

**Verde Valley Fair Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes August 12, 2014**  
5:00 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Jerry Brown, Vice President Sonny Zale, Secretary Beth Canedy, and Boardmember Nate Jackson, in addition Director Coleen Gilboy, public: Shelly Zale, Sheila Brown, Eric Banuelos, Jessie Ryberg.

Absent: Treasurer Charlie Crick;

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm

**Call to Membership** – None

**Consent agenda** - Approval of minutes from last meeting: Mr. Jackson moved to approve July minutes. Ms. Canedy seconded and all voted in favor.

**Chairman's Report** \* Livestock committee has ordered laptops \* Water truck is being used, fill pipe is not done. \* Tractor needs replaced, Mrs. Groseta talked about a fundraiser, will look into this.

**Administration Report** – \* We received a \$20,000 donation from an anonymous donor, \* Attending AFA conference in Flagstaff later in August, \* Liquor license is renewed and 2014/15 license is on property, \* The National Alpaca show contacted us to host the 2016 show but we were not able to bid due to needing 150,000 sq ft of indoor space in addition to show rings, \* To improve the 12<sup>th</sup> street appearance we would like to get some flags to draw peoples attention to the grounds, \* 2016 dates need to be discussed and will be on Sept agenda

**Committee Report – Livestock:** 1) Meeting tonight about rulebook, 2) Judges have been contacted and moving forward on contracts, 3) Barn drawings for potential new animal barn;

**Arena:** 1) Barrel event last week has 101 riders, some were time only to get their horses used to the arena/noise, 2) There was a lot of water around the announcers booth after the last rain, 3) Ropings on Wednesday have been well received, 4) There will be two barrel races this fall on in Sept for 1 day and Nov for 2 days, 5) Shade, we put up temporary shade for the barrel race last week and it was well received, we are working on a structure that you can take the shade up and down, 6) Chute gate, there is an old chute in the boneyard and we are working with Arena Committee to use it or get rid of it.

**Financials** – President Brown wanted everyone opinion on the investment and what the purpose of the investment was. The consensus was preservation of Capital. President Brown asked if there are any questions on the financials, hearing none, Mr. Zale moved to approve and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Old Business**

- a) Fall Festival – We have a lot of applications in and working on entertainment
- b) Easement on North end of Kids park – we will address in 2015
- c) Capital Improvement – no additions or changes

**New business**

- a) Barrel & Pole race on 8/8/14 – huge success, familys came and there were a lot of riders from all over, Phoenix, Prescott, Payson who came on a Friday night.
- b) Golf Cart – we purchased a used golf cart and the office has been using it around the property.
- c) Large Rain – during the past rain water came in the commercial building – we have done a lot of grading behind commercial and down at road to make sure the water is going in the drainage ditches and not into the road.
- d) Next big project – we are looking at building a new animal barn that would be 50 ft wide by 120 ft long and would house on the North end a ticket booth area. There were preliminary drawings handed around to make comments on. Also the bathroom/bar/kitchen addition on the commercial building are still on the table. We want to start a big project this fall and will try to get both done before the fair in 2015.

**Possible Executive Session** – None

**Adjournment** – 6:02 pm