

**The California Mid-State Fair
Heritage Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

February 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Michael Torgerson.

BODs Present: Dave Belmont, Mike Coon, Debbie Dusi, Brenda Fletcher, Daren Friedle, Patricia Lawrence, Deana Nelson, Ernie Rey, Denise Stornetta, Michael Torgerson.

BODs Absent: Susan Beebe, Mike Brady, Tim Hartzell, John Peschong.

Members/Guests: Branden Blanke, Mike Bradley, Cara Crye, Ken Dewar, Meg Evans, Chuck Fletcher, Mike Hall, Wendy Hall, Judy Hearn, David Hebard, Mary Pat Reilly, Vicki Silva, Ken Thomas, Nancy Wheeler-Nichols.

Approval of Agenda: Denise Stornetta made a motion to approve the agenda with the following change: add Item VI, James W. Brabeck Youth Legacy Fund – check presentation. Dave Belmont made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Deana Nelson made a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes. Denise Stornetta made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:

Michael Torgerson asked the guests and the Heritage Board of Directors to introduce themselves.

James W. Brabeck Youth Legacy Fund:

Ken Dewar and Cara Crye presented a check in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the Heritage Foundation. Ken Dewar thanked the Heritage Foundation for their support, and indicated the James W. Brabeck Youth Legacy Fund was looking forward to a long relationship.

Michael Torgerson announced Denise Stornetta was the Chair of the Heritage Foundation committee working with the James W. Brabeck Youth Legacy Fund.

Financial Report:

The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period of January 1 – February 12, 2020. Daren Friedle made a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports as submitted. Mike Coon made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson presented the list of checks written since the last Board meeting and indicated that the elevator bill for \$766.32 was not the normal bill, but rather an inspection. Dave Belmont made a motion to ratify the checks written. Denise Stornetta made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson indicated she currently has a bill in the amount of \$533.76 from Alpha Fire. Chuck Fletcher is working with the company in regards to this bill, and Deana will hold off paying it until she hears from Chuck.

Board Business:

Debbie Dusi distributed a current list of committees to the Board. The list includes the committee name, along with the chair and members of each committee. Daren Friedle made a motion to approve the committee list as presented. Deana Nelson made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

A. Standard Committees

1. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle presented a “preliminary” budget report that included actual expenditures from 2019 and a 2020 draft budget. The Budget Committee will be meeting and will bring back a recommended budget to the Board. Daren asked if anyone had anything that needed to be added, please contact him.

2. By-Law – John Peschong – No Report.
3. Concessions – Dave Belmont reported that the RFP for the Market Place had been turned in, and the Heritage Foundation was awarded the bid. Currently the RFP is in the “protest” stage which means any vendor that submitted an RFP and did not get the bid may protest. There will be a meeting with the fair on February 24, 2020 to further discuss the RFP.
4. Elections – John Peschong – No Report.
5. Facilities – Ernie Rey No Report.
6. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – No Report.
7. Membership – Brenda Fletcher indicated there were 63 paid pledges to date. The Membership Committee had a meeting in January and broke down the job duties.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon stated Susan Beebe would work with him on balcony seating. There are currently 43 on the wait list. Mike noted he is still working on replacing the covers for the chairs.
9. Scholarship – Tim Hartzell – No Report.

B. Special Committee:

1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capitol Project – Dave Belmont reported the committee has met and there are concerns about the ability to meet the State ADA requirements due to the slope of the driveway leading to the gate. Ernie Rey is going to see if he can get some information regarding the feasibility of this project. Dave will report back to the Board.

Old Business:

1. Tim Hartzell – Crab Fee – No Report.

New Business:

1. Nancy Wheeler-Nichols CMSF Board of Director stated “to keep the lines of communication open”, she would be sharing information regarding the Heritage Foundation meeting with the CMSF Board of Directors.
2. Mike Bradley CMSF CEO:
 - a. The Fair met with seven members of the Wood-Claeysens Foundation Board. Mike indicated it was a learning experience for both sides, and that it was a great cooperative meeting. Both sides will continue to work together on a three year plan.
 - b. Dan and Shay tickets will go on sale this Friday, February 14, 2020, followed by Carrie Underwood and then Eric Church.
 - c. The Western Bonanza kicks off tomorrow at noon and entries are up this year.
 - d. There were great RFP’s submitted for the Market Place. Mike indicated it will be a nice addition to that side of the fairgrounds.
 - e. In attempt to book more popular acts there will be only one show on the Frontier Stage, and it will be at 8:00 p.m.
 - f. A petting farm, pig races, and snakes alive will be in the area of the Headliner stage. In addition, the industrial arts will be moved to the Edna Valley Barn.

Board Comments:

Brenda Fletcher presented Dave Belmont with his vest for serving as Chair of the Heritage Foundation.

Deana Nelson indicated April 2, 2020 is the Farm Credit West social dinner and the invitation will be on the desk in the office if anyone wishes to attend.

Denise Stornetta informed the Board that the Western Bonanza will be using the Heritage Lounge during the Bonanza.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Dusi
Secretary

The Next Regular Board Meeting:
Wednesday, March 11, 2020