



14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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Livestock Committee Meeting

Time: August 25, 2021 07:00 PM – Heritage Hall

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

CEO: David Kegebein

CALL TO ORDER – Stephanie at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call / Introductions & Pledge of Allegiance: Kevin Hurley led the pledge

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

Becky Steinbrunner – happy with poultry tri-chairs. Looking forward to a great show. Seismic upgrade concerns. Wants state inspector.

Additions to Agenda – no additions.

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes – no additions/changes.

Board Committee Member Reports – Stephanie Fontana & Loretta Estrada – Nothing to report; wonderful fair board meeting – well attended. Dave did a great job. Stephanie – great attendance, looking forward to the fair.

Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton & Danny Naranjo

Kyle – moving along, got a lot accomplished at last work day. Getting entries in every day.

Danny – did quite a bit of work on Saturday; having a horse show this weekend, so we couldn't work on the 28 and 29th. The missing first aid kits have been found – Stephanie has more human kits; Kyle will work with Stephanie.

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill – All scales were certified by Weight and Measures. Entry deadline is Saturday. Requested wristband and passes orders from department heads, asked for help getting signed judges contracts back. (missing: Round Robin Beef, Dairy Cattle, Pygmy Goats, Poultry Showmanship, Dairy Goats). Some of these were just sent out within the last two weeks.

Numbers as of 3 p.m. today:

Auction:	10	Beef
	10	Goats
	37	Hogs
	16	Lambs
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Cattle	2 dairy (could be 4 more)
4	1 breeding beef
	1 carcass steer



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Sheep	7 breeding/wool sheep
11	4 carcass
Swine	2 breeding swine
4	2 carcass hogs
Goats	5 commercial does
25	2 carcass
	18 dairy goats

102 poultry entries.

CEO Report

- 1 SB-5 Project – Electrical Upgrade Progress Report – PG&E will not hook up the power to the panels until after the fair. This project has taken 18 years to complete. \$701K project.
- 2 Barn Layouts & Set Ups – new horse show this weekend; the second year for this show. Horse stalls in the beef barn will be knocked down on Monday.
- 3 How we treat people. We don't always have to be right. Have to willing to accept that other people have ideas and contributions to make. We have to be careful with the way we dig our heels in. Current social environment has given rise to people saying whatever they want without thinking. You have to be flexible – never say or write something, post on the internet that you wouldn't want to be connected with. The internet is not your friend. Think carefully of how you represent the organization, the greater good, other people.

We're likely to have a smaller fair because of covid uncertainty. People will always want to challenge you. Kelly Violini – suggested her fair follow the entry guide and rules, put a smile on their face and have a good time. Some of her feedback is that folks will skip the fair. It's hard to tell what attendance will be. We're committed and will make it happen. We're very likely have exhibitors or their parents who have been exposed to covid – we're not going to make exceptions with quarantine periods. We won't be making exceptions – because our rules are not that complicated. We have to be careful and pay attention. We don't want to jeopardize anyone's health. Treat people respectfully, work with people, try to work out situations, be cooperative. Don't let your love for the fair cloud your attitude – know when your way is not necessarily the best way. Fair industry – people compete over everything. People will criticize everyone. Everyone has the right to their own opinions. We need very passionate volunteers who really care about what they do. Managers job to keep it all in balance, some will ebb and flow year to year. Turnover, change, sometimes we get folks who don't have the commitment. There's entertainment, tremendous education and very unique experiences.

Sheep and pig barns – over several years we have improved the structure. The barns were built in 1955 – everything was square. Today, we are bringing them up to current earthquake safety standards. Every bolt is getting 3-4 sds screws – the screws are stronger than the bolts that are currently installed; the material is stronger. Long term plan is to tear down the two barns and build one large, multi-purpose facility. We want the barns to last a few more years while we figure out what we can do. It has to be grant-funded and make it a community project.



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We support the community with fire evacuations and pandemic food banks and inoculation days; we didn't get paid for any of that. Great future in front of us. We've made amazing progress here.

We don't have to die on principle every time. We have to be good neighbors, work together, be friendly.

Labor market is really tough right now. In 2019, seasonal workers were paid \$14/hour. Now we're paying \$20/hour. Had many conversations with food concessionaires that can find help.

New rules about events with over 1000 people, you have to have a vaccination or a negative test. Take affect on September 20. Our workers don't want to argue with people for the amount of money we are paying. If the rule changes and overlaps our fair, we'll get slaughtered.

Two or three days before the fair Dave will announce our covid protocols. If masks are required outdoors, it will be difficult to manage or police.

Three weeks from tonight the fair opens.

Hand sanitizers will be placed throughout the fair – handwash stations will also be plentiful. Raceway people are not happy about wearing face masks, on the other hand the flea market folks are very cooperative.

Security checkpoints – Dave plans to have the gate to camping locked. We'll have walk-through metal detectors.

Camping – need to have clear 20-foot roads, spacing between RV's is not as bad as we thought. We do have to have clearance between the RV's. The burning man event in 2019 was forced to reconfigure 60% of their campsites. So we'll try to do a good job without camping layout.

Volunteers – safety if there are any issues, bring them to the leadership and come into the livestock office. Can radio for assistance or AMR.

Will there be wristbands, yes if you work at the fair everyday. Sometimes they will issue day passes.

Auction meal – we're thinking that the auction will over between noon and 1 p.m., fewer animals. Serve a box lunch with a beverage. The auction tent will be there. Matt Ryan is on board and waiting to hear from us.

Signs will be made for Rodgers House. Smaller tours of 8 people. Masks will be required.

Make this fun! We need all of the volunteers to make it work!

ADJOURNMENT 8:18 p.m.