

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes August 20, 2024
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Vice President Steve Drake arrived at 5:42 pm, Treasurer Lewis Rice, Secretary Ginny Rench, Board member Joel Rosenberg and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Dan Sullivan, Brian Bolton, Jessica Bolton, Cristin Combs and Steve Rench.

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by President Canedy
- II. **Call to Public:** None
- III. **Consent agenda** – Mr. Rice made the Motion to accept the Minutes from July 16, 2024 Regular meeting Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman’s Report** - *Made some calls to vendors about the caretakers trailer replacement * had quite a few calls about the Rulebook changes and will discuss under item below.
- V. **Administration Report** - * Back from SD and NE, amazing trip with 99 year old mom * Will be helping a lot of fairs in September, * If anyone knows the businesses that have plaques, please take the plaque to them, * 2024 additional items: ATM check finally came in, our financials are at accountant, Livestock is looking at a Jr. livestock committee, Carnival numbers – no new update, City Inspector is coming to discuss what we should focus on before next years fair, Have not heard from the parent who has volunteer time – will continue to reach out..
- VI. **Financials** - * Monthly Reports were not available due to the file being at the accountants. 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.
- VII. **Committee Report** –
 - A) **Livestock:** * Have changed their monthly meeting time to 6 pm *Rulebook changes are below for adoption - *Lonesome Valley club has to turn in how many kids and how many animals per kid they are going to have before the meeting next month.
 - B) **Arena Report:** Going to have a 5 to 6 barrel race series
 - C) **Rentals** – 1 new rental in 2025 and 1 in 2026 was booked this month.
- VIII **Old Business**
 - A) **Water Storage** – Applied for a grant, Mr. Drake and Mr. Sullivan both talked to the same person about a tank for here, it looks like we will lean toward a poly tank.
 - B) **Pig-ville location/changes** –After an interview on why the animal can not be housed at home, they would like to use the concrete floor pens in steer barn but there is not enough power close by. Next option would be to increase the size behind showbarn to an 8x8 pen and then renting at the fairgrounds is a last option.
 - C) **Yellow Tractor** – The old case tractor was sold and the money was collected.
- IX **New Business**
 - A) **2025 Livestock Rulebook adoption** – The summary sheet was reviewed and page 21 will leave the same as it has been for show attire. Mr. Rice made the motion to accept the changes presented except for the “show attire” leaving it as it was. Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion, no more discussion. All in favor.
 - B) **MRI additional space** – Minerals Research would like to use some additional space for employee parking. Currently they have to move vehicles when large trucks come in. Mr. Drake moved to accept the parking lot proposal, Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion. All in favor.
 - C) **Caretaker/Camp Host** – The current single wide trailer needs more and more work. Staff does not feel the current trailer is worth the cost of repairs. Staff needs direction on what direction to go. Also, the camp host moved to Florida to be with family so we will give the new person a 60 day trial to see if the 4 days here, 3 days at full time job will work for us and re-evaluate then.

The Camp Host and the Care Taker position can maybe be combined and done by two people instead of 2 locations.

D) **Showbarn Buyer Sign for Grand And Reserve** - Comments have been to look for a more polished look for our buyer signs – 928 Signs gave a bid for magnetic boards that each year we would need to replace the new year. Direction was given to research more options and bring them to the meeting next month.

E) **Governors Fund Request** – Staff is working on the request and will have it completed shortly..

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

XII. Adjournment – 7:49 pm Mr Drake moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Canedy seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.