

FOURTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
 175 FAIRGROUNDS DRIVE, PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA 94952
January 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Sonoma-Marín Fair Board of Directors was held in the Board Room on the Administration Office on the Fairgrounds of the 4th District Agricultural Association, Petaluma, California at 3:00 PM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President McClure, Dr. Lois Moore, Dominic Grossi, Nicole Marzo, Herm Benedetti, James Burleson and Dayna Ghirardelli.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *M/s/c Directors **Grossi and Moore** to excuse Directors James and Parks per CA Food & Agriculture code section 3967.*

Director	Aye	Nay	Abstain
McClure, President	X		
Director Benedetti	X		
Director Burleson	X		
Director Ghirardelli	X		
Director Grossi	X		
Director James			
Director Marzo	X		
Director Moore	X		
Director Parks			

STAFF PRESENT: Erin Post, CEO

GUESTS PRESENT: None

APPROVAL & ADOPTION OF AGENDA: *M/s/c Directors Grossi and Moore to approve the Agenda as presented.*

Director	Aye	Nay	Abstain
McClure, President	X		
Director Benedetti	X		
Director Burleson	X		
Director Ghirardelli	X		
Director Grossi	X		
Director James			
Director Marzo	X		
Director Moore	X		
Director Parks			

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA: *M/s/c Directors Benedetti and Ghirardelli to approve the Consent Agenda.*
 A. Minutes from December 2017 Board Meeting
 B. Rental Agreements

C. Standard Agreements

Director	Aye	Nay	Abstain
McClure, President	X		
Director Benedetti	X		
Director Burleson	X		
Director Ghirardelli	X		
Director Grossi	X		
Director James			
Director Marzo	X		
Director Moore	X		
Director Parks			

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance:

The Committee Reviewed November Financials. Director Moore asked for an update on past due rent from Skip Domingo's Auction. CEO Post reported that she is near an agreement with a collection agency in order to collect funds from Skip Domino's Auction.

The Committee Reviewed the December Draft Financials. Directors had clarifying questions regarding Maintenance Expenses, which were higher due to the unexpected expense of the power pole failure and rental of generators for the Fairgrounds.

Director	Aye	Nay	Abstain
McClure, President	X		
Director Benedetti	X		
Director Burleson	X		
Director Ghirardelli	X		
Director Grossi	X		
Director James			
Director Marzo	X		
Director Moore	X		
Director Parks			

Buildings & Grounds:

None

Exhibits & Local Rules:

It was determined that In Memorial Awards and Awards that are provided by the sponsors will be the only ones to be listed 'next to' an award listed in the guidebook. Donors of \$500 or more to a department will be listed just under the department heading and all donors for the department will be listed at the beginning of that departments awards listing. The Committee reviewed consolidated classes. CEO Post clarified that the Special Junior Shows will be adjusted and that the Fair will enforce the rules, per CA Department of Agriculture Rules for Fairs and Expositions. The

rules states Primary Exhibitors “Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2017 to exhibit at fair. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age on or before December 31, 2017 are not eligible to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competitions at California Fairs.”

Commercial & Concessionaire: None

Entertainment: The Board reviewed the World’s Ugliest Dog® schedule and determined that the contest would be moved from Friday of the Fair to Saturday in order to help more contestants and guests to participate.

Publicity: None

Goals & Long Range Planning: None

Legislative: None

Policy: None

Milk Barn Committee: None

Farmer’s Day: None

OLD BUSINESS: There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS: **2018 Parking Fees:** The Board determined that the public Parking Fees for 2018 would not be increased.

CEO Vacancy Information: The Board reviewed the CEO recruitment schedule and determined that interviews would be held on Tuesday, February 20th.

CEO REPORT: CEO Post reported that the Exhibit Representative interviews would be held on January 25th. She reported that CEO information packet was distributed at WFA convention and that she is working to schedule meetings with the Board Committees in the coming weeks to review items for 2018.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Next Board Meeting February 20, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board entered closed session at 4:05 pm and exited at 4:20pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth McClure
Board President

Erin Post
Chief Executive Officer