

**10TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 21, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: The 10th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM at the Fairgrounds office by Vice President Rizzardo.

ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT: All Directors were present with the exception of Director Quinn.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF: Also present were Cliff Munson, CEO; Michelle Eiler, AGPA; Mike Luiz, Senior Maintenance Worker; and Janae Scruggs, Friends of the Fair President.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR: Janae Scruggs reported the fair was fantastic. They love the beer garden and sold 56 kegs of beer, up from last year. There are two new board members coming on in September and they are continuing to work on the Winema Hall Kitchen project. No public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Action by Board): Director Salters made a motion, seconded by Director Finley and carried to accept the consent calendar which included minutes from the July 17, 2018 meeting, contracts for July, the Finance Report and request/approval of contract #18-0127 for the 2018/19 allocation. (Aye votes: Cardoza, Fawaz, Finley, Hanna, Mercier, Peterson, Rizzardo and Salters). No public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE (Information/Action): The folder was passed around containing several thank you notes and emails, a security report from the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department, the Rodeo results and the California State Fire Marshall report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Information/Action):

- Junior Livestock Auction Committee – President Rizzardo reported that the 2018 Junior Livestock Auction broke \$800,000, \$32k up from last year. The community is very supportive of our youth; it was a great auction. The average bid on all lots without add on money was \$3128 per lot to the seller. They have started looking into projects for next year, possibly change locks or get new pens for the swine barn. Also need to get the reader board back with more adults to assist in running it. No public comment
- Junior Fair Board – Interviews for the 2018/2019 board will be held on Monday, August 27th. No public comment.

FAIR REPORT (Information/Action):

- 2018 Fair – A fair summary was passed out and discussed. CEO Munson reported that the fair went well even with the smoke and low attendance the first two days. We had new department supervisors in Home Arts, Fine Arts, Floral/AgHort and Photography. We already have new ideas for next year's departments. There was the issue in the RV Park with blackouts occurring in the 3rd row. It has been discussed that changing the breaker to 150 amps should fix that problem. Many complaints about the rodeo again. A big thank you to the board assisting with the Sponsor BBQ, might need to mix some things up to get more attendance. After much research and rumors, the swine issue has been determined to be a fight between pigs, no human involvement. CEO Munson posted his finding on Facebook, since that is where most of the speculation was being stated. Vendors were down this year due to the fires and smoke; a lot of fairs had the same problem. We did have to remove one vendor for scamming an elderly lady and had a longtime vendor pass away during the night. Before fair the water fountains were replaced near the gazebo and are now ADA

complaint. This came about when Suburban Propane damaged it during the fire camp. Another water issue was resolved the Monday of fair week when an underground valve starting leaking in the livestock area. It was repaired and thanks to Advantage Paving the asphalt was replaced by that evening. Considering the smoke, heat and minor issues we had another good fair. There will be a few issues being brought to the board at the next meeting: Heritage Swine Program, Siskiyou County Born Swine Class and Cattlewomen's Ranchers Choice. No public comment.

CEO COMMENTS: CEO Munson reported on other fairgrounds issues. The Siskiyou County Motorsports Association has had several board president changes this year and difficulty with membership and financing. They have not provided us with financial reports the entire season. They have approached and would like to separate the auto racing and kart track contracts for next year, as well as have indoor kart racing this winter. Johnson's already have a signed contract for the indoor arena until December 31st; therefore no contract will be approved for the karts until after that time. It might be time to take a break from the racing and/or go out to bid. We are continuing forward on a few projects that have been approved. E&S Engineering has completed the surveying of the front parking lot for ADA accessibility and a company out of Redding came and measured for the grandstand concession hood system. These projects should be complete by December 31st. E&S Engineering also was asked to take a look at the Floral Building roof and provide an estimate/opinion. CEO Munson requested that the rental rates be placed on the September agenda to adjust for the 3% increase in the state and add the new beer garden cooler to the list.

STAFF COMMENTS:

- Mike Luiz, Senior Maintenance Worker –Said he was behind due to the fire camp and new staff so the grounds didn't get it as polished as he would have liked it. Gave kudos to Tom Taylor for handling the parking in the livestock area.
- Michelle Eiler, AGPA – Had a great staff, problems with the ticket program that we had switched to, dealt with odd situations like removing a vendor and having one pass away.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

- Director Hanna – On the surface the fair looked good as always even though there staff had weird stuff going on. Couple complaints received: shower curtains in RV restroom have holes and one didn't close, livestock parking on Tuesday people getting blocked in (maybe cone or rope off area). The redneck roundup was awesome but would like to see an all around male & female award. Maybe move saddle cow to Friday night. We could promote the junior buckers more and the rodeo needs some interaction with the crowd at intermission. He also was informed by law enforcement that the pigs had initials carved into them, so they were cause of some rumors.
- Director Cardoza – It was a decent turnout despite the smoke. Grounds looked good and received good comments on the FOF beer booth. The desserts at the BBQ were great and it was nice to have the JFB serve. The auction and the buyers' lunch were good. Jefferson Resource Company may be interested in being a partner next year. A few concerns about injuries and liability issues with the redneck roundup but overall it was a great fair.
- Director Salters – The redneck roundup and Preston were a crowd pleaser; there were some scary hits during the soccer event. The bands were good to listen to but there were some comments made about the Belly Dancers. The Exhibitor Restroom could use a facelift – it's not dirty just old. Didn't think the carnival was as good as the past: fights, parked in her space, sketchy.
- Director Peterson – Thought it was a good fair overall. Grounds looked great, trees were trimmed. Enjoyed the roundup. Had a really good time.
- Director Fawaz – Awarded his Directors Award to Mike Luiz, the grounds looked great for being delayed due to the Fire Camp. Might want to change up the Sponsor BBQ, need to have a reason for people to come to the fair on Thursday night. Felt the carnival (Paul Maurer Shows employees) were nice, polite and saw them picking up trash in that area. Would like the reader board back in the auction. He has some ideas to make the soccer event better in the redneck roundup. Farm Bureau

was happy with their beer booth but may want to do some updating, the cooler had to be shared with the Cattlewomen so the beer didn't stay as cold as it should have.

- Director Mercier – Sunday at the buyers' breakfast, kids were way too aggressive to buyers, was hard to enjoy; some buyers may not come back. Cattlemen's lunch needs to change next year. Had a complaint that a concessionaire had nowhere to dump their gray water, it was explained that most fairs you have to have your own tank. We should keep the rodeo sheep in the arena area not the livestock barns. There is some sharp edges on the south gate in the auction ring (hog barn side) that need to be addressed. Would like to see the reader board back, the grounds looked great, and few complaints this year, awesome fair.
- President Finley – It was a great fair. Redneck roundup should use pit bikes on the soccer event instead of Quads. The rodeo was awful. Thought the attendance was decent and the grounds looked great. Gave his director's award to Dakota Cash for assisting every show in the large show ring and working the Destruction Derby.
- Vice President Rizzardo – More tables are needed at the Sponsor BBQ, those that attended enjoyed it. The Rodeo was bad and attendance and partnerships are in jeopardy. Need to increase the budget for livestock judges (double to triple the budget) to get decent ones. Need to increase the Camping spaces and the early park fee. On the pig issue – if they get out/get together they are going to fight. Overall there weren't many complaints in livestock. The grounds looked great, the office staff was great. Kudos to the Friends of the Fair for their booth and beer sales.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Approved:

Attest:

Dena Rizzardo
Vice President
Date:

Michelle Eiler
Secretary
Date: