



14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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Livestock Committee Meeting

Time: Apr 28, 2021 07:00 PM

Committee Members: Stephanie Fontana – Board President & Loretta Estrada – Board Member

CEO: David Kegebein

Mission Statement

The mission of the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds is to provide a safe place for community events, educational opportunities and the annual Fair that showcases the talents and diversity of our community.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call / Introductions & Pledge of Allegiance: No introductions. Kevin Hurley led the pledge.

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

Jody Kolbach – Question trying understand the process for updating the exhibitor entry guide. Dave – this is just a work in progress for everyone to take a look at to provide feedback and comments. We will then distribute a more formal version (available for public comment) at the committee level and then it will go to the board for final approval.

Additions to Agenda - no additions

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes – none

Committee Member Reports – Stephanie Fontana & Loretta Estrada. Stephanie has nothing to report. She is gathering information in order to better guide the committee. Loretta has read the minutes and appreciates that everyone is doing the best they can. Stephanie has read recent reports on rabbit and poultry issues/diseases.

CEO Report

- 1 Pajaro Valley Chamber – Stephanie was named Woman of the Year; Holiday Lights event of the year. The awards ceremony will be outdoors in Patty Smith Park this year. Chuck Allen is Man of the Year. Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce also honored the Fairgrounds for it's incredible community service this past year.
- 2 2021 September Annual Fair – The fairgrounds are good shape financially and have the resources to move forward. Waiting for Governor's announcement in mid-June regarding the reopening of the state. We will need a large percentage of our normal attendance to make a fair financially feasible.
- 3 Drive Thru Vaccinations – moving along, will ramp up to 3 days a week. Still supporting food giveaways. Looking forward to opening the grandstand for racing on May 7th at 25% capacity. We are seeing slow increases of activity.
- 4 SB-5 Project – Electrical Upgrade Progress Report – Going out to bid soon.
- 5 Heritage Hog/Livestock Pens – Heritage Hog fundraiser typically raises \$20-\$25K. Proceeds will fund pig pens this year. We need 68 pens to fill out the rest of the swine barn.



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- 6 Sponsor Relations – Dave has learned of non-fair personnel interfering with some of our sponsors. Should anyone hear of or observe someone interfering with sponsor relationships please let Dave know immediately.
- 7 Santa Cruz County Animal Control Ordinance update – Working with the county; have an agreement on language for animal exhibitions. New pieces of legislation are circulating across several states that ban traveling animal exhibitions out right.
- 8 Federal Fairgrounds Support Legislation – Rep. Panetta sponsored legislation with three other congress members. Fairgrounds seem to be in a minority when federal relief funds are granted.

Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton & Danny Naranjo – No report.

Superintendent Emeritus - Gary Stubblefield – We should go ahead and get our judges and vets; tell them that it's not a guarantee, but since some fairs have moved their dates, we will have to compete to get good judges. We should try to get the auctioneer, too. Gary would like to donate the cost of FairVault this year.

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill – Entry Guide, Superior Farms Load-Out Info. Kathryn reported that the rules sections were sent to all committee members and species sections of the entry guide were sent to the department heads. All sections will be pulled together and distributed before next meeting. Superior Farms wants to receive our goats and lambs by 9 a.m. on the Monday after our auction. They are equipped to receive animals 24/7 over the weekend.

Auction Co-Chairs – No report.

Department Heads:

Beef Cattle - Kevin Hurley – Beef Tagging – May 16 is date for tagging at the fairgrounds. Appointment calendar available via online entry system. Planning to tag one animal for the fair this year. In the past we've always done multiple animals and only bring one to the fair; received a letter from an exhibitor requesting a change. The limit was imposed last year due to COVID restrictions. We can accommodate two per family in 15 minutes, so we can suspend the limit. Kathryn will inform the exhibitors. Next year – one tag free; more tags are \$5.00 each.

Sheep - Diana Hoover - not present. She has sent out inquiries for judges.

Swine - Jim & Kathleen Bricker. Trying to get a judge.

Meat Goats – Erin Hayes – Secured a judge. He is happy to do live or virtual.

Carcass Contests – Rob Amirsehhi – Talked to Amanda – she's on board. Wants clarification on top weights. Will talk to Freedom Meat Lockers to schedule locker use.



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Dairy Cattle – Kyle Plaskett – Called judge but haven't heard back. Dairy cattle page, looking at other fairs; all milking may be done by adult in charge – maybe change to supervision only. Danny thinks they should do their own milking, have an adult supervise. Moules provides a barrel for milk.

Dairy Goats – Christa Jennings – not present.

Pygmy Goats – Julie Katawicz – no current updates. Looking for a younger judge to get some experience with a small show.

Rabbits – Stacey & Haley Amirsehhi – getting sanctions going with ARBA; trying to get judges. There is a rabbit disease in some areas of the state. Some fairs are sending out notice that the show will not take place if there's an outbreak in their area at the time. ARBA is planning to have a big show in June in Monterey – the show will happen. Kathryn will add notice to entry guide: Show could be cancelled at any time; refunds will be processed.

Educational Displays – Elaine Kennedy. Not present. Replied via email that the section was fine. Stephanie encourages exhibitors to take part in this contest.

Natural Fed – Jodi Carkner – not present. Communicated via email and agreed to add ginger and garlic as natural dewormer.

Contest Coordinators:

Judging Contest – Shary Greene – not present.

Round Robin – Chris & Crystal Stubblefield – not present. Gary reported that Chris and Crystal are not able to coordinate Round Robin this year.

Clean Stall – Kyle Plaskett can't commit this year. Dominique is willing to take it on. Thank you!

Pee Wee & Adult Showmanship – Jr Livestock Committee – Kevin said that it all depends on what is happening with the fair (covid).

Support Coordinators:

Jr Livestock Committee – Diana Hoover & Kevin Hurley – haven't had any meetings. Hoping to restart in midsummer. It all depends on where we are with the Covid rules. He thinks zoom meetings will work for the group.

Awards – Kimmy Bonnema – not present.

Ribbons – Yvonne Sowersby – not present.

Redwood Café – JoAnn Etchison & Sheryl Jones – They are willing to do it again.



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Auction Dinner – Dominique Borrego. Nothing to report.

Nursery – Cheryl Selden – not present. Communicated via email that she will put the nursery together.

Livestock Camping – Sherri Bonnema – not present.

4-H – Representative – Julie Katawicz – starting to get countywide meetings going again. Going over the proposed requirements for animal control.

FFA Representative – Erin Larrus – not present.

Public Comments on Reports:

Loretta complimented Stephanie on a job well done.

Jody – confused on entry guide – really wants the red line version.

Drive-Thru Fair Food is happening this weekend.

Future Livestock Meeting Calendar: May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25

ADJOURNMENT by Stephanie at **8:00 p.m.**