

MINUTES  
35-A District Agricultural Association  
Board of Directors  
May 17, 2021

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Shelton.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF PRESENT: Williams, Shelton, Wass, Phillips, Bullis, Foley, Wiemer, and Stewart by telecommunication.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF ABSENT: Richards & Appling (Medical)

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Stewart, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as e-mailed.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Stewart, second by Wass and carried to unanimously approve the minutes as e-mailed of the April 19, 2021 regular meeting.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Stewart, second by Wass and carried unanimously to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$35,444.86 and net payroll in the amount of \$12,009.09 for the month ending April 30, 2021. Bullis informed the board that we did have a few disbursements that were unusual like our annual auto insurance for \$3,960.00, M & M Backflow for \$1,470.50 and our annual WiFi software license for 1,652.75.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DERBY & RODEO: Bullis explained that as of now, we will start off selling tickets in the orange Tier, we should increase the price to cover the cost of the promoters for both derby and rodeo, Foley suggested also putting a cap on the number of tickets that each person can buy to 10 so more people can purchase tickets to attend. After discussion, the board as tabled until June to set the price. Leslie will order the tickets with no price on the derby or rodeo tickets. Motion by Phillips, second by Stewart and carried unanimously to table until June.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

- ❑ Stewart hopes that we can all get back to a normal life.
- ❑ Shelton said all of the grass and poppies are dead in the river canyon. Business is doing Ok, lots of first time RV campers this year. Yosemite reservation system is starting up again which could affect camping and hotel accommodations. The national market is coming back.
- ❑ Wass said she has found some sponsors for the blankets discussed last meeting for FFA & 4H champion and reserve champion. Williams said that in talking with Foley maybe we should do a nice rosette instead since the blankets are expensive and we need 36 of them. After discussion, it was agreed to do a smaller blanket and Wass will get a list of sponsors from Weimer to call.

- Phillips said he spoke to an RV place and they are out 4 months because the demand is so high. apparently, it is hard getting the appliances for them due to a lack of employees.
- Williams reported that Appling was having a tough time with chemo, we wish her the best. Richards is out on a medical leave, he had a 99.9% blockage in his heart. The procedure went well and he is doing good, taking some time to rest. Williams attended the Calaveras Fair along with Lowell, was not many people there on Friday, no exhibits in the buildings. Laurie had to redo the image of “fair” so she came up with “Homecoming”. They attended the ceremony held in the arena for Laurie’s husband Daryl whom recently passed away.

STAFF COMMENTS: Foley said most of the food vendors contracts have come back, still waiting on a few. Staying busy with fair preparations. Weimer said she is ready for the entries to start in June.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Staffing is tough to find these days, we have the BMW Rally and Butterfly Days coming up and short on bathroom staff. He did hire a lady by contract to clean bathrooms 3 times a week, being an independent contractor we don’t have to pay workers’ comp, etc. He does have Lenny and Rochelle our camp host to help out if needed.
- Shutter Venue Grant – Told they are throwing every road block they can up so no one can get qualified. No time to work on it right now, if it is still around after fair he will revisit it.
- The office AC/Heating system went out, we had to have it replaced at a cost of \$6,962.54.
- We have \$443,096.00 in reserves, we received \$83,000.00 from F & E for essential operational expenses.
- June 30, 2021 the vaccine clinic will be done here at the fairgrounds. We do have long Term camping coming in which will generate about 15,000 – 16,000 in camping income. Off road camping has been good.
- Bullis shared a letter received from our carnival contractor, he unfortunately has had to close his business due to not being able to hire his employees back under the H2B program. Letter is attached and made a part of these minutes.
- We had our state audit last week, Bullis went over the findings with the directors. A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Motion by Shelton, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

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Tom Williams, President,      Date

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Brian Bullis, CEO      Date