

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

July 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairman Michael Torgerson.

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

BODs Absent: Debbie Dusi

Members/Guests: Steven Baker, Colleen Bojorquez, Wendy Hall, Ana Hahn, Steven Nakamoto, Kristin Osborn, Jonathan Shroyer, Constance Stewart, Eric Thomas.

Approval of Agenda: Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the agenda. Denise Stornetta made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Brenda Fletcher made a motion to approve the June 10, 2020 minutes. Denise Stornetta made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Announcements/Introductions/Member Comments: no comments.

Financial Report: The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements were distributed to the Board for the period of January 1 – July 8, 2020. Daren Friedle made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports as submitted. Mike Brady made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson explained that the Heritage Foundation received a restricted donation of \$45,000 for the Fair. This means the monies must be used for specific projects as designated by the donor. Discussion will continue with Colleen moving forward on these projects. Deana Nelson also reported there is another donation in the amount of \$500,000 from Randy and Nancy Flamm to help the Fair continue to operate and not have to close their doors in two or three months. Colleen is working on a Memorandum of Understanding to outline what the money is to be used for. Deana Nelson made a motion to accept the funds and to transfer them to the Fair as needed. Denise Stornetta made the second to the motion. Discussion: Mike Coon asked if the funds were to be used to operate the Fair? Colleen Bojorquez indicated yes and explained that the State is declining any funding for fairs. Mike Coon also ask if any of the funds would be used for capital improvements. Colleen answered no. Dave Belmont stated this was not something the Heritage Foundation would normally have done, however, if this will help the Fair survive, it does fall within our Mission Statement “to preserve and enrich....”. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson presented the list of checks written since the last meeting and indicated that most checks written were for the balcony seat “returns”. Daren Friedle made a motion to approve the checks written. Dave Belmont made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deana Nelson reported she currently has no unpaid bills.

Board Business:

A. Standard Committees

1. Budget/Audit/Endowment – Daren Friedle – no report.
2. By-Laws – John Peschong reported the Committee would be meeting on July 13, 2020 and will have recommendations for the Board.
3. Concessions – Dave Belmont – no report.
4. Elections – Debbie Dusi – no report.
5. Facilities – Ernie Rey – continuing to reach out to an architect to assess the ADA compliance and feasibility (Hugh Pitts project) of the Shell/Livestock gate. Also working on getting the furniture in the lounge marked and obtain a sponsor for each.
6. Media/Marketing – Susan Beebe – no report.
7. Membership – Brenda Fletcher stated all balcony seats renewed. We are currently down a few memberships with 113 on the wait list for next year. The committee will reach out to the wait list persons at the end of the year.
8. Balcony – Mike Coon stated there are 47 on the wait list. Mike indicated he is still waiting to get into the lounge to assess the needs for the seat cover.
9. Scholarship – Tim Hartzell – no report.

B. Special Committee:

1. Hugh Pitts Memorial Fund Capitol Project – Dave Belmont – no report.
2. James W. Brabeck Youth Legacy Fund Task Force – Denise Stornetta reported the task force had a meeting 2 weeks ago. Denise stated the Heritage Foundation was given \$75,000 last year from the James W. Brabeck Youth Legacy Foundation. The fair has projected they will need \$50,000 to put on the junior livestock auction and the virtual show. The task force is recommending the Heritage Foundation donate \$50,000 to the fair to cover these costs, and \$25,000 to the James W. Brabeck Buyers Coalition from the monies donated by the James W. Brabeck Youth Legacy Foundation. The coalition is looking to raise funds up to \$1,000,000. The kids will need to apply to have the coalition buy/bid on their animal. They must write the coalition a letter and show they have sent other letters out to potential buyers. After some discussion, Brenda Fletcher made a motion to donate \$50,000 to the Fair and \$25,000 to the James W. Brabeck Foundation Buyers Coalition. Deana Nelson made the second to the motion, which passed unanimously. Denise also asked for a motion to approve the use of the Heritage Foundation logo on the communication for the coalition. Brenda Fletcher made the motion to allow the James W. Brabeck Buyers Coalition use of the Heritage Foundation logo. Dave Belmont made a second to the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Legal Task Force – Dave Belmont explained that the Memorandum of Understanding that allows the Heritage Foundation to work with the fair has expired. Michael Torgerson has signed the renewal and the Fair Board will review it at their meeting next week. The Memorandum of Understanding will be a 10 year/5month agreement, expiring December 31, 2030.

Old Business:

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New Business:

1. Colleen Borjoquez thanked the Heritage Foundation for all the Foundation is doing for the fair. Colleen reminded everyone that they can come down to the fairgrounds and get their “fair food fix!”.

Board Comments:

Denise Stornetta thanked Michael Torgerson and the fair staff for all the work behind the scenes.

Dave Belmont thanked the Board.

Mike Brady stated he was excited to see the members attending the Zoom meeting.

Brenda Fletcher thanked Michael Torgerson.

John Peschong thanked Colleen for stepping up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Beebe for
Debbie Dusi
Secretary

*The Next Regular Board Meeting:
Wednesday, August 12, 2020*