

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trinity County Fair

BOARD ROOM – 6000 Hwy 3 (DIRECTORS ONLY)

Hayfork, CA 96041

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FEBRUARY 17, 2022

6:30 PM – Open Session

Board of Directors

Dennis Rourke, President	Sharon Eggleston, Vice President
Wallace Brinkley, Director, 1 st District	Michael Thompson, Director, 2 nd District
Adrien Keys, Director, 3 rd District	Adam Dummer, Director, 4 th District
Justin Bailey, Director, 5 th District	Chuck Sauer, Director
Donny Case, 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 during the "Open Comment" portion of the Agenda regarding items not agendized. Then again prior to Board Discussion of New Business, after a motion is made and the Board President calls for "Public Comment", Once "Public Comment" is closed all discussion of Agenda items is limited to Fair Board Directors, unless input is requested by a Director. Each person is limited to 3 minutes speaking time.

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 Director Rourke at 6:30 pm

2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

- a. All Directors were present. Present in person were Directors Rourke, Sauer, Thompson, Brinkley, Bailey, and Keys. Directors Dummer and Case were present via Zoom.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS / STAFF

- a. Michael Wine, Morgan Rourke, JD Hudman, Wendy Smith, and Liam Gogan were present in person. Krista Hymas and Bob and Laura Taylor were present via Zoom.

4. OPEN COMMENT

5. COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND/OR PUBLIC

6. CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES

- a. Director Brinkley moves to APPROVE FEBRUARY 17TH, 2022 AGENDA and the JANUARY 27TH, 2022 MEETING MINUTES; Director Bailey seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

7. APPROVE JANUARY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Director Brinkley moves to approve; Director Sauer seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.
- b. Sue: Some accounts were closed temporarily, but no changes this month.
 - 1. You will see that our Comp Leave Liability is higher than normal, because we have hired new staff, also there are a couple employees reaching their max on Leave hours as well.
 - 2. For the JLA Reserve, I am waiting for all the expenses. I will be adding premium checks to next year; 80% of them do not get cashed.
 - 3. I will have a review done the first week of May 2022.

8. INFORMATIONAL – VACATION/SICK LEAVE BALANCES

9. CEO'S REPORT

- a. Filled our open Receptionist/UHaul Position with Teresa Miller, she ran the Special Events during Fair and did an outstanding job! She started Monday and has already started handling the UHaul customers and we are working on getting more trucks and trailers now that we have someone in that position, she has also personally called all the Fair Sponsors and we have updated the open sponsorships that we have available.
- b. Jim has hired 2 new maintenance workers and they have demo'd the Dining Hall Kitchen and the Quilters' Building, so both of those will begin remodel next week.
- c. Fair Buzz News Letter – Coming out once a quarter
- d. Premium Book is coming along, Advertising is coming in and Tina has delivered Advertising Forms to about 30 new businesses.
- e. Well Update
 - 1. See attached Correspondence from Jim White.
 - 1. Quoted \$14,675.00
 - 2. Does not include the Pump House.
 - a. Estimated at another \$5-10,000
 - 3. Tanks approximately \$1,500
 - 2. Hope to meet next week.
- f. Fair Events
 - 1. Adding another Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, Jr. Livestock kids and parents can't participate in Saturday's game so we added the Sunday.
 - 1. Laura Taylor: Friday would probably be best for JLA parents.
 - 2. Booked a Mentalist/Hypnotist who will be doing 2-3 shows a day along with a VIP Adult Only show on Sunday afternoon in the Dining Hall
 - 3. Still looking for an opening band for the Haggard Concert on Friday night.
 - 4. Due to the popularity of the Destruction Derby and the very large purse, under new business we have the option to change the Derby to Saturday at 7:00 and the Race to Sunday at 5:00
 - 5. Judges are being contacted and agreements completed
 - 6. Added a Texas Hold'em Tournament on Wednesday night of Fair in the Dining Hall, this was requested by some of the Jr. Livestock Parents, they have nothing to do before Fair starts so this will be a fun event for them.

