

**Verde Valley Fair Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2025**  
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Vice President Steve Drake, Treasurer Lewis Rice, Secretary Ginny Rench, Board member Brian Bolton and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Dan Sullivan, Robert Meier, Cristin Combs, Kim Demoney, Eric Banuelos, Chris Barrier and Steve Rench.

Absent: None

- 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 January 21, 2025 Regular meeting. Mr. Drake 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman's Report** - \*We want to show a united front so please make sure if there is something you disagree with, after a vote we all stay together, \* Working on some items Ms. Canedy can do herself to help the fair, \* Challenge everyone to recruit others to help – reach out to the office, \* Would like to THINK BIG – Big Donors, Big Grants – building, drainage, Groups that can help with the fair.
- V. **Administration Report** - \* Vacation time to MN and Washington in March, \* Need to replace computers – very old and just not able to handle the programs we are now using – look into Costco, Officemax per Mr. Drake – Mr. Rice made a motion to purchase up to \$3,000 for 2 computers, Mrs Rench 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favor. \* South end of office building is closed in – the “barn doors” was allowing squirrels in \* WC Claim have hearing this week, \* Property Taxes came in if anyone wants to look.
- VI. **Financials** -Discussion was had on the monthly reports, Mr. Bolton wanted to know why the numbers change – we do a July until the end of the prior month report for the past 4 years, so every month all the numbers will change so you are looking at information from the exact same period. \* Mr. Drake moved to accept the financials as presented. Mr. Rice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.
- VII. **Committee Report** –
  - A) **Livestock:** \* S'more party on April 4<sup>th</sup> – there will be games and a scavenger hunt for all exhibitors to participate in – a way to learn their way around the fairgrounds and a chance to win gate tickets., \* Had a couple of exhibitors replace lambs due to issues – all paperwork was corrected before entry deadline, there was a medical sift at tag in
  - B) **Arena Report:** We had 2 new memberships at the last barrel race.
  - C) **Rentals** – picking back up
  - D) **Fair** – Fair is coming – things are going well
  - E) **.5 K – Beer Fest** – October 11<sup>th</sup> –.
- VIII **Old Business**
  - A) **Lunch on the Lawn** – Was February 4th.at the state capital – there was a huge protest that started at noon and sort of ran over our event – we were then introduced by the floor.
  - B) **Well – Pressure Tank vs other options** – Direction was given to contact Longfellow to see what the cost would be
  - C) **Toys for Tots.**- No update
- IX **New Business**
  - A) **Addendum to Carnival Contract regarding POP prices.** –The Carnival is asking for their rate increase for the 2025 fair. Discussion was had about wanting to keep the carnival, that we do not want to see an increase every year, that is why we have a 5 year contract. The board agreed to the increase and we will have an addendum to the contract drafted and signed.
  - B) **Arena water truck vs sprinkler system** – The board does not want to do a sprinkler system, water cannons were discussed and use of grey water- we will continue working on fixing the current or working with Premier Diesel to fix at this time.

- C) **VIP Area at the Arena** – A suggestion was made to put a bleacher on the south end of the arena that would be VIP section – they would have their own bartender, security person and the seats would be numbered.

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Road/Ingress, Kids park – maintain the parking lot, Painted Cows that would be around town at different businesses

**XII. Adjournment** – 6:33 pm Mrs. Rench moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Drake seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.