

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes August 8, 2017
5:00 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Sonny Zale, Vice President Scott Taylor, Treasurer Claudia Schwisow, and Secretary Cynthia Elmer, Boardmember Kenny Porter and in addition Director Coleen Gilboy, public: Eric Banuelos

Absent: none

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm

Call to Membership – None

Consent agenda - Approval of minutes from Regular meeting on 6.3.17 and special meeting of 6.22.17. Mrs. Elmer made the Motion to approve the minutes as read. Mr. Taylor 2nd the motion– all in favor, Motion passed

Chairman's Report - * City of Cottonwood is looking at doing an injection well at Kids Park, if the test goes well, they City will need an easement across our property down on the North end of the Kids Park. Ms. Schwisow made the Motion to approve the agreement for easement once we have the Attorney approval of easement. Mrs. Elmer 2nd the Motion, all in favor. * We were broke into 2 times in July, the took the golf carts for joy rides, did a little damage, but left them where the batteries ran out, they also stole our golf cart charger and our good weed whip.

Administration Report – *Thunder Valley Rally RV camping is underway and we are having a good response, we will once again be an optional poker stop. * Arizona Nationals contacted us to rent our new pig pens, after much discussion the Board denied the request but they can rent the green pens. * We had a Notice from the City that one of our signs was tagged, we had 10 days to paint over the tagging, we did that. * SAILA show has contacted us and we are trying to negotiate them coming in October. * Our scale needs help. Mr. Zale will come in to see if he can help us.

Committee Report – Livestock: - 1) No meeting in July, 2) had the election in June, 3) it was decided that ALL entries have to be 100% online this year including payment. 4) Rulebook changes are in process 5) Bred & Fed will take the top 2 places 6) Move the coordination of the meals to the office 7) white ribbon animals starting at market

Arena Report: - * Tractor is repaired – part was to be \$3,600 but they rebuilt instead so entire job was \$2,000 * We borrowed Mr. Zales tractor for almost 2 months, we would like to pay for the rental time or the supplies or Mr. Zale stated he bought fluid when it was low and we are even * Barrel races – we added a new promoter but the weather has not cooperated. * A new Rodeo contacted us will try to make it happen in the Spring.

RV Camping Spots –Mr. Porter has spoken with the Engineer who is swamped, will keep this ball rolling.

Financials –Ms. Schwisow made the Motion to accept the monthly financial report and Mr. Porter 2nd the motion. No more discussion. All in favor

Old Business

- a) Capital Improvement – * The Bathrooms – we have contacted 2 contractors and they are too busy to do the project and cannot draw the plans for us.
- b) Budget Requests – Lower Show Ring for the Fair – AC in the livestock Office
- c) Adopt Budget – Mr. Porter made the Motion to adopt the 2017-18 budget as presented. Mr. Taylor 2nd the motion. All in favor
- d) Stand Pipe water at Arena – we had a request awhile ago and that person found another option – we do NOT want to get into the water business

New business

- a) MRI – Water usage – there is no provision in the contract for charging for quantity of water – and we cannot sell water
- b) Security of our Property Discussion – We were broke into 2 times in the last month- took some items and did a joy ride – will look into cameras
- c) Arizona Corporation Commission changes to our Master Meter Gas line – the ACC is not going to loan out the equipment that we use to test our master meter gas line that is for the office, show barn, commercial and the trailer. Options are 1) put meters at all 4 location – UNS cost alone is \$18,000 for the 3 additional meters plus we would have to trench and pay for the lines to all 3 other locations (keeping 1 meter for the office). 2) Buy the equipment to test - \$7,000 3) Hire an outside company – none at this time, but we feel this will change as the equipment is not available to borrow 4) got to electric. Per the board – we are going to wait, we are tested until 2018 and by then there should be a company we can rent from
- d) How to get more to the annual meeting – Free passes – raffle off 1 ticket per person that attends and then they get a gift certificate to turn in for tickets.
- e) Annual contract with online document company – we have a contract with an online document company for the fair entries – it is per Animal not per documents. Last year was just over \$50.
- f) A Grant we received. We received a \$5,000 grant for scholarships – will be added to our funds that we are trying to build.

Possible Executive Session – none

Adjournment – 6:20 pm Mr. Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs.Elmer seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.