

**MINUTES**  
**February 17, 2009**  
**17<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association**  
**Grass Valley, California**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** of the 17<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association was held on February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Office of the Nevada County Fairgrounds.

**President Lusk called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 6:00 p.m.** Directors present: Skip Lusk, Simi Lyss, Sandy Ballou, Tom Browning, Arnie Romanello, Jeanette Royal, Bill Schultz, Art Whitney, and Ron Wolfson.

**Introduction of Guests and Staff**

Linda Miller representing Nevada County Agricultural Youth Boosters was introduced. Fair Attendant, Bob Smith announced that they will be leaving the Fair family and moving to Idaho where they have purchased an RV park. The Board wished the Smiths well in their new venture and expressed their appreciation for their service.

**Motion 2009-06: Election of 2009 Officers:** Motion by Director Browning, seconded by Director Royal to unanimously elect Simi Lyss as President of the Board of Directors and Art Whitney as Vice President of the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Past President Lusk turned the gavel over to President Lyss, who moved consideration of the Ag Boosters' Buyers Dinner to the top of the agenda.

**Motion 2009-07: Ag Boosters – Buyers Dinner:** Motion by Director Browning, seconded by Director Lusk to issue a standard agreement contract to the Nevada County Agricultural Youth Boosters in the amount of \$5,000.00 to produce the Buyers' Dinner, prior to the Fair and the Junior Livestock Auction breakfast. Motion carried with 6 votes in favor and 3 votes opposed.

**Committee Assignments**

There was general discussion regarding the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act relative to the structure of committees and requisite meeting notices.

**Motion 2009-08: Committee Assignments:** Motion by Director Ballou, seconded by Director Whitney to cancel the Fair Advisory and Non Fair Advisory committee meetings and bring all business to the Board of Directors meetings. Motion carried.

It was noted that CEO Woods may have ad hoc meetings of no more than two directors to discuss issues, which will be brought to the full Board of Directors for action.

It was agreed to maintain the Finance Committee which will meet monthly and consist of President Lyss, Director Royal and Director Whitney.

**Motion 2009-09: January 20, 2009 Minutes:** Motion by Director Romanello, seconded by Director Schultz to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion 2009-10: December 2008 Financial Reports:** Motion by Director Lusk, seconded by Director Royal to approve the December 2008 financial reports. Motion carried.

**Motion 2009-11: January 2009 Financial Reports:** Motion by Director Romanello, seconded by Director Royal to approve the January 2009 financial reports. Motion carried.

**Motion 2009-12: January 2009 Contracts:** Motion by Director Royal, seconded by Director Browning to approve the January contracts. Motion carried.

Director Browning recommended listing the exchange amount on trade contracts.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **Annual Resolutions**

**Motion 2009-13: Workers Compensation Coverage:** Motion by Director Wolfson, seconded by Director Romanello that members of the Board of Directors of the 17<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association, and any volunteers donating time for the District, will be covered by Workers Compensation Insurance while performing their volunteer work for the year 2009. Motion carried.

**Motion 2009-14: Caretaker Lease:** Motion by Director Royal, seconded by Director Wolfson to executive lease agreements with individuals for the District to furnish the rental of a trailer pad and utility costs (propane, electricity, water and sewage) in exchange for caretaking and security services on the Fairgrounds. Motion carried.

### **Fair Advisory Committee**

**Ag Mechanics Auction:** It was reported that the special meeting to discuss the Ag Mechanics Auction was postponed and will be rescheduled. There was general discussion regarding an exhibitor's eligibility for the year following graduation from high school. There was general discussion regarding whether everything goes to the auction or whether a silent auction is developed for selected exhibits.

**Junior Livestock Auction – 2008 Financial Report:** The Junior Livestock Auction 2008 year end financial report was reviewed, noting the increase in transportation expense and the Ag Boosters dinner/breakfast reimbursement expense.

### **Market Lambs**

**Motion 2009-15: Market Lambs:** Motion by Director Whitney, seconded by Director Ballou to raise the weight limit of market lambs to 150 pounds. Motion carried.

**Open Goat Show:** It was reported that John Fisher, the Livestock Superintendent and Chip Smith, the Goat Superintendent, will get together to work out a plan to incorporate the open goat show into one of the sheep barns and determine the most efficient utilization of the show ring.

**Goat Vet Check:** CEO Woods reported that the goat exhibitors attending the Fair Advisory Committee meeting did not feel that the goat veterinarian health check was needed. Director Royal expressed concern regarding the elimination of the vet check. Fair staff will see the advice of a goat veterinarian.

#### **Horse Halter Show**

**Motion 2009-16: Horse Halter Show:** Motion by Director Ballou, seconded by Director Lusk to eliminate the Horse Halter Show because of lack of interest and participation. Motion carried.

#### **First Bedding**

**Motion 2009-17: First Bedding:** Motion by Director Whitney, seconded by Director Schultz to eliminate the first bedding with the exception of the sponsored shavings for the swine and the straw for horse demonstrators. Motion carried. Director Browning suggested that the Fair should encourage exhibitors to bed on straw rather than shavings, noting that straw composts more efficiently than shavings.

### **Non Fair Advisory**

#### **Music in the Mountains – Performing Arts Center and Amphitheatre**

It was reported that Music in the Mountains cancelled the meeting.

#### **Gold County Community Center**

Director Royal reported that she has attended a meeting at the Gold Country Community Center to discuss the Center's future. Nothing definitive was presented in the meeting at the Center.

### **CEO Report**

#### **Deputy Manager**

CEO Woods reported that Robin Hauck has been offered the position of Deputy Manager and has accepted the position. It is anticipated that Robin will join the Fair staff the first of April. Robin brings extensive agricultural and livestock experience to the position as well as fair industry experience.

#### **Livestock Pavilion Project**

CEO Woods reviewed preliminary estimates on the proposed Livestock Pavilion project and reported that she has applied for an Infrastructure Matching Grant, which, if funded, will be received in 2010.

**Strategic Planning Meeting**

CEO Woods reported that Rebecca Desmond, CEO of the Siskiyou Golden Fair and Treasurer of WFA, has volunteered to be the facilitator at a Strategic Planning meeting for the Board and staff, scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2009. It is anticipated that the meeting will take the better part of the day.

**Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests**

It was reported that all directors must provide the Fair with their completed Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, for filing with the State.

**California Bluegrass Association Contract**

CEO Woods reported that the remaining contract concern for the CBA is whether the Fair will charge Lot 1 parking this year. The Board concurred with the decision to incorporate the language regarding parking into the CBA contract, however to proceed with the actual paid parking possibly next year.

**Reggio Emilia and Kid's Corner**

CEO Woods informed the Board of the Kid's Corner involvement with the Italian program, Reggio Emilia and the recent release of the book, featuring the Fair's Kid's Corner. She also reported that KQED has produced a teaching video involving the Reggio Emilia concept and featuring the Kid's Corner.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Sandra J. Woods, CEO

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Simi Lyss, President of the Board