

**TRINITY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Trinity County Fair
Board Room – 6000 Hwy 3
Hayfork, CA 96041
Thursday, September 21, 2017
7PM – 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 Wallace Brinkley at 8:02pm.

2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

a. APPROVE DIRECTOR ABSENCES AS EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED

President Brinkley, Sauer, Anderson, LaFountain, Rourke, Dummer and Director Keys were present and Directors Miller and Eggleston were absent. Director Rourke moved to excuse Director Miller and Director Eggleston absences, seconded by Director Dummer and approved unanimously.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS / STAFF

Mike introduce Sue Erenberger as the new TCFA Bookkeeper.

4. COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND/OR PUBLIC

No comment from association members or the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

a. APPROVE September 21, 2017 AGENDA and August 24, 2017 MINUTES

Director Rourke moved to approve the September 21, 2017 board meeting agenda and the August 24, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Director LaFountain and approved unanimously.

6. APPROVE AUGUST 2017 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Anderson said that since they just received the financial reports for August, he is recommending to not approve the August 2017 budget due to lack of information as well as time for all board members to review the financial report.

Director Anderson moved not approve the financials in this meeting and to put the approval of the August 2017 financial reports on the October agenda for board approval, seconded by Director LaFountain and approved unanimously.

7. INFORMATIONAL – VACATION/SICK LEAVE BALANCES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017

8. CEO'S REPORT

a. BIGFOOT BBQ

Mike mentioned that we recently hosted this year's Bigfoot BBQ and the turnout was good. He also said that next year's version of the Bigfoot BBQ will be a fair sponsored event as the duties have become too great for just one person and Kenny is going to be minimizing his role for future BBQs. Discussion ensued. Kenny is doing an income spreadsheet and we should know how we did shortly. Discussion ensued.

b. FAIR FUNDING - AB1499

There is a bill on the Governor's desk called AB1499. Basically, what they are trying to do is give back money that is raised through taxes from fairs. One issue is if a fair decides to participate in the funding plan, they are required to pay overtime to all employees as opposed to our fair currently being exempt from overtime laws. Discussion ensued. Mike suggested to the board that all of them write a letter or e-mail and send it to the Governor's office in support of the measure. Discussion ensued.

c. MISC.

We currently have a fire camp for the Buck Fire here at the fairgrounds. Mike said he negotiated \$2,500 a day but with a cap of \$45,000 this time. Discussion ensued. We have also made some additional funds by providing showers on a daily rate and some custodial work at \$16.33 per hour while Evelyn Haynes charges us a flat fee for each bathroom she cleans. Discussion ensued. Director Keys asked Mike if after 30 days, could we renegotiate with the forest service and Mike said yes, we would renegotiate if it came to that. Discussion ensued.

d. Q&A

None at this time.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Wallace Brinkley (Chairman), Dixie LaFountain, and Finance Committee Chair
Nothing to report at this time.

b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Dennis Rourke (Chairman), Dennis Anderson
Nothing to report at this time.

c. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Billie Miller (Chairman), Chuck Sauer
Director Miller was not present.

d. **JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE:** Laura Taylor (Chairman), Wallace Brinkley
Mike said he went to the JLC meeting on Tuesday and we basically went over the good and the bad of this year's JLA. We had an issue with the gentlemen who checks our scales where he apparently scratched out the tags as opposed to placing new ones on the scales. Another issue was that someone was grooming a kid's animal and that is up to the exhibitor. This will be added back into next year's premium book. Discussion ensued. Mike also mentioned that some kids were doing inappropriate things during the fair and JLC will come up with a code of ethics for all JLC exhibitors. Discussion ensued. Mike said they also talked about the TV monitor for the JLA and everyone liked it. We also

talked about Showworks and we know there are some kinks we need to work out there as well. Director Dummer said that our scale guy recommended upgrading our scales. New scales would increase the accuracy of weighing the animals. The scale guys thought a new scale for hogs would run about \$500. Discussion ensued. Mike said that JLC would pay for the scale upgrades. Discussion ensued. Director Rourke mentioned that the Independent exhibitor class was a one-year deal and he would like to see a discussion regarding it be added to next month's agenda. Discussion ensued.

10. AD HOC COMMITTEES

a. POLICY & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Sharon Eggleston (Chairman), Adrien Keys

Director Eggleston was absent but Director Keys said there was nothing to report. Mike handed out copies of the TCFA policy manual and said he would like the board to update it. Discussion ensued.

11. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR NEXT YEAR'S FAIR

Mike mentioned that the board discussed the security issues in last month's meeting but there were some things that weren't discussed because he had not talked to the Sheriff before that meeting. A woman that the fair currently has a restraining order against refused to have her bag checked and she could have had a gun. When she was told that she couldn't come into the fair, she became belligerent and our security personnel called the sheriff to assist. Apparently, the sheriff was not aware of the fair having a restraining order against her and that she was not allowed on the fairgrounds at all. Discussion ensued. Mike went on to say that there was another issue in which two guys attempted to come into the fairgrounds with a large amount of marijuana on their persons and they left without incident. Discussion ensued. Mike also said that he had recently done some research on other fair's and how they manage security at the gates and a lot of the other fairs are doing the same thing to ensure fairgoers safety. He also researched the 4th amendment and courts are allowing this to happen. Discussion ensued. As far as open containers go, we made some mistakes but he took care of it as soon as he found out and made changes to the way it was handled. As soon as he found out what was going on, Mike instructed security personnel to dump out open containers but to give them a new complimentary water in its place. Discussion ensued. Finally, Mike mentioned that he has talked to Ron Hanover about training the security staff. Mike also said that he is considering hiring certified security guards as well. Training is extremely important and we will do it this year. President Brinkley suggested that the board look over its current policies and possibly add it to the agenda and we can create a policy. Discussion ensued. Director Rourke suggested that we include whatever security policy the board approves in next year's premium book so fairgoers are prepared. Discussion ensued.

b. ACCEPTANCE OF 2016 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Director Anderson said he read all the summaries and everything looked good to him. Discussion ensued.

Director Rourke moved to approve the acceptance of the 2016 financial review, seconded by Director Dummer and approved unanimously.

c. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AND RENTAL AGREEMENTS

RENTAL AGREEMENTS	OTHER AGREEMENTS
RA17-01s Steve Bayley RA17-02s Melissa Wight RA17-03s Bill Bennett RA17-04s Jim Bayley EVENTS RENTAL AGREEMENTS RA17-45e Amanda Hagerman (Baby Shower – DH) RA17-46e Southern Trinity 4H (Favorite Foods Day) RA17-47e Trinity County Arts Council (GROUNDS) STANDARD AGREEMENTS SA17-24 Palomino Room (Beer/Liquor – Bigfoot BBQ) BBSA17-01 Air Shasta (Helicopter rides – Bigfoot BBQ) ENTERTAINMENT AGREEMENTS BBEN17-01 Jamie Pineda (Bigfoot BBQ) BBEN17-02 Triple Threat (Bigfoot BBQ) BBEN17-03 Hippie Chuck & Rusty Pipes (Bigfoot BBQ) BBEN17-04 Cold Sweat (Bigfoot BBQ) BBEN17-05 Buckhorn Mtn Stompers (Bigfoot BBQ) BBEN17-06 Brandon Pasion (Bigfoot BBQ)	COMMERCIAL VENDOR AGREEMENTS BBCOM17-01 Chi Crafts (Bigfoot BBQ) BBCOM17-02 Ernie’s True Value (Bigfoot BBQ) BBCOM17-03 Elinad Inti-handicraft (Bigfoot BBQ) BBCOM17-05 Trinity Harvest Ctr (Bigfoot BBQ) BBCOM17-06 We Can make A Difference (Bigfoot) BBCOM17-07 8 th Grade Class (HES – Bigfoot BBQ) BBCOM17-08 Farmers Mkt (Bigfoot BBQ) CONCESSION VENDOR AGREEMENTS BB17-02 Brats & What Nats (Bigfoot BBQ)

Director Dummer moved to approve the contracts and agreements, seconded by Director Sauer and approved unanimously.

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS

Billie – NOT PRESENT.

Adam – *Laurel (my oldest daughter) is back home and youngest daughter is now playing softball.*

Chuck – *I had a really good time at the Bigfoot BBQ. We were up on the stage performing as the lights went out but we still had a blast.*

Dixie – *I am getting ready to breed pigs.*

Sharon – NOT PRESENT.

Dennis R – *I agree with Chuck. I enjoyed Bigfoot BBQ as well. I had a nice conversation with Adam from The Palomino Room as well.*

Wallace – *Family is doing well. Ben should be home the first week of November and he will be home for Christmas.*

Dennis A – *I enjoyed the Bigfoot BBQ as well.*

Adrien – *I went and took my food managers certification mainly for Rotary but I also thought it might help the fair as well.*

13. ADJOURNED

Adjourned by _____ at _____ pm