MINUTES

35-A District Agricultural Association

Board of Directors

May 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President T. Williams in the director’s room of the 35-A District Agricultural Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Phillips.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF PRESENT: Williams, Richards, Shelton, Wass, Phillips, Bullis, Foley.

DIRECTORS AND STAFF ABSENT: Stewart & Appling (Medical)

GUESTS: 2021- 2022 Mariposa Royalty - Queen - Desiree Turck, Princess – Emma Marie and Crystal Turck. The girls thanked the Board for the support and the opportunity to represent the fair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Wass, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as e-mailed.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Shelton, second by Richards and carried to unanimously approve the minutes as e-mailed of the April 18, 2022 regular meeting.

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Richards, second by Phillips and carried unanimously to approve the disbursements in the amount of $43,006.96 and net payroll in the amount of $20,585.46 for the month ending April 30, 2022. Bullis informed the board that we did have disbursements for replacing electrical in several of our RV electrical boxes. Also replaced the electrical for the PA system in the arena. Payroll is up, with all the events we have been having our labor costs are up due to increasing our staff accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

2021/2022 ALLOCATION: Bullis requested the board’s approval to send a letter requesting our 2021/2022 training and operational allocation. Motion by Phillips, second by Richards and carried unanimously to approve a letter to request the 2021/2022 allocation.

DERBY: Foley asked the board if they thought we should limit the number of derby tickets each person can purchase, last year we had a several customers upset when one person purchased a large amount of tickets for a large group. Foley recommended 20 derby tickets per customer. Motion by Phillips, second by Shelton and carried unanimously to limit the maximum number of derby tickets to 20 per person.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

* Shelton said summer appears to be here. He anticipates a busy season this year.
* Wass asked how many seats were currently open on our Board. Williams told her we currently have 2 unfilled seats. A full board consists of 9 board members.
* Phillips – nothing.
* Richards wants to be sure and let Tina know that he appreciates the job she has been doing in assisting the directors with help. Also thanked Foley for the excellent minutes, etc. she does, it is appreciated. Thanked Bullis for continuing to do an excellent job. He noticed on Butterfly Days the congestion due to all the traffic coming to the event, Bullis said they ran out of parking by 11:30 am. Richards suggested next year the organizers of the event should contact the CHP and Cal Trans for traffic control.
* Williams reported that he recently attended the Los Banos Fair, he will be attending Calaveras Fair, Merced Fair and Madera in the near future. He made a visit to see Lowell Munn last week, it was nice seeing him. Lowell’s eye sight has gotten really bad, he plans on making the trip over to visit more often. Ditto on the staff comments that Richards made.

STAFF COMMENTS: Foley said the contacts are starting to come in for the fair vendors. Lynette Rawlings sold two of her food trailers, I talked to the new owners this week and they will be coming, contracts went to them this week. We will need to find a vendor that can run the Café, we really need to have breakfast available by 7 am, last year we didn’t have any vendor that provided breakfast. Wass said she might know someone that will be interested in it, she will check with them and have her call Foley directly. We lost our department head for our baked goods and preserved food building, she has moved out of state. We found two ladies to replace her that have both worked in the building in the past, they will share the duties.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

* It’s been crazy busy! Our expenses are getting higher, we need to take a look at our rates after fair and talk about adjusting them.
* The irrigation system has been a challenge, it has had several shorts in the system, currently watering only during the day in case the system has additional shorts that we have not located yet. Well #4 is currently off, we had ground squirrels get under it again so we have chlorinated the well and it needs to sit before flushing the well out. Bullis will see about talking to Yosemite Well about a liner for it. The well will need to be tested before using on the grounds.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Motion by Wass, second by Shelton and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting in memory of Alex Stanners at 5:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

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Tom Williams, President, Date

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Brian Bullis, CEO Date