

MINUTES  
35-A District Agricultural Association  
Board of Directors  
July 18, 2016

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 Wass.

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

DIRECTORS AND STAFF ABSENT: Lebow (Vacation)

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Johnson, second by Richards and carried to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 regular meeting as corrected.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Stewart, second by Appling and carried to approve disbursements in the amount of \$32,883.68 and net payroll in the amount of \$17,860.40 for the month ending June 30, 2016. Richards asked if we are within the normal and Manager Bullis informed the board that disbursements are where they should be for this time of year but they will likely see an increase over next few months while gearing up for fair.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: The committee met to compare rental rates to labor cost. Johnson requested we increase our rental rates, after much discussion it was tabled until October 2016. This will give time to see if the Mariposa Board of Supervisors include the Fairgrounds in the new budget. It was suggested that Manager Bullis let any returning clubs/clients know that we could be increasing rental rates by 10% - 15% next year. Motion by Stewart, second by Phillips and carried to accept the finance report as given.

SPONSORED AWARDS: Reviewed the current list of sponsored awards and went over what we still need sponsors for. Foley said she has the horse show covered by Carol Johnson's donation earlier in year, Munn agreed to sponsor the two Rabbit trophies still needed and Appling agreed to sponsor the three Jr. Chicken trophies needed. Foley asked if any directors are asked if we need sponsors, we still have six trophies that we need sponsored at \$20 each.

AGREEMENTS: List of judging agreements was tabled.

GENERAL: Foley asked the directors to please sign up for the hospitality room, it provides our judges and entertainers with a place to relax and cool off with food and drinks. Williams congratulated Richards and Appling getting reappointed to the board. Johnson stated the board of supervisors' budget meeting is on August 26, 2016 and everyone that can attend should be there to show support for the fair. Wass can help with judging or clerking in the buildings if needed prior to fair.

#### DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

- Appling reported that she is happy to be reappointed to the board, she enjoys working with everyone.
- Stewart congratulated Richards and Appling on their reappointment, he plans on attending the board of supervisors' budget meeting on Aug. 26, 2016.
- Munn congratulated Richards and Appling. Munn reported he is excited to see his cousin, Susan (Munn) Rosen perform at our fair this year. Munn and Williams attended the Mother Lode Fair and July 9<sup>th</sup>, it was Stacy Dodge's last fair with them. Thursday they will attend WFA open house at State Fair.
- Phillips congratulated Richards and Appling on reappointment to the board.
- Wass reported that she attended State Fair and had a good time. She said they had to move the champion swine arena to a different barn and had issues with the swine being moved over very hot asphalt, up a plat form which ended up being destroyed by them. Lucky they didn't lose any swine to the heat.
- Richards reported that this is the first time he has been reappointed to the fair board without having to apply.
- Johnson had nothing to report.
- Williams requested that all board members be present at the Blue Ribbon award to be given out at the livestock auction on Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> so he can introduce the board of directors. Williams also reported on the Mother Lode Fair and sorry to see Stacy leave, she did a very good job there. Attended the Sausage and Suds event, Friends of the Fair did a great job. Will be attending the State Fair on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Umatilla County Fair on August 9<sup>th</sup>, on returning he will go to the Sky County Fair.

#### STAFF REPORT:

- Foley reported that entries are coming in, only 2.5 weeks until they close. Foley has four saddles sponsored this year, the local saddle roping, high money heeler, high money header and Larry Johnson is sponsoring a saddle for Top Hand which is for high money in the local roping, cattle branding, cattle penning and ranch sorting. The entries are coming in for the team roping during the rodeo, Merlin Jones wanted to sponsor buckles for the team roping, barrel racing and Jr barrel racing so Foley has ordered those.

#### MANAGERS REPORT:

- Foley has extra work due to the changes in our rodeo, she is taking all of the entries for the team roping and the barrel racing.
- Bullis received a call from Chowchilla Fair wanting him to manage their fair along with Mariposa, said he can't do that, his time is devoted to Mariposa Fair and never enough time already.
- Randy Brower Construction reroofed the Grandstand Restrooms. He did a great job, all he wants is a sign promoting his company like we have next to the livestock restrooms for Guenthart Construction, Bullis has one on the ticket booth next to restrooms and also an arena sign.
- Update on the blacksmith shop, just waiting on the lumber. It should only take a week to complete once we get the lumber, he is not worried about getting it completed in time for fair.
- Lost our mower, threw a rod. Coast Hardware sold us a new one for their cost of \$2,400 so we will now have the old one to use as parts when needed.
- Roping cattle through Steve Simon increased from \$3,500 up to \$5,000. Our rodeo promoter suggested we get a quote through one of his contacts, came in at \$2,500 so we will be going with them. Ed Hirdes son will honor the contract we had with his dad (Ed passed away) for all of the other cattle.

- Received a call for another music festival in July, 2017. Music will be blue grass, rock, etc. but this is a cannabis convention put on by a group of nurses for medical use.
- Received a call from the BMW Rally, they had such a good turn out and appreciated all the work the fair does to help them have such a smooth rally that they are sending a donation of \$1,500 for the fair. Bullis told them he will use it to make additional improvements to our WIFI system.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion by Johnson, second by Stewart and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Bullis, CEO

T. Williams, President

Date Signed: