr. Mongini 2nd the motion. All in favor

VII Old Business

A) **Coolers on Boardroom** - Verde Sol-Aire got them done before fair opened.

XI. Executive Session – Mr. Mongini moved to go into executive session at 6:57 pm. Mr. Groseta 2nd the motion – all in favor. Meeting resumed at 7:04 pm

B) **By-Law Update/changes/work session** – Dates were thrown out on when could meet and how the process would work. All edits/changes/suggestions have to be turned in by June 3 so all can be compiled and given to the Attorney.

C) **Tractor Purchase** – Southwest Sale and Equipment will have a unit here the day we do the worksession in the arena to make sure the tractor can pull the drag.

New Business

A) **Database Contract 2023** - Discussion on the contract, any changes – Mr. Groseta asked that the person does NOT have to attend the Executive board and the Livestock committee meetings every month.

B) Livestock Election

a. **Introduction of Candidates** – Mr. Brian Bolton, Mrs. Jennifer Niederer, Mr. Brandon Wacker, Ms. Joanie Gerlach, Mrs. Kim Demoney all spoke about why they want to be on the livestock committee

b. **Counting of Ballots** – The ballots were counted while the rest of the agenda items were discussed. The following were elected by the membership: Brian Bolton, Eric Banuelos, Jennifer Niederer, Joseph Bleak, Joanie Gerlach and Kim Demoney. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your time.

C) **Cyber Insurance Policy** – The insurance company sent over a new policy – at this time the board does not feel we collect enough information to warrant the policy, but if we add online payments and collect personal information we will re-address the issue.

D) **Budget 2022-23** – Items that were put before the board included raising the gate fee to \$8 per person, increasing the camping fees by \$5 per rig per night and opening the fair earlier on Wednesday for the livestock shows OR open the livestock gate like we do early in the mornings so that they can start shows earlier.

E) **New Fair Website** – Direction was given to look for a website designer to update/improve our website – going outside the Verde Valley was approved by the board as well as local.

X. Future Agenda Items-

Adjournment – 8:08 pm Mr. Groseta made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Mongini seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.