

Sonoma County Fair
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Competitive Exhibits, Agriculture and Educational Exhibits Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building, Board Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chair Annette O'Kelley Vice-Chairman Doug Beretta; Cindy Crane, Marilyn Herzog, Marcia Mickelson, Bev Palm

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHER DIRECTORS PRESENT: Rob Muelrath, Wanda Tapia

OTHERS PRESENT: CEO Becky Bartling, Heather Borck, Paulette Swallow, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Michelle Sawyer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Annette O'Kelley at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Mickelson moved to approve the agenda; Director Herzog seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Hall of Flowers Report: Greg Duncan No report

2019 Junior Livestock Auction Summary and Receivable Update:

Exhibits Coordinator Borck reported the summary comparison from 2018 to 2019 and the list of unpaid buyers to date.

Statement of Premiums Report

Exhibits Coordinator Borck distributed the 2019 Statement of Premiums Report. She indicated that the premium amounts were to date, there still may be some additions as livestock exhibitors examine their premium checks. She discussed some of the larger fluctuating entry numbers.

2019 Sonoma County Fair Discussion and reports:

A brief list created by Exhibits Coordinator Borck and Exhibits Assistant Swallow was submitted regarding the 2019 County Fair. The review consisted of positive changes, policies to consider, and areas for improvement. This was a brief review for the committee to take and consider for potential further discussion later in the year. A more specific list will be created in detail for review after the committee's and exhibitor meeting notes have all been condensed.

Discussion and Possible Action Drug Testing and DNA Policy:

The committee was presented the details of the current policy by Borck. Discussion took place around the relevance and need for both the DNA and Drug testing policies. Many pros and cons

were brought up as to why we may need to review this process and how changes may create positive and negative consequences. Potentially keeping the drug screening process in a certain capacity and eliminating the DNA process was the direction a new policy could head. It was decided further discussion and input would be welcomed at the October meeting when advisory members are present and other potential fair exhibitors. No action was taken.

Staff Update:

Carcass Contest update: the 2019 contest will be at the vets building on 9/19. Data is not back yet from Los Banos; pictures have been received from Tracy. Slide show has been updated.

Request for Future Agenda Items:

JLA budget account
Hall of Flowers Preview Report
Advisory Committee Reports
DNA and Drug Testing Policies

Adjournment

Director Palm moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32p.m., seconded by Director Beretta, motion passed unanimously.