

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.  
**APPROVED Minutes of the  
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**  
Thursday – January 14, 2021

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the Sonoma County Fair Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting was held virtually. All actions were voted on by roll call.

**VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Rob Muelrath, Chair, Marilyn Herzog, Kevin Howe, Carole Quandt

**VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Max Mickelsen, Annette O’Kelley

**NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Marcia Mickelson, Teejay Lowe, Tony Gerald, Neysa Hinton, Hugo Mata

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Heather Borck, Michael Margetts, Cliff Sanders, Debbie Townsend, Doug Gooby, Tag Wotherspoon, Frank Johnson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Muelrath and roll call was taken at 4:37 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Herzog moved to approve the agenda; Director Howe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (not related to the agenda):** None

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DECEMBER 2020 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

CEO Bartling presented the December Interim financials. Bartling stated that the RV Park, COVID testing in the Jockey Club, COVID trailers in D-Lot/Ballpark and building rentals for Jury Selection continue to provide needed revenue. **No action taken.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021 INTERIM EVENTS:**

CEO Bartling reviewed the list of January/February 2021 Interim events, noting that the E-waste and Mattress collection has been cancelled and that the Rebel Junk event has been postponed to a later date. COO Findley-Thorn added that the Grace Pavilion will be activated as a mass Covid vaccination site in the next week, with 12 lanes and a goal of vaccinating 1,200/day. **No action taken.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A DRIVE-THRU MONSTER TRUCK EVENT:**

CEO Bartling stated that John Borba, the WGAS promoter that holds three monster truck events during Spring, Fair and Fall, wants to book a 10-day drive-thru Monster Truck/Hot Wheels event in March. Bartling added that a similar, successful event has been held at the Toyota Center in Ontario. Staff recommendation is to allow staff to work with WGAS promoter to book a 10-day drive-thru Hot Wheels/Monster Truck event in March, and to negotiate the rental terms at 10% of daily gross revenue.

**Director Herzog moved to approve to allow staff to work with WGAS promoter to book a 10-day drive-thru Hot Wheels/Monster Truck event in March, and to negotiate the rental terms; Director Howe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**UPDATE ON REPAIRS TO THE SWINE BARN DUE TO THE EVACUATED GOATS STAY-OVER FROM THE WALBRIDGE FIRE:**

CEO Bartling stated that damage to the swine barn was caused from the 200 goats that were evacuated from the Armstrong Woods area. Maintenance Superintendent Sanders reported that the cost of repairs would be \$200. **No action taken.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY RENT AND THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR TAYMAN PARK GOLF GROUP, INC.:**

CEO Bartling stated that Tayman Park has exercised their 1 year option, however, under the terms of the current contract, clarity is needed regarding the rental fee step increases. Bartling added that after conversations with Jimmy Stewart, the rental step increase would be based on the terms of the current contract. Frank Johnson, from Tayman, added that he has loved working at the fairgrounds over the last 9 years, and is grateful to be able to continue a relationship and is willing to work together to renew a contract with clarified terms. Staff recommendation is to leave the monthly rent due at \$5,871.48 for December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2021, and when the contract is due to be renewed, staff will work with Tayman Park Golf Group to clarify the rental terms for rent increases.

**Director Herzog moved to approve leaving the Tayman Park Golf Group, Inc. monthly rent due effective December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2021 at \$5,871.48, and to allow staff to work with Tayman Park Golf Group to clarify the rental terms and issue a new contract when current contract expires; Director Howe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (NON-DISCUSSION ITEMS):** None

**There being no further business, Director Herzog moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Director Howe; the motion passed unanimously.**