

Sonoma County Fair
APPROVED Minutes
Competitive Exhibits, Agriculture and Educational Exhibits Committee Meeting
Tuesday – December 7, 2021, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the December 7, 2021, the Meeting of Sonoma County Fair Competitive Exhibits & Education Exhibits Committee meeting was held virtually. All actions were voted on by roll call.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Annette O’Kelley, Chair; Bev Palm, Marilyn Herzog, Kevin Howe, Hugo Mata,

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kanani Reynolds, Marcia Mickelson

OTHER DIRECTORS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Michael Margetts, Carrie Wimer, Bob Dempel

The meeting was called to order by Chair O’Kelley and roll call was taken at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Dempel presented an opportunity to donate to the build of a bronze statue portraying Cotton Rosser, to be displayed in Marysville.

APPOINTMENT OF 2022 LIVESTOCK ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS:

Director Palm moved to replace Jamie Mickelson with Patti Baxman for Beef; replace Kristy Mickelson with Jim Nuemiller for Sheep; replace Charlie Hawkes with Ben Terry; replace Jolynn McClelland with Emmie Eichner; keep Barbara Walker, replace Heidi Thompson with Lindsey Mergett for Horse; replace Scott Bice with Krista Meyers; replace Alina Amiral with Sara Glashan. Director Herzog seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: IDEAS FOR SPENDING OF NET REVENUE TO PRESENT TO ALVIN HANSEN FOUNDATION:

Discussion was had and some ideas were for a future Ag Display, awards, scholarship fund donation and milking parlor repairs/upgrades. **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: BORN & BRED AWARDS AND JUDGES:

Chair O’Kelley stated that she spoke with Coordinator Wimer regarding whether we should have a separate judge for Born and Bred and how awards should be handled. Wimer stated that she didn’t see a need to spend additional monies on separate judges unless a sponsor is procured. Chair O’Kelley states she felt that awards should be handled by staff to streamline the process. Wimer states that in the past, that some species producer groups would order the buckles/awards and/or pay premiums while other species would not have the competition at all or have no/different awards. Wimer states she would like to approach these organizations with sponsor opportunities and have fair staff procure the awards **No action taken.**

PROPOSITION 12 INITIATIVE CIRCULAR LETTER:

Coordinator Wimer shared information regarding the statutes that will affect swine exhibitors at our next fair. She stated that this proposition will force swine breeders to be certified for proper spacing and confinement, which will in turn affect the swine animals that are sold through our auction and marked as resale. Wimer stated that there is a 15-day comment period and we would put together our comments and questions and submit them before the period is over. **No action taken.**

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Solicitor's Meeting
- Born & Bred
- Farmer's Day
- Hybrid Auction vs Live Auction
- Upgrades/Repairs to Milking Parlor

ADJOURNMENT

Director Palm moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Howe; roll call vote was taken and meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD IN JANUARY