

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes January 9, 2018
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm

Call to Membership – None

Consent agenda - Approval of minutes from Special meeting on 11.7.17 and Annual meeting 12.5.17.
Ms. Schwisow made the Motion to approve the minutes for 11.7 and 12.5. Mr. Taylor 2nd the motion– all in favor, Motion passed

Chairman’s Report - *Bathrooms will be discussed below

Administration Report – *We got a call from a street contract to drop millings – we will drop over by where the livestock parents park their RV during fair. *Thank you card from Kids Against Hunger

Committee Report – Livestock: - 1) BBQ – Mr. Schwab is having surgery and can not do BBQ, have 3 ideas they are working on 2)The quality of beef is going down and buyers are not wanting to buy again due to the meat not tasting right.

Arena Report: - * Water truck is running, * 2 multi month events came back for another season

RV Camping Spots –Mr. Porter received the plan from Electrical engineer, we will get together with APS for the next steps

Bathrooms – Plans are at City of Cottonwood waiting for approval – Mr. Jackson asked if we are doing a monolithic pour or footings – it was decided either would be fine. Mr. Woods only charged us for the drafters time. Huge savings for fairgrounds.

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

Old Business - none

New business

- a) Election of Officers – Mr. Porter was out of town but called to say he likes the current set up of the board. Mr. Taylor moved to keep board as is but switch Mr. Jackson to secretary. Ms. Schwisow 2nd the motion – all in favor.
- b) Meeting Days and Times. Keep the way they are – if livestock did not meet right after we could move to 5:30 but we do not want to back up into livestock meetings.
- c) Pigs – Year around for SAILA and Nationals – We have a request from 2 parent to allow the housing of hogs year around so kids can participate in SAILA shows and Nationals – concerns are where would they be housed during our fair? How would they keep them cool – Fans and Misters???

- d) 2018 Fair Event Manager Contract – Mr. Jackson approved contract for the 2018 fair, Ms. Schwisow 2nd the motion – all in favor
- e) Sheep and Goat Pens – Mr. Zale requested a bid for another set of pens like the new pig pens – they price would be about the same at \$35K, we will have to order 1 month in advance – we will start the bathrooms and see how the money is going and then order.
- f) APS – LED retrofit grant – we submitted to APS for the lights we installed last year – we have not heard yet if they will reimburse anything
- g) Governors Fund Ranking – we are climbing in the ranks – the committee has decided to make some changes, limiting the number of large fair and next step fairs and moving a couple of fairs down the list to where they are ranking. At this point we will not get to move up but that could happen in our future if our numbers continue to rise.
- h) Fair dates 2020-2025 – Check with Danny to make sure carnival is available otherwise the dates look good to the board.

Possible Executive Session – none

Adjournment – 6:30 pm Mr. Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Schwisow seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.