



# 14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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## Livestock Committee Meeting

February 8, 2023, 07:00 PM – Fine Arts Building

**Committee Members:** Stephanie Fontana – Board Member

**Interim CEO:** Kelley Ferreira

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm**

**Roll Call / Introductions** -sign in sheet going around

**Additions to Agenda – no additions**

**Public Participation:** Phillip asked about status of the bylaws, job descriptions for the positions. Dave was here to support Stephanie. Jessica objected to having a sign-in sheet passed around saying that it is a violation of Bagley-Keene.

**Review of Prior Meeting Minutes (November 2, 2022 posted on website) no comments**

**Board Committee Member Reports – Stephanie Fontana**

### Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton & Kyle Plaskett – no reports.

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill – no report.

### Items to review

1. Entry Guide for 2023 – Changes/Suggestions

Goal to have the entry guide changes done for the April board meeting. Second draft will be emailed to group before March meeting.

The following items were discussed:

- Dogs in camping area (items 9 and 11): decision to disallow dogs in camping area.
- Stall Signs (item 10): paper stall signs will be handed out at weigh-in.
- Pygmy Goat Show (item 25): show will remain for 2023. Julie Katawicz will promote the show. We would like to know the possible number of entries we can expect.
- Showmanship (item 26): Discussion to make mandatory for large animal exhibitors. Other fairs in the area require showmanship.

#### Post-Meeting Research:

King City: requires market exhibitors to compete in showmanship. They assess a \$25 fee from the auction check if the exhibitor doesn't enter/compete in showmanship.

Monterey: Showmanship is Mandatory for all 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent Livestock exhibitors. Any Exhibitor of both Market and Breeding Livestock of the same specie must show the Market animal in Showmanship.  
San Benito: Not mandatory in 2022. Pre-entry was mandatory for rabbits and horses.

- Also discussed Supreme Showman competition. Maybe limit the number of competitors to top two or three FFA and 4-H instead of top 5.
- PeeWee Showmanship (item 30): sign-ups will be open on Fair Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will limit the number of animals per species/age group.



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- Clean Stall and Independent exhibitors (items 31 and 38) – discussed using the age breakdown for showmanship. Limit pop-ups to 10 x 10. Suggested that they be staked/weighted down. Tracy Kennedy will handle the contest.
  - Carcass Contest Beef Entry Fee (item 34) – need to know what processing/trucking costs will be for 2023 before we can make a recommendation on fee increase. Looking at \$320 – may adjust depending on actual costs.
  - Penning Priorities (items 13 and 43) – decision to move carcass animals to 3<sup>rd</sup> priority (after market (1<sup>st</sup>) and dairy (2<sup>nd</sup>)). Breeding animals will have last priority. May have to keep breeding classes closed until we have a count on the first 3 priority entries.
  - Livestock Judging (item S15): contest will not change times.
  - Auction commission (item S27): will not be changed – remains at 8%.
2. Decision on Beef Entries from Santa Clara/San Mateo Counties  
The fair board agreed, at their February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, to allow 10 beef entries from Santa Clara/San Mateo Counties.
  3. Barn Status – Historical registry. Covers the entire parcel of the fairgrounds, not the individual buildings. We are attempting to separate the Rodgers House and Water Tower from the rest of the fairgrounds. We cannot work on the barns until this is resolved. We can assume that we will have the same setup as last year.
  4. Future Meetings – March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9\*  
\*some of these meetings may be cancelled.

### Interim CEO Report

- 1 Facilities Update – Kelley reported that our fairgrounds are always beautiful. He is here until they hire a permanent CEO/manager. The fairgrounds hosted a disaster shelter in January. Red Cross was amazing. The average number of people served was 160 during the January storms.
- 2 New roof on harvest building will start next week.

**ADJOURNMENT - 8:40**