

MINUTES
35-A District Agricultural Association
Board of Directors
November 21, 2016

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 Wass.

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

DIRECTORS & STAFF ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Bobby Redding

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Redding informed the Board that he loved his job as a full-time maintenance worker and the Board all welcomed Redding.

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Munn, second by Stewart and carried to approve minutes of the October 17, 2016 regular meeting as emailed.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Richards, second by Stewart and carried to approve disbursements in the amount of \$68,497.14 and \$17075.83 net payroll for the month of October 31, 2016. Richards asked if we are on track.

BUDGET: Director Richards & Manager Bullis presented the 2017 Budget to the fair board. Manager Bullis informed the board that there was a projected loss of \$122,000.00 with the 2016 Budget and now is projected that it will only be a \$37,000.00 loss. The fair has already received \$37,500.00 from Mariposa County for the 1st quarter. Motion by Appling, second by Phillips and carried to approve the budget for 2016. Budget attached and made part of these minutes.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Director Munn reported that the committee has a slate for the 2017 year and it is for President-Tom Williams and Vice President Pelk Richards. There were no nominations from the floor, Motion by Shelton, second by Munn and carried to approve the above slate of offers for the 2017 year.

2017 FAIR THEME: Fair theme suggestions were given to the board members and discussion was held. Richards also requested that we tie the theme and the Blue Ribbon Award together, giving the award to the Board of Supervisors and Community. The board also talked about doing the Blue Ribbon Award at the opening of the Fair. Motion by Stewart, second by Richards to table picking the 2017 Fair Theme till February 2017.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY: Motion by Johnson, second by Munn and carried, that CEO, Brian Bullis, is authorized to execute standard and rental agreements on behalf of the association without further authorization of the Board of Directors up to the amount of \$25,000.00. Authorize Julie A. Lebow to execute judging agreements for the 2017 Fair season. All such executed agreements, however, are to be submitted to the Board of Directors for review at a subsequent meeting. The duration of this delegation is authorized for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

VOLUNTEER DATA BASE: Director Williams handed out a sample application, board went over it with some suggestions; list 3 references, confidentiality clause. Williams will work on the changes and will bring it back and also take it to the Friends of the Fairgrounds. Will need to have someone spear head this program and keep track of hours.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING: Motion by Stewart, second by Appling and carried to cancel the December 2016, board Meeting. Director Munn informed the board that we have not had a board meeting in December for 32 years.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF COMMENTS:

- ❑ Appling no report.
- ❑ Stewart wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- ❑ Shelton thanked the board for letting him miss the October meeting as he was at the National FFA Conference. They took 14 kids and 3 adults, had a great time and the speakers where superb.
- ❑ Munn wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- ❑ Phillips no report.
- ❑ Wass reported that she was asked about 4H members not wearing their hat in the show-ring. Bullis and Lebow said that they would check into was is in the exhibitor book and will take any changes to the Exhibitor Committee meeting in 2017.
- ❑ Richards reported that he was amazed at the \$107,000.00 that the Friends of the Fairgrounds had given to the fair to keep things going. Was pleased with the year that we had and is looking forward to working with everyone next year.
- ❑ Johnson reported that she was having a meeting in regards to the WiFi and that more hardware is not the solution to our problem. Shelton asked if he could talk to his WiFi person and see if he would meet with Johnson and look at our problem. Johnson is very excited about meeting with him.
- ❑ Williams thanked the board for another year as Board President, also wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hoped that Board members would be able to attend the Convention this year in Reno.
- ❑ Redding wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- ❑ Lebow reported that she and Mike have a new grandson, Rogan Zackery. Also a Happy Thanksgiving to the board.
- ❑ Foley wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- ❑ Reported on Managers Conference and that they are still looking into the new law in regards to the Marijuana bill passing. Has been talking to F&E as one of our renters next year is questioning what can be done on our grounds in regards to the new law. Also hand out a flyer "Generations at a Glance" was very informative.
- ❑ There is no new funding in the State Legislature at this time for funding for Fairs.
- ❑ Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds has donated over \$107,000.00 in the last 5 years.
- ❑ Have signed the contract with CFFA for the new steel doors and fire hydrants.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion by Phillips, second by Stewart and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:52PM in Memory of Bob Bondshu and Bob Mason.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Bullis, CEO

Tom Williams, President