- g. Talked to Olson Processing who does the processing of our Jr. Livestock Buyer's Hogs and they do not require anything on the Prop 12 Initiative that takes place this year. CDFA said they are currently trying to get a postponement of the start of Prop 12 by 6 months, should hear more on that by next board meeting
 - 1. Impacts only hogs for resale.
 - 2. Morgan Rourke: It will take 6 months to implement
 - 1. We will require documentation from all students even if its 1 hog for resale.
 - 2. Other option would be to no have pigs at all for resale.
 - 3. Would only impact Store Front Buyers (Wileys, Discount, etc.)
- h. TCFA Charity status is current, we spoke about this in closed session last month and all has been resolved thanks to Sue!
- i. Last weekend we had the Valentine's Dinner & Las Vegas Night, both went really well, we made over \$1000 in profit from the casino portion and the dinner proceeds went to the Hayfork High School Senior Class. Thank you to Donny for coming out and supporting this event. Since we need more help from Directors, I will have a list of where we need help at the March board meeting so Directors can sign up when they are available to help.
 - 1. Get a volunteer list out to Association Members for more help.
- j. Mother's Day in May, we are going to do a Dinner on Saturday night before Mother's Day with a Cinco De Mayo Theme. Since the Pathfinders do a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday at the 7th Day Adventist Church we don't want to do something at the same time.
- k. Talked with West Coast Rodeo and they are willing to contract to do the Rodeo September 17th, we would do an event similar to Bigfoot BBQ and have a half day on Friday the 16th with Vendors selling western wear, food and beverage, and live music; then a full day on the 17th with Barrel Racing, Broncs and Bull Riding, vendors, food and beverage, and live band with street dancing on the Midway following the Rodeo.
 - 1. Promote Hunting Season Opening Day
 - 2. Director Rourke: Who would pay for the advertising?
 - 1. West Coast Rodeo takes care of all of the rodeo, we just host the venue, and both will advertise.
 - 3. To break even we would need about 600 people/day
- l. Bigfoot BBQ is coming up in May and we will have the Fireworks on Saturday night during the races, that we booked and paid a deposit for last year.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Dennis Rourke (Chairman), Sharon Eggleston, and Finance Committee Chair
- b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Wallace Brinkley (Chairman), Sue Erenberger, Carrie Bayley
- c. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Chuck Sauer (Chairman), Adam Dummer
- d. **JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE:** Krista Hymas (Chairman), Bryan Taylor (Co-Chairman), Michael Thompson, Wallace Brinkley, Carrie Bayley
 - 1. Krista Hymas: We met on February 3rd. We have 3 recommendations under New Business on the Agenda tonight.
 - 2. We are working on the Buyer's Luncheon
 - 1. Delivered the last of meats to Roderick Senior Center in Hayfork and Old Age Center in Weaverville.
 - 3. Our next meeting will be on March 8th at 6pm in the Ag Room at the High School in Weaverville.

11. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- a. **POLICY COMMITTEE:** Sharon Eggleston (Chairman), Adrien Keys, Carrie Bayley
- b. **GRANTS & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** Director Eggleston (Chairman), Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine, Tina Felch
- c. **PREMIUM BOOK COMMITTEE:** Director Michael Thompson (Chairman), Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine, Tina Felch, Jennilea Brookins, Christina Merritt

- d **VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE:** Donny Case (Chairman), Adrien Keys, Justin Bailey, Tina Felch
- e **WELL COMMITTEE:** Donny Case (Chairman), Justin Bailey, Chuck Sauer, Carrie Bayley
- f **MOU COMMITTEE:** Adrien Keys (Chairman), Justin Bailey, Carrie Bayley, Christina Wine

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Fair Buzz Quarterly Newsletter
- b. Fair Animal Confinement Proposition 12 Initiative

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve moving Destruction Derby from Sunday night to 7:00pm on Saturday Night and moving Mountain Valley Raceway Races to 5:00pm on Sunday, for Fair.
 - 1. Director Sauer moves to approve moving the Destruction Derby from Sunday night to 7:00 pm on Saturday night and moving the Mountain Valley Raceway Races to 5:00 pm on Sunday for Fair for the year 2022 only. Director Bailey seconds the motion; Board opens it up to the public for their comments as follows:
 - 1. Wendy Smith: Races have always been on Saturday of Fair.
 - a. If you move the races to Sunday, there is a possibility of metal chards still on track.
 - b. We would need some assurances that we get the track by 5 pm.
 - c. We have drivers who travel from far to race.
 - d. We would prefer if the Derby was not on the racetrack at all, and be moved more towards the middle of the track.
 - e. Mountain Valley Raceway is against moving the dates.
 - 2. Director Case: The track has always been cleaned up in time.
 - a. The raceway has had Saturday for the past 8 years.
 - b. Amount of race cars are very low, and that makes it boring to watch the same cars do the same thing over and over for more than 3 hours.
 - c. The Derby will bring in more money for the Fair. The purse alone this year might be the biggest one yet.
 - d. I have 25 guys committed to the Derby so far.
 - 3. JD Hudman: 100% agree with Donny. I think we can compromise and still end up happy, all of us.
 - 2. Board closes the public comment and opens it up the Board only, discussion as follows:
 - 1. Director Rourke: Why don't we try a one year go with this and see what happens?
 - 2. Director Keys: If the track can get properly prepared for the Races on Sunday, yes.
 - 3. Director Case: It brings in more money for the Fair and a lot of people leave on Sunday and can't watch the Derby that want too.
 - 4. Director Dummer: I support moving the Derby to Saturday.
 - 3. Motion carries unanimously. Derby moved to Saturday night; Mountain Valley Raceway moves race to Sunday night for the 2022 Fair only.
- b. Approve JLC Recommendation Turkey Meat Pens, Division 209: Limited to White Turkeys for purpose of processing.
 - 1. Director Thompson moves to approve JLC recommendation Turkey Meat Pens, Division 209: Limited to White Turkeys for purpose of processing; Director Keys seconds the motion; Board opens it up to the public for their comments as follows:
 - 1. Morgan Rourke: Dark Meat – there are spots that look like ink spots; you have more to clean out, and they aren't very nice to look at. White Meat – More better quality; absolutely no issue with dark pigmentation.
 - 2. Motion carries unanimously.
- c. Approve JLC Recommendation: Change Minimum Weights for 2022 as follows: Beef - 1050 lbs, Sheep - 105 lbs, Hogs - 210 lbs, Goats - 65 lbs, revisit weights in 2023.
 - 1. Director Thompson moves to approve JLC recommendation to Change Minimum Weights for 2022 as follows: Beef – 1050 lbs, Sheep 105 lbs, Hogs – 210 lbs, Goats – 65 lbs, and revisit weights in 2023; Director Bailey seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

- d. Approve JLC Recommendation: Add a 'Show Animal Division' for Exhibitors that want to bring a show animal along with their market animals. Exhibitors can enter as many animals as they want but are limited to selling only 2 animals at auction. Example: Exhibitors can raise a steer and hog for sale and can bring an extra hog and lamb to show. Exhibitors are limited to selling 1 steer (as in the past) and can't sell 2 steers, 2nd animal would have to be another species.
1. Director Thompson moves to approve the JLC recommendation: Show Animal Division; Director Bailey seconds the motion; Board opens it up to the public for their comments, discussion as follows:
 1. Morgan Rourke: Its all about the kids
 - a. This gives them the opportunity to get more experience in showing animals.
 - b. Students get excited to show animals at the Fair.
 - c. They would need to be acceptable animals for Fair – they have to have all the required ownership papers in order.
 - d. Show Class – They would have to declare the 2 animals for the Show Class.
 2. Director Thompson: Who would pay for the awards?
 - a. Morgan: We won't be adding a new class for this.
 3. Director Rourke: How much participation do you anticipate? We don't have a lot of room for animals.
 - a. Morgan: JLC trying to figure out expands and the kids will only be allowed to show 1 beef.
 4. March Meeting – we must have the verbiage on this.
 5. Morgan: We need a decision on this.
 6. Director Dummer: To abide by same ownership dates?
 7. Director Rourke: It's ok to show but not be a part of the Sale?
 8. Morgan: Yes. This probably won't be very big this year.
 2. Motion carries unanimously.
- e. INFORMATIONAL ONLY - CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

EVENT AGREEMENTS RA22-03e Valentine's Dinner / Casino Night	STANDARD AGREEMENTS SA22-01 Wold Amusements
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14. ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION – PRUSUANT TO GOVT. CODE 54957 PERSONNEL OR 54956.9 LITIGATION

15. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING SESSION/REPORT OUT

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Nothing to report.

16. ADJOURNED

Adjourned by Director Rourke at 8:00 pm.

Submitted By:

Carrie Bayley, CEO

Dennis Rourke, TCFA President