

**Verde Valley Fair Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes June 14, 2016**

5:00 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Nate Jackson, Vice President Scott Taylor, Secretary Beth Canedy, Treasurer Jerry Brown, Boardmember Cynthia Elmer and in addition Director Coleen Gilbo, public: Jess and Shanna Mulcaire, Shelly Zale, Frank and Sheila Victorino, Janice SanGiovanni, Donald and Junie Rezzonico, Eric Banuelos, Veronica "Roni" Kennedy.

Absent: none

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

**Call to Membership** – None

**Consent agenda** - Approval of minutes from Regular meeting on 5.10.16. Ms. Canedy moved to approve the minutes, Mrs. Elmer seconded – all in favor, Motion passed

**Chairman's Report** - none

**Administration Report** – \* The thank you lunch for all involved with the new barn was on June 8, a great turn out. We cannot be more thankful than we are for all those who gave their time, money and hard work to build the barn. \*Thunder Valley Rally report – Ms. Canedy attended the last meeting at the City – a) Biker swap meet with vendors. b) obstacle course. c) Craft beer stop during poker run. d) Pancake breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday morning. e) VVF= Kickstand camping – take reservations by phone., f) we are now a stop on the poker run so everyone will be coming by to get their ticket punched. All this is with the understanding that VVF will front no money.

**Committee Report – Livestock:** - 1) Review of everything from paperwork to the end of the fair, what was good and what needs to change. 2) Thank you to all Barn Workers

**Arena Report:** - 1) A work day is planned for July 30<sup>th</sup> – there will be painting, welding and general clean up of the arena.

**Financials** – Ms. Canedy moved to accept the financial report and Mrs. Elmer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No more discussion. All in favor Donations: Taylor & Sons Hauling did a large discount on the invoice for this years fair and in addition they moved the poop pile from behind the barns out to behind the art building. Investment account – Not in a cash account, but in a safe place. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Brown will meet with Mrs. Amy Brown on Monday or Tuesday and move the funds to a non-volatile account. Auditor: We finally received the preliminary report from the accountant, we have a couple of corrections and some responses, but all are very minor changes.

**Old Business**

- a) 2016-17 Budget planning – use the numbers we have from 2015 and 2016 and we will finish at July meeting.
- b) Capital Improvement wish list – after financials are done from budget, we will make a plan in July.

### **New business**

- a) 2017 Fair Theme – Livestock can pick the theme – Mr. Brown moved to give to livestock to decide the 2017 theme, Mr. Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor.
- b) Livestock Nominations and election – all nominees were invited to come to the front and talk about why they want to be on livestock. Nobody spoke. The office received a call that Mr. Groseta would like to remove his name from the ballot, he is very busy and would not be able to spend the time needed. While the rest of new business was conducted 2 people from the crowd were asked to count the votes. The meeting continued until the votes were counted. The tally was read into the minutes: The 6 top vote getters in no order were: Junie Rezzonico, Angela Ferguson, Kayla Niederer, Eric Banuelos, Jennifer Jackson, Veronica “Roni” Kennedy.
- c) Security Contract – we received a bid from another company. We would like to continue working with PES and have a couple of questions for them. 1) we need to stress that the facility is “No Smoking” and they will need to enforce that as well as abide by that. 2) we would like to see a sample contract from PES and how they handle no show, cancelled events and such.
- d) Signs on property during fair/year around – Direction from board: contact City of Cottonwood on what we can do, figure out rates: Monthly vs Yearly – vendor will be responsible – if sign blows down, rips, they have to fix. No ripped signs on property.
- e) Staff Evaluations and compensation – after yearly budget is built
- f) Kids Against Hunger Request for decrease in rental rates – follow recommendation and what was done in 2014 and 2015. Ms. Canedy moved to approve the KAH rate of \$545 for 2016 and Mr. Jackson approved. All in favor.
- g) Thank you to Verde Valley Ambulance – Thank you to Verde Valley Ambulance for writing of their 2016 Fair invoice – they feel that the rain was very costly to the fair and they would help by not charging us in 2016. THANK YOU VERDE VALLEY AMBULANCE!
- h) Letters from Kids regarding Fair – livestock kids thanked the board for the amazing job they did at the 2016 fair.
- i) Yavapai County Valuation of property – the grounds have been valued at \$1.5 million but upon their examination they are correcting the value to \$591k, currently we do not pay any property taxes.
- j) Circus food and drink buy out – have the arena committee discuss at next weeks meeting.

**Possible Executive Session** – none

**Adjournment** – 6:31 pm Ms. Canedy made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Elmer seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.,