

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes May 16, 2023

5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Secretary Ginny Rench and Board member Joel Rosenberg, and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Brian Bolton, Steve Rench, Jessica Bolton, Eric Banuelos, Nate Jackson, Dan Sullivan, Ken Barnes, Kim Demoney, Amy Combs, Junie Rezzonico, Hailey Rosenberg, Cristin Combs, Cheryl Brothers, Breanna Brothers, Robert Meier, Chris Barrier, Joey Brewer-Croom Jr and others who did not sign in or we could not read.

Absent: Vice President Steve Drake, Treasurer Lewis Rice

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Canedy
- II. **Call to Public:** Mr. Jackson would like to speak later in the meeting on the 2023 fair item
- III. **Consent agenda** – Mr. Rosenberg moved to approve the Minutes from April 18, 2023. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman’s Report** - *AWESOME fair! There were some hiccup’s early – worked through them, we can always do better, the auction was long and there are ways to make it smoother, but it was smooth. Everyone please be mindful of how hard the livestock and Coleen and staff worked. Like prior years, we did not have enough help and was difficult to get it all done, staff was sick prior to fair Livestock did amazing job and we need to be thankful for Coleen’s large family. Sometimes we tend to forget how amazing we have it here at the Verde Valley Fair, the Judge said how great our fairgrounds and fair is. Thank you to everyone who helped. If you would like to email the executive board “for changes” please do, understand sometimes we have done it another way and it did not work, but comments are always welcome
- V. **Administration Report** - * June livestock meeting has been changed to the 1st Tuesday, I am gone to MT for the 2nd Tuesday – discussion on changing date, looking at 1st Tuesday of June before the livestock meeting.
- VI. **Financials** - Mrs. Rench moved to approve the February 2023 financials. Mr. Drake seconded the Motion All in favor.
- VII. **Committee Report** –
 - A) **Livestock:** *June meeting has been moved to 1st Tuesday in June, June 6, 2023. * Great fair * Scholarship had 4 applicants, 3 were complete, 1 was not. * Executive Board requested the Livestock Committee make a wish list for the next year for the budget season.
 - B) **Arena Report:** * May Barrel Race was a success, they want to do a fall series
 - C) **RV Camping Spots** – * No update.
 - D) **Rentals** –* Mrs. Combs gave the report that now that fair is over, we are extremely busy with events.
 - E) **2023 Fair** – * Mr. Rosenberg stated if you saw an issue, please email us and include a suggestion on how to correct/improve it. * Mrs. Rench was impressed how well things worked and would like to know what worked in the past as well as what changes that were made went well. * Camp Verde Football team did an amazing job doing parking and ticket selling and taking for their 1st year, many parents now see what is involved and will be more pro-active to make the 2024 event smoother. * Mr. Jackson stated there was a lot of changes in one year, we are not Yuma, SAILA or State Fair – we are the Verde Valley fair and he does not want to see us loose the nitch we have. Also the livestock committee did a great job. Mrs. Bolton stated there were more big kids showing small stock then in prior years. Ms. Canedy wanted to Thank Mr. Barrier and Mr. Mier for all their volunteer help before fair, during fair and after fair with everything from hanging quilts to selling tickets at the livestock gate in the mornings – thank you for stepping up.
- VIII **Old Business**
 - A) **Fire Hydrants** – Company came and did a complete service on them and have them flowing, the line to the fire hydrant is not large enough to push enough water – VVF will have to put in a new line from 12th Street up to get enough pressure for the hydrants to work correctly.

- B) **APS – lines underground** – We have not received numbers from APS.
- C) **Master Plan** – will work on this after fair.
- D) **Roof on Office.** We received one bid and it came in higher than expected, we will need to get more bids.
- E) **Navajo County Fair** – We need to return the cages. Mr. and Mrs. Rench volunteered to do this again. We will work out a date.
- F) **2023-2024 Budget** – Please get your budget requests in.

IX New Business

- A) **Livestock Committee Election** – Members in the audience that are on the ballot were allowed to introduce themselves. Ms. Amy Combs introduced herself, working with the Oak Creek Organized youth. Showed animals when small and wants to continue to help. Mr. Dan Sullivan was 4 years on the livestock committee, took his one year break and is ready to get back to work and serve on the committee and be involved with the Verde Valley Fair, but even if not elected he will continue to volunteers. The count was read: Mrs. Linda Harrison, Mrs. Veronica “Roni” Kennedy, Mrs. Kristin Peck and Mr. Dan Sullivan were elected to the Livestock Committee. Mrs. Rench made a motion to accept the votes as counted and Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion. No more discussion, all in favor.
- B) **Scholarship Approval** – The livestock committee made the recommendation to give the 3 completed applications scholarships in the amount of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000. Livestock stated that the auction brought in a lower amount than last year, but the extra funds from the t-shirts could be used. Mrs. Rench made a motion to approve the amounts from the livestock committee and Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion. Discussion included the levels that were set in 2021, the amount coming in from the auction and the purpose of the scholarship. No more discussion the motion passed.
- C) **Parent 86’ed from the 2023 fair** – 2 kids showing could show at the 2024 fair as a Senior and a Freshman. The police and security were involved after Director Gilboy was called to the livestock barn. The two gentlemen were escorted out of the gates. One of the gentlemen came back in the front gate after paying for a ticket. The police escorted the man and his oldest son out again and the man was told he was not allowed back on the property. Discussion included the man can not be on the property, if he would like to attend the 2024 fair and watch his children he will have to petition the fair executive board to allow him back on. The gentleman can not come to any public or private events on the grounds, this includes school functions, gun shows, camping anything. Discussion was had to draft a letter to the parent outlining what exactly is expected from him to be able to come back. His name is on the police department list of who is not allowed back on property. Mrs. Gilboy will call the parent this evening to make sure he understands what he can and cannot do.

X. Future Agenda Items- NONE

XI. Executive Session – NONE

- XII. Adjournment** – 6:55 pm Mrs. Rench made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.