**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Ventura County Fairgrounds

 31st District Agricultural Association - 10 W. Harbor Blvd. - Ventura, CA 93001 - (805) 648-3376

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**October 22nd, 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, Daniel Long, Shanté Morgan-Durisseau and Jim Salzer.

**Absent:** M. Cecilia Cuevas.

**Staff present:** Barbara Quaid, CEO, James Lockwood, Publicity and Marketing Manager, Cristian Yepