

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Ventura County Fairgrounds
31st District Agricultural Association - 10 W. Harbor Blvd. - Ventura, CA 93001 - (805) 648-3376
Website: venturacountyfair.org Contact: Barbara Quaid, CEO

June 25th, 2019

I. Call to Order

Roll Call

Declaration of Recusal or Conflict of Interest

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m., and called to order by President Cornejo.

Directors present: President, Leslie Cornejo, Vice President, Leah Lacayo, Bonnie Atmore, Michael Bradbury, M. Cecilia Cuevas and Daniel Long.

Absent: Shanté Morgan-Durisseau and Jim Salzer.

Staff present: Barbara Quaid, CEO, Cristian Yopez, Accounting Assistant, Kim Leach, Exhibits Supervisor, James Lockwood, Marketing and Publicity Manager and Heidi Ortiz, Executive Secretary.

Guests Present: Frank McCarthy, Beth Mansfield, Grace Mansfield, Steve Nash, Troy Corley, Marian Walluks and Sam Coats.

There were no conflicts of interest with any of the Board members that were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Bradbury led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Welcome and Introductions of Guests and Staff

Invitation for the public to introduce themselves (not mandatory)

IV. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

In accordance with State law, the Board will not comment or otherwise consider Public Comment matters until and unless such items have been properly noticed for a future meeting.

Steve Nash: Anti-Gun Show – Expressed his concerns regarding the gun shows and the danger it is to the community.

Beth Mansfield: Anti-Gun Show – Explained she tried to be the voice of students due to the fact the meetings are during the week, but was able to bring her student to the meeting today to explain what they go through.

Grace Mansfield: Anti-Gun Show – Explained how she has submerged herself into the gun control culture. Explained that guns do not have a place in her school and at her local fairgrounds and hopes the Board reconsiders having gun shows at the fairgrounds.

Marian Walluks: Pro Gun Show – She thanked the committee and staff on the gun show report, which she thought was very thorough and raised the issues on both sides of the issue.

Sam Coats: Anti-Gun Show – Explained he was also a Ventura High School student and that they have drills which isn't the only thing that effects them on a daily basis. He explained that students shouldn't be focused on survival and doesn't feel gun shows belong on state property.

V. Presentations

A. Ventura Police Department – Commander Rick Murray

- Commander Murray gave a presentation on the services that the Ventura Police Department provides during the Fair. The contract for this year will be not to exceed \$225,000. There are 400 plus hours that is not charged to the Fair.
- Officer Art Gonzalez spoke about the gang injunction and asked for the Board's support to be able to arrest a gang member who was asked to leave the premises and returns to the fairgrounds. The Board asked staff to get the correct verbiage and bring back to the board for approval.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. May 28th, 2019 Board Meeting

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the May 28th, 2019 Board Meeting.

Board Member Name	Approved (Yes Vote)	Not Approved (No Vote)	Abstain
Director Atmore (Second)	X		
Director Bradbury	X		
Director Cuevas	X		
Director Long	X		
Vice President Lacayo (Motion)	X		
President Cornejo	X		

VII. Financial Report

A. Financials ending May 31, 2019

Mr. Yopez reviewed the financials.

Director Cuevas asked if staff could give a report as to how the \$20,000 Marriott sponsorship is spread out amongst the entertainment, rodeo, etc.

CEO Quaid explained that our operating expenditures are down by \$70,000 due to the permanent employee wages not being replaced.

VIII. Old Business – None

IX. Committee Reports

A. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting June 18th, 2019 – Leslie Cornejo, Chair

- Vice President Lacayo explained that the report has been completed and posted on the fairground's website. The special meeting for the gun show will be held this Thursday.

X. Board Correspondence – Informational only no action required

- A. Letter from Karen Ross, Secretary, at California Dept. of Food and Agriculture
 - This letter was in response to someone’s letter who asked about the gun shows and she explains the delegation of the board
- B. E-mail from Sue Maynard
 - She commented on some issues in livestock that happened last year
 - CEO Quaid received a reply to Ms. Maynard, which was handed out to the board and extra copies were supplied to the public that was from Ms. Neithamer, the Assistant Large Livestock Superintendent, which created a discrepancy. This will be brought to the Livestock Committee for further discussion.
- C. Letter from Robert Piros
 - Mr. Piros is asking for an area for disabled people to perform at ground level. If they had applied with a band we would be able to address this in a different manner.
- D. Correspondence received on Gun Shows

XI. Consent Agenda: Items hereunder on the Consent Agenda are considered routine, not requiring separate discussion and will be enacted in one motion. Individual items A, 1-6, are approved by the vote that approves the Consent Agenda, unless an item is pulled for separate consideration.

- A. Agreements
 - 1. Standard Agreements
 - 2. Rental Agreements - Interim
 - 3. Rental Agreements – Fair
 - 4. Judging Agreements
 - 5. Sponsorship Agreements
 - 6. Carnival Agreements

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda with items A, 1-6.

Board Member Name	Approved (Yes Vote)	Not Approved (No Vote)	Abstain
Director Atmore (Motion)	X		
Director Bradbury	X		
Director Cuevas	X		
Director Long	X		
Vice President Lacayo (Second)	X		
President Cornejo	X		

XII. CEO Report

- She has only received one set of questions for the survey and encouraged the Board to email her any they may have.

XIII. President’s Comments

- Glad that we are reaching a point to resolve the gun show issue; it has been a lot of work for the ad hoc committee and is glad it is all transparent for the public to see.

XIV. Future Agenda Items

1. Funding for Chairs in Derby Club – Operations Committee
2. Grant Writer – Operations Committee

XV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Submitted by: _____
Heidi Ortiz, Executive Secretary

Approved by: _____
Barbara Quaid, CEO Ventura Fairgrounds

Approved by: _____
Leslie Cornejo, Board President