

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Vice President Steve Drake, Secretary Ginny Rench, Board member Brian Bolton and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Dan Sullivan, Cristin Combs, Eric Banuelos, Courtney Rezzonico, Joe Bleak, Jessica Bolton and Steve Rench.

Absent: Treasurer Lewis Rice,

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Canedy
- II. **Call to Public:** None
- III. **Consent agenda** – Mrs. Rench moved to approve the Minutes from March 18, 2025 Regular meeting. Mr. Bolton 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman's Report** - *Alternate access to the fairgrounds via 7th street. * Podcasts on fairs and making rule changes * Mr. Drysdale thought the Auction went very well * The Fair was AWESOME
- V. **Administration Report** - * I will be attending HS Awards ceremony as will Mr. Bleak to give out the livestock scholarships, * Received a grant, * CU West sponsored the Lanyards and S'More night, * Thank you cards and letters are being passed around * We received another re-payment for SS and Medicare during COVID.
- VI. **Financials** -Discussion was had on the monthly reports, page 1 summary has some wrong numbers but the correct ones are on pages 2 - 6 - Mr. Bolton made the motion to accept the financials with corrections to page 1. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion. All in favor.

- ERC – we received another payment from them for the refunded SS and Medicare we only have 1 quarter left that the IRS had previously denied but we have appealed their decision, we have not heard at this time.

VII. Committee Report –

A) Livestock: * Great meeting last week – discussed the good and bad of fair and what they want to improve on. Discussed things they could do better. Round Robin was a lot of discussion regarding small stock. * Check in went better, *Rulebook clarifications and changes will be at the June and July meeting – suggestions are coming from parents, committee members and leaders.

B) Arena Report: Barrel races finished in April was very successful * Youth Rodeo will be rescheduled when there are not other youth rodeos going on.

C) Rentals – busy again – every weekend

D) Fair – Mrs. Rench was at One AZ and a man in there stated it was a great fair. Mr. Bolton imported a spider from Camp Verde to the fairgrounds, Fair went really well, leaders need to respect the committee members and lead by example. Ms. Canedy asked how to get the quality of the riders up during the rodeo because nobody rode. Mr. Drake stated there was a confusion with the announcers at the show, maybe doing a written sheet * Trash pick up is needed all around the grounds in the parking lot, our cleaning company did a great job with trash in barns, building and food area but the fly away trash needs to be addressed. Other comments from others * the lady on the auction block on the microphone was very hard to understand, * New reflective tape on the parking lot barriers

E) .5 K – Beer Fest – October 11th –.

VIII Old Business

- A) **Water Truck update** – Mr. Drake went to evaluate the Premier Diesel donation. The truck itself is in good condition, the battery did not work so was not able to check that out. Will go back and look at the truck again when they get a battery in it.

- B) **Parking Lot** – Grand Ave – We took out the road that ran diagonally across the parking lot and it really seemed to help with the parking – there are always improvements that can be made, but that change seemed to really help

IX New Business

- A) **Executive Board Scholarship** - There were 7 applicants Mr. Drake moved to accept the 7 scholarship requests and pay them all \$500. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion. No more discussion – all in favor.
- B) **Livestock Candidate Introduction** – Ms. Diehl introduced herself and how she enjoys our fair and wants to be a part of it. Mr. Sullivan stated he has enjoyed being on the livestock committee for the past 2 years and appreciates all our fair does for your youth and would be honored to do another 2 years. Mrs. Rezzonico has 2 kids showing and interested in helping with the future leadership of the fair
- C) **Livestock Election** –The ballots were counted and the 4 top vote getters were Kristie Peck, Dan Sullivan, Gretchen Groseta and Mindy Diehl – welcome everyone to the livestock committee
- D) **Budget Time – Capital Improvements – Focus staff time** – We are headed into our annual budget and need to know what Capital Improvements the board would like the staff to concentrate on and any new improvements you want added to the list. More Shade and More Seating around the grounds
- E) **Travel for AFA and Vacation time** - Director Gilboy will be in Phoenix for the annual Fair Manager meeting on June 2 & 3, these 2 days are mandatory to receive our funding from the State. Director Gilboy will be attending a wedding in TN the middle of June for 3 days. The July trip has to be cancelled at this time but will be re-scheduled for later in the year.

XI. Executive Session – None

X. Future Agenda Items– Solor, Donor Packet, Donor Bricks, Donor Program, VV Wine Consortium do they want a new event, Donations on Website, Disconnect to Gyberg, 7th Street Road/Ingress, Kids park – maintain the parking lot, Painted Cows that would be around town at different businesses, June agenda: Horse RV camping Fees, Better air handling and HVAC (collapsible duck work).

XII. Adjournment – 6:49 pm Mr. Drake moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Bolton seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.