

**Sonoma County Fair**  
**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Tuesday, June 25, 2019 5:15 p.m.**  
1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Rob Muelrath, President; Max Mickelsen, Vice President; Marcia Mickelson, Treasurer; Teejay Lowe, Secretary; Marilyn Herzog, Past President; Tony Gerald, Kevin Howe, Ross Liscum, Annette O’Kelley, Bev Palm, Wanda Tapia, Lisa Wittke Schaffner

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Lisa Carreño, Doug Beretta, Cindy Crane

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Bartling, Lorna Fox, Cliff Sanders, Heather Borck, Jane Engdahl, Michael Margetts, Greg Duncan

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:15p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Liscum

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Director Lowe moved to approve the agenda; Director Wittke Schaffner seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Items 1-6:**

**Director Liscum moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**PRESIDENT COMMENTS:**

President Muelrath reminded Board members to promote and purchase tickets for the 2019 Hat Day at the Races and the Flower Show Preview.

**CEO AND STAFF REPORTS:**

CEO Bartling presented the Upcoming Interim Event Schedule and the May Interim Financials.  
**No action taken.**

CEO Bartling reminded everyone that the Sonoma County Fair will receive the Leadership in Agriculture award by the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber and be recognized at the Love of the Land event on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

CEO Bartling reported that there are 6 FEMA trailers at the RV Park.

CEO Bartling gave an update on AB469 and AB1499.

**Fair Operations – Director Wittke Schaffner, Chair:**

There was no meeting in June.

**Competitive Exhibits, Agriculture & Educational Exhibits Committee Report – Director O’Kelley, Chair:**

Director O’Kelley gave a report of the June 11, 2019 Competitive Exhibits, Agriculture and Educational Exhibits Committee meeting and the June 18 Special Meeting of the Committee.

Director O’Kelley stated that judging for the JLA Scholarship took place and 6 scholarships in the amount of \$12,500 were awarded.

A sign-up sheet was distributed for the Clean Stall Award for the 2019 Fair.

Director O’Kelley asked Board members for \$100 contribution for the JLA.

**Director O’Kelley moved to accept dedicating the 201 Auctions to Jerry Marino, Bob Matteri and Dave Lewers; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**Director O’Kelley moved to uphold the May 31 deadline for market hog DNA; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed 11 yes with 1 abstained.**

**Buildings & Grounds Committee Report – Director Liscum:**

Director Liscum gave a report of the June 13, 2019 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. He reported on the presentation by The Living Room and Sonoma Applied Village Services of the “Linwood RV Village” concept. **No action taken.**

**Director Liscum moved to move forward with the planning for the 2020 Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Classic with the caveat of resolving any issues with the golf course management and neighbors; Director Wittke Schaffner seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and the motion was amended to read “Recommendation to move forward with the planning for the 2020 Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Classic with the caveat of resolving any issues with management and neighbors”; the amended motion passed unanimously.**

**Racing Committee Report – Director Mickelsen:**

Director Mickelsen gave a report of the June 13, 2019 Racing Committee meeting. Director Mickelsen stated we will have two stake races in 2019. CEO Bartling stated that our racing application was approved.

**Budget & Finance Committee Report – Director Mickelson:**

Director Mickelson gave a report of the June 25, 2019 Budget & Finance Committee meeting.

**Director Mickelson moved to approve the Draft Financial Statements through May 2019; Director Tapia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**Director Mickelson moved to award a contract to Pimental Paving in the amount of \$37,081; Director Liscum seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Committee Report – President Muelrath:**

No meeting in June.

**Report on Harvest Fair Committee meeting – Director Lowe:**

Director Lowe reported there was no June Harvest Fair meeting. He stated that the new website was up and running; the professional olive oil competition has completed; the amateur wine and professional food competition is now open. The Grape Stomp application is on line and the professional wine competition opens on July 1.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Hall of Flowers Tour
- Security Review
- Move date of August Board meeting to August 13

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Director Liscum moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM; Director Wittke Schaffner seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes from the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting
2. **Competitive Exhibits, Agriculture and Educational Exhibits Committee Meeting**  
Approval of Minutes from the June 11, 2019 Committee Meeting  
Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2019 Special Committee Meeting
3. **Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting**  
Approval of Minutes from the June 13, 2019 Committee Meeting
4. **Racing Committee Meeting**  
Approval of Minutes from the June 13, 2019 Committee Meeting
5. **Budget & Finance Committee Meeting**  
Approval of Minutes from the May 28, 2019 Committee Meeting