

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

January 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dave Belmont.

BODs Present: Susan Beebe, Dave Belmont, Mike Brady, Mike Coon, Debbie Dusi, Brenda Fletcher, Daren Friedle, Tim Hartzell, Patricia Lawrence, Deana Nelson, John Peschong, Ernie Rey, Denise Stornetta, Michael Torgerson.

BODs Absent:

Members/Guests: Ashley Blanke, Branden Blanke, Mike Bradley, JD Cronin, Kay-C Cronin, Meg Evans, Chuck Fletcher.

Approval of Agenda: Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following changes: Board Business – Deletion of Item 4, 2020 Officer Positions. Daren Friedle made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: John Peschong presented a slate of names to fill the Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Officer positions for 2020; Michael Torgerson, Chairman, Denise Stornetta, Co-Chair, Debbie Dusi, Secretary and Deana Nelson, Treasurer. After so discussion, John Peschong made a motion to accept the slate of names to fill the 2020 Board Officer positions. Brenda Fletcher made a second to the motion which passed unanimously.

Dave Belmont passed the gavel to Michael Torgerson.

Michael Torgerson thanked Dave for his hard work and his support of the Heritage Foundation. Michael asked John Peschong to look at changing the by-laws so that officers are elected yearly in November, with their term beginning the first meeting in January. In addition, Michael indicated he would like to see more member participation on committees.

Approval of Minutes: Deana Nelson made a motion to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes. Dave Belmont made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments:

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

Financial Report: The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board as of December 31, 2019. Dave Belmont made a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports as submitted. Denise Stornetta made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson presented the list of checks written since the last Board meeting. Dave Belmont made a motion to ratify the checks written. Mike Coon made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson reported there were no unpaid bills.

Board Business:

1. Membership – Brenda Fletcher stated that membership pledges will be sent out on-line in the next week or so. There are currently 79 on the membership wait list. Brenda reported that the Western Fairs Association Conference will begin on January 19, 2020 this year. Brenda Fletcher, Dave Belmont and Michael Torgerson will be attending. After some discussion, Mike Coon made a motion to allocate up to \$1,000.00 per Board member as reimbursement for costs related to the conference. Denise Stornetta second the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Concessions – Michael Torgerson turned the floor over to Dave Belmont. Dave stated the Fair currently has an RFP for the new Market Place (formerly the Grape Crush). Dave indicated the date to submit was coming up and that an email vote may be required if we are the successful bidder. In addition, Dave reported the Concession committee would be meeting one day next week.
3. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capitol Project – Dave Belmont reported the Committee had a presentation with the Fair Board and the family for improvement of the Shell gate. Both have approved the concept of the project. Dave indicated conceptual drawings are required for the project, and that the Heritage Foundation now has the lead to move forward. After some discussion, Dave Belmont made a motion to proceed with the concept, and conceptual drawing and any funds required be allocated from the Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund account. Tim Hartzell made the second to the motion which passed unanimously.

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New Business:

1. Mike Bradley CMSF CEO reported the following:
 - a. The date for the annual Fair dinner is January 31, 2020. Mike asked everyone to RSVP by January 15, 2020.
 - b. The Fair met with the Wood-Claeysens Foundation Board in Santa Barbara to discuss their participation in the Fair. Mike indicated the meeting went very well.
 - c. The RFP is out for the Market Place (formerly the Grape Crush). There is a lot of interest in the location. The Fair will be doing an orientation for all vendors interested in submitting an RFP and will conduct interviews with a presentation required by all vendors.
 - d. Mike thanked the Heritage Foundation for all their help during the current meeting with the State Fire Marshall.
 - e. The celebration of the Fairs 75th anniversary will be during the 2020 Fair. Mike asked that anyone with stories, historical elements please submit them to the Fair (which can be done via the Web Site or directly to the office).

Board Comments:

Susan BeeBe indicated she would be updating the Web page with the new Officers.

Deana Nelson asked that the minutes be transcribed quickly as she will need to take them to the bank to update the signatures on the bank accounts because of the change of officers.

Dave Belmont thanked everyone for their help and support during his term as Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Dusi
Secretary

The Next Regular Board Meeting:
Wednesday, February 12, 2020