

**Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes October 11, 2016**

5:00 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Nate Jackson, Treasurer Jerry Brown, Secretary Beth Canedy, and in addition Director Coleen Gilboy, public: none

Absent: Vice President Scott Taylor and Boardmember Cynthia Elmer

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm

Call to Membership – None

Consent agenda - Approval of minutes from Regular meeting on 9.13.16 Ms. Canedy made the Motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brown 2nd the motion– all in favor, Motion passed

Chairman's Report - * Changed the laydown yard the contractor had proposed for the new City bathrooms so it does not block off our access to the arena. *Bedrock property line has water and electric running up it.

Administration Report – *Arizona Jr. Rodeo Association was here last week – best turnout they have ever had, 482 entries. Have some items to discuss before 2017 rodeo. * Got a letter from City of Cottonwood regarding weeds on the North end of the arena. Probation is working on it. *New RV rates are in place. *AFA conference is coming up in November if anyone wants to attend, we are starting earlier on Tuesday for Fair Managers.

Committee Report – Livestock: - 1) No meeting tonight

Arena Report: - 1) Working on capital improvement projects.

Thunder Valley Rally Report – Huge success as a Poker Stop, people had a blast, Mr. Jackson stopped in and was roped into helping the rest of the day. Camping was a huge hit and there were groups that could be together. For 2017 add Bike games, Wennie Bite, Booths and vendors.

Fall Festival – The booths are sold out for inside, some outdoor available. We have 2 food vendors so will not be doing our food booth.

Financials –Mr. Brown move for approval of the financial report as read and Ms. Canedy 2nd the motion. No more discussion. All in favor

Old Business

- a) Capital Improvement – 1)Electric for RV park is still the hold up – have to have an electrical engineer do a plan. 2) Block for bathrooms – still trying to contact Brian to get the block. 3) Showworks is up and running and all Steer entries are done online with uploads.
- b) 2017 Contract for Fair Coordinator – Mr. Brown moved to approve the contract and Ms. Canedy 2nd the motion. All in favor.

New business

- a) Grant Writer– we have had someone contact us with a grant at their work – they would like to apply. The Executive Board would like grants brought to them for approval to make sure they fit into the long range plan. If we receive grants, we will work out the % to pay the grant writer but 10% was the suggested amount.

- b) Accountant – Our accountant Mr. Cramner retired and Sterling Financial absorbed his clients. The Board requested we get multiple quotes on this professional service. We received 3 quotes. Mr. Brown moved to hire Mr. John Mahon for our annual reporting. Ms. Canedy 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- c) Showworks document Contract – We are doing online entries and there is a fee per entry for any uploads. This contract is for the fair calendar year and will bill us after fair. – Mr. Jackson will sign the contract
- d) 2017 Auctioneer – tabled until more information is received
- e) Rim Country Bow Hunters Contract – Tabled to the November meeting – Mr. Dockary will be invited to come to discuss
- f) By-Law Change – there was a request to remove the 2 term limit on livestock board only. Currently the by-laws read that members can be elected to the livestock committee for 2 consecutive terms and then they have to take a year off. This was the first reading of this change.

Possible Executive Session – none

Adjournment – 7:00 pm Ms. Canedy moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.