



14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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Livestock Committee Meeting

June 14, 2023, 07:00 PM – Board Room

Committee Members: Stephanie Fontana – Board Member

Interim CEO: Ken Alstott

CALL TO ORDER - Stephanie 7:15

Roll Call / Introductions

Additions to Agenda -

Public Participation – None.

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes (March 8, 2023 – posted to Livestock web page)

Board Committee Member Reports – Stephanie Fontana

Stephanie reported that the board has hired a new CEO, Zeke Fraser.

Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton & Kyle Plaskett

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill -The entry guide was approved at the May 23, 2023 meeting of the board. Currently working on getting the online entry system up and running for the whole fair. Ear tags – Kevin has enough for all species. Ken – deadline is Friday for updates to entry guides. Trying to get away from printed books and use online entries. Looking at cash payout for premiums for the couple of days after the fair – up to \$10 or \$15 – we'll have the kids come in to pick up their premiums. After those two days, the premium could be forfeited, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Items to review

1. Barn Update – Ken – 75% chanced that we will be able to use the barns for fair. A team is coming in on Tuesday – looking at a way to secure the barn roof – maybe strapping with heavy weights. After fair, they would come in and use the \$150K grant money to raise the height and fix the foundation grid. Kyle P. brought up the issue with keeping a 4 ft walkway clear around the posts for the hog barn. Hope to know within the next couple of weeks.
2. Tent Back-up Plan – Would use the same tent set up as last year. If we have only one tent, can we put up the pop-ups for tack areas around the tent. Would the auction dinner be at Paddy Smith park again – had reports that buyers weren't necessarily happy about having the dinner away from the auction.
3. Signage needed for Species Heads – need signs on the barns or the areas so people can find the animals. Could have sandwich boards with large print directing people to the barns/tents.
4. Tables and chair requests – Kathryn has prepared a list based on last year's request.
5. Carts/forklifts: We were short a forklift last year. We will need to take the training class in order to drive a forklift or golf cart. Stephanie will arrange for training for livestock – will be added to the agenda. Forklift operators must be certified and carry their OSHA card on their person – certification has to be active within the last 3 years. Poultry coop-out – would like a flat bed cart to help exhibitors take their birds out. People who are trained can train others – need to keep track of who has completed the training. Could use help with the coop-in.



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6. Judges – We still need our Dairy Goat, Beef and Dairy Cattle judges. Kevin has calls out to his judges. Christa needs to be contacted.
7. Work Days – If we get back into the barns, there will be a lot of clean up required. The arena dips quite a bit – holds lots of water. Needs building and grounds to look at it. Suggested we install French drains. Won't be able to do that this year.

If we use the sheep barn – and don't put the scale back in there, we'll have to fill in the hole. Or put the scale back in the hole before certification.

Need new siding on the stair side of the building. We can replace the plywood.

Shade cloth – for the bleachers – need 80% or higher. Kyle P. will look for vendors.

Work days: we'll schedule at the end of July or two in August. Next meeting is July 12.

General – pen set-up – Stephanie recommends we do it with maintenance. Hog waterers will be used regardless of using the hog barn or the beef barn.

Set up for the temporary power boxes – Ken has instructed maintenance to raise the boxes up to avoid standing water or puddles.

Ken recommended that we take pictures of issues.

Dignity Health will provide 10 additional hand washing stations.

CEO Report – Ken – priorities to get the entry guide out there and getting the barns approved for use.

ADJOURNMENT 8:35 pm