

MINUTES
35-A District Agricultural Association
Board of Directors
September 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President T. Williams at 5:00 PM in the director's room, of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Richards.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF PRESENT: T. Williams, Munn, Richards, Johnson, Appling, Stewart, Phillips, Wass, Foley, Bullis, Lebow.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Anne Brock, Rusty Avery

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Johnson, second by Munn and carried to approve the agenda as emailed.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Munn, second by Richards and carried to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular meeting. Johnson abstained as she was absent from the August Meeting.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Stewart, second by Phillips and carried to approve disbursements in the amount of \$137,550.01 and payroll in the amount of \$24,178.40 for the month ending August 31, 2015. Richards asked if we are on track with prior years.

GENERAL FAIR DISCUSSION: Directors had great feedback in regards to the 2015 Fair. Comments are at bottom under Directors Reports.

FRIST AMENDMENT EXPRESSION POLICY: Motion by Richards, second by Stewart and carried to approve First Amendment Expression Policy with the following changes; "Anyone violating any or any part of these provisions of this Policy may or will be ejected from the grounds of the Fair".

REFUND REQUESTS: Motion by Richards, Second by Phillips and carried to approve refund for the August 18th Horse Show for \$41.00.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: President Williams reported that the committee would like to make an Adviser position and put Director Munn as the Advisor of the Board until he resigns and then add Johnson to the Executive Committee. Motion by Stewart, second by Wass and carried to add an advisory position to the fair board. Motion by Stewart, second by Wass and carried to make Director Munn an advisory to the board. Motion by Phillips, second by Appling and carried to approve the Executive Committees report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman Richards asked that it be at 3pm on November 16, 2015.

2015 FAIR THEME CONTEST: Board will vote on theme contest at the November 16th Board meeting. Staff was directed to use both the Mariposa Gazette and the Sierra Sun Times.

BOARD COMMITTEES: Tabled until the November Meeting

CONVENTION: WFA Convention will be held on January 3-5, 2016 in Anaheim this year. Board members can go to the WFA web site and sign up and also book their rooms too.

DIRECTORS & STAFF COMMENTS:

- ❑ Appling reported that it was a nice fair and that she liked being under the arbor by the Sheriff's Department.
- ❑ Stewart reported that was another great fair, enjoyed giving out the vendor ribbons, talked about what we can do to get the Derby and Rodeo Fans into the arena faster. Ideas from the board were tearing tickets in half so that they are not used again, opening gates earlier and also opening the 3rd gate to the arena.
- ❑ Munn reported that the Staff did a great job with the fair this year and also welcomed Anne Brock to the fair board of Directors.
- ❑ Wass reported that it was a great fair and had a great time at the Derby and Rodeo.
- ❑ Richards reported that he did an unofficial survey of fair patrons and he reported that 62 families the top 2 things that they would like changed are Parking, Wi-Fi and Cost, the top 2 of way the fair is great was safety and the Carnival employees. Also surveyed 40 seniors and the top 2 likes were the busses and the Memories, top 2 dislikes were wish it was easier to get around and more seating. Took the shuttle buses and enjoyed them, we really need to market them better. Welcomed Anne Brock to the Fair Board and said that the fairgrounds is more than just fair. Tom Williams rocked the Blue Ribbon Award for Julia Parker. Had a problem with Rotary and the Reserved Parking, they were letting anyone into the reserved parking and so if you had a pass you were not able to park.
- ❑ Johnson reported Horse Shows were great this year and that the Pre Fair Horse show was super and asked that more board members attend.
- ❑ Williams reported that he and Munn went to the Feature Fair in Idaho and enjoyed themselves. At the fair they had a group called "Chicks and Chaps" for Breast Cancer and did very well. Thanked Brian and Staff for a great job, was great to give the Blue Ribbon Award to Julia Parker and the Grand Marshalls to Merlin and Mimi Jones at the Rodeo. Is looking forward to the 2016 Fair.
- ❑ Lebow reported of the fair and Junior Livestock Auction, will have numbers at the October Fair. Also reported about her family in the Butte Fire and Frog Town.
- ❑ Foley reported on the horse show and fair. Also that her Dogs have been found.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- ❑ Welcomed Anne Brock to the Fair Board and said that it will take a couple of years to understand the workings of the fair.
- ❑ Toughest fair, but we were prepared more.
- ❑ Had the stomach flu on Thursday before fair and during.
- ❑ Down on admissions this year, but broke a record for Saturday night of fair. Will have more details at the October meeting
- ❑ Sewer issues, will have to have it pumped before fair, also had to install a new control panel as was blowing breakers.
- ❑ Good news that the State has released how our \$42,000.00 will be given.
- ❑ Had a propane leak and the only way to fix was to have smaller propane tanks put in for Building A & Office, Building B, Café and Livestock restrooms. We also have a leak to the heaters in Building A so will have that plumbed after fair.
- ❑ Carnival was up on Friday and Saturday, but flat on Sunday and Monday.
- ❑ Suggestions for the 2016 Fair need to be in by December 31, 2015.

- We have had our first Football game of the 2015 season and it went well.
- Informed Board of vacation dates in September and October.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion Munn and second by Appling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Bullis, CEO

Tom Williams, President