

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes of March 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, Cristin Combs, Eric Banuelos, and Steve Rench.

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by President Canedy
- II. **Call to Public:** None
- III. **Consent agenda** – Mr. Drake moved to accept the Minutes from February 18, 2025 Regular meeting. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman's Report** - *Meals during fair – if you can contribute, please do – Cristin has the list. * What about a VIP parking area - \$100 for the week or \$25 a day – out in front. * Drive in movies in the parking lot * RV camping with Horse – all new income avenues
- V. **Administration Report** - * Appeal on unemployment was denied. * VVF is having their financial audit done this year for the Governors Fund. * Tuff Sheds in Prescott Valley want to be involved with our fair – ideas include: Tack Pens for Clubs, Dressing Room, Livestock Gate for Shade, Parking staging area and an Arena Bar.
- VI. **Financials** -Discussion was had on the monthly reports - Mr. Drake moved to accept the financials as presented. Mr. Bolton 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- VII. **Committee Report** –
 - A) **Livestock:** * S'more party on April 4th * Sign in Sheet for duties at each of the livestock shows
 - B) **Arena Report:** Check into horse camping fees around. For the youth rodeo we need calves and steers
 - C) **Rentals** – busy again
 - D) **Fair** – Award sheet is out for sponsorship, meal sign up list is out
 - E) **.5 K – Beer Fest** – October 11th –.

VIII Old Business

- A) **Well – Pressure Tank vs other options** – Direction was given to contact Longfellow to be done by 2026. Mr. Drake moved to accept Longfellow Excavating bid to tap into our existing water lines to support the well pressure. Mr. Bolton 2nd the motion – all in favor.
- B) **Toys for Tots.**- Have insurance – locations the board wants – up by the VACTE conex box.
- C) **VIP area for 2025 Arena** – Staff would like to try a VIP section at the Arena for the 2025 fair there would a sectioned off area with its own security and bartender – we will try it for one year and go from there. The original thought is 50 people per night at \$25 per night.
- D) **Water Truck update** – Mrs. Gilboy does not have any way to evaluate the Premier Diesel donation so if someone can go look at the truck we can move this forward. Longfellow Excavating has been making sure we have coverage for all our barrel races and gymkana in case our stops working. Mr. Drake stated he would go look at the potential donation and get back to the board. Other option would be to re-build the rear end of the current truck.

IX New Business

- A) **Livestock Scholarship** - There were 6 applicants and the livestock committee is having them evaluated but they recommend to give 3 awards like they did last year in the amounts of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 – last year they received enough in the purchase of the auction animals and the extra over the t-shirts to cover the scholarship. Mr. Drake moved to accept the Livestock Committee recommendation for the 3 scholarships. Mr. Rice 2nd the motion. No more discussion – all in favor.
- B) **Insurance** – We received our insurance renewal for the 2025-2026 season – the cost went up 7%. They did ask for additional companies to bid the policy – unfortunately the others would

not bid the policy to be able to buy insurance for our vendors and the people who rent our buildings. This is a vital part of our policy. Next year the board would like Jonna Randal from Farm Bureau to bid the policy and any other company that supplies insurance to other fairs.

- C) **Parking Lot** – Diagonal road – we would like to take out the “Grand” avenue that runs from the RV Dump up to the livestock gate – can we please remove this road and try to “straighten” out the parking in the parking lot – for the 2025 fair season and if it works we will make it more permanent in the future. – Board said yes we can make these improvements.
- D) **Commercial Building Floor** – we have 2 bids to strip the commercial building floor and then either seal it or stain and seal it. At this time we are going to hold off and look at this another time the cost is a little much at this time.
- E) **New Computers** – last month the board gave approval to purchase 2 computers, but staff is now asking to replace all 3 computers – the current operating system will become obsolete in October so if we are going to replace 2, we would like to purchase 3 and have them all compatible. Mr. Drake moved to purchase a 3rd computer and increase the cost of the 3 computers to \$4,000 total. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion there was no more discussion and all were in favor.

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 – 6:48 pm Mrs. Rench moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Drake seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.