

**TRINITY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Trinity County Fair  
Dining Hall – 6000 Hwy 3  
Hayfork, CA 96041

**Thursday, January 18, 2018  
6PM – Open Session**

**Board of Directors**

Wallace Brinkley, President	Dixie LaFountain, Vice President
Sharon Eggleston, Director	Chuck Sauer, Director
Billie Miller, Nominating Chair	Dennis Rourke, Director
Adam Dummer, Director	Dennis Anderson, Director
Adrien Keys, Director	

**Mission Statement**

To provide for the management of the Trinity County Fair and year-round use of the fairgrounds in the best interest of the people of Trinity County and its rural county values by partnering with county agencies and businesses, promoting agriculture and education, and maximizing available resources.

**Note**

Please be informed that any member of the public has a right and is invited to participate during this public meeting and may address the Board either during the “Public Comment” portion and/or during the discussion of any particular item listed on the agenda.

**AGENDA**

The Board of Directors retains the discretion to adjourn to Closed Session at any time during this meeting to confer with and give direction to its negotiator(s).

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chair. All items so listed may be considered for action. Any item not listed on the agenda will not be discussed or considered by the Board.

Called to order by Dixie LaFountain at 6:11pm

**2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

a. APPROVE DIRECTOR ABSENCES AS EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED

Director’s Dummer, LaFountain, Eggleston, Keys, Miller, Rourke and Sauer were all present. Directors Anderson and Brinkley were absent. Director Rourke moved to excuse both Anderson and Brinkley’s absences, seconded by Miller and passed unanimously.

**3. RECESS FOR POTLUCK DINNER**

a. RECONVENE

**4. COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND/OR PUBLIC**

TCFA member Karen Eastlick said the dinner was great. Discussion ensued.

## **5. 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

We had an interesting year said Mike Fillette. Some things worked out well for us while some did not. The concert series was a tough one as we lost about \$18,000 for the whole season. At this point, I am not sure if we will have a concert series this year.

Mike mentioned that one of the good changes the fair made this past year was switching beer distributors. Redding Distributing offers a much better selection.

2017 we saw the beginning of the Fair Buzz monthly fair newsletter. Discussion ensued.

The fair was good this past year. We had a good turnout and we had some great new vendors as well as some new ground acts such as Drone Zone, Jeremy the Juggler and Shawn Eric the Magician. We also had a very successful first year with the Trinity County school exhibit program (competition) which generated many new exhibits and participants. Hayfork Elementary School took first place with the perpetual trophy and a \$1,000 check for the school to use as they please. Discussion ensued.

We had a small fire camp this year which generated over \$70,000 for the fair. Discussion ensued.

BBC and Spero Pictures used the Fairgrounds as their base camp while filming an episode of Top Gear which generated over \$12,000 while they were here. Discussion ensued.

A big piece of news for us this year was Governor Brown signed a bill that will send money back to fairs. We don't know how much just yet, but we could start seeing money in July of 2019. Discussion ensued.

We replaced the big ice box with two used ice merchandisers from Tony's Refrigeration in Redding.

We are now the smallest fair in the state. Discussion ensued.

Becky Stetson said she appreciates that the fair has tried some new things this year. Discussion ensued. Stan Stetson also mentioned that he would like to see rodeos at the fairgrounds again. Discussion ensued.

Mike said the Bigfoot BBQ went well this year. Kenny Wiley has taken a lesser role and the event has become a fair sponsored event. Discussion ensued. Christine Seronello said that she would like to see better food options at the Bigfoot BBQ. Discussion ensued.

## **6. 2018 GOALS**

Mike mentioned that we will continue to actively look for additional funding sources this year. We will keep looking for new grants that can help us as well. Mike asked the board to create a committee to assist in finding and writing grants. Discussion ensued.

Mike said that one of our main goals this year is to work on the dining hall kitchen and to get its commercial kitchen rating reinstated. There are a lot of opportunities for us being able to rent the kitchen as commercial. Discussion ensued.

Mike said we will continue to work on the deferred maintenance projects this year. We know we have a short amount of time to use the funds for these projects, so we might have to get creative as far as how we complete them.

## **7. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Director Dennis Rourke read the letters of intent to serve on the TCFA board of directors from both Carol Hickman and Timbre Beck aloud.

Total Votes: 36 votes

Carol Hickman received the majority of votes and is the new elected director.

## **8. SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Director Miller said that Director Rourke has been nominated for Chair and Sharon Eggleston as Vice Chair. Passed unanimously.

**10. ADJOURNED**

Adjourned by Director Rourke at 7:52pm