

**Sonoma County Fair**  
**APPROVED Minutes of the**  
**Fair Operations Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday – January 12, 2021 at 4:30pm

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the January 12, 2021 Sonoma County Fair Operations Committee meeting was held virtually.  
All actions were voted on by roll call.

**VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Tony Gerald, Vice Chair; Neysa Hinton, Bev Palm, Kanani Reynolds

**VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Lisa Wittke Schaffner

**NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Marcia Mickelson, Annette O’Kelley, Teejay Lowe, Hugo Mata, Carole Quandt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Debbie Townsend, Heather Borck, Michael Margetts, Greg Duncan

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gerald and Roll Call was taken at 4:30p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Director Reynolds moved to approve the agenda; Director Hinton seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ASSIGNMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER:**

President Mickelson reported that newly appointed director, Sharon Wright, will serve on the Fair Operations committee beginning in February. **No action taken.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2021 FAIR:**

CEO Bartling provided a bit of background for the new Board members regarding what current discussions have taken place regarding a 2021 Fair. Bartling reported that based on the CHRB schedule, 2021 Fair dates would be August 5-15. Bartling added that with the vaccine rollout taking place, there is a good possibility that a modified Fair may be able to take place, and that a final decision would need to be made by the end of February or early March. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not State Fair would take place, horse racing, when Sonoma County schools would be back in session, etc. **No action taken.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACTIVITY OPTIONS FOR KIDS IN 2021:**

CEO Bartling reported that if a determination is made to hold a Fair, what type of activities for kids would be discussed. Bartling added that with a modified Fair, there would be a reduced budget and some of the considerations would be to have less stages, more hands-on activities, strolling grounds acts, etc. **No action taken.**

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

There being no further business, Director Palm moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m., seconded by Director Hinton; the motion passed unanimously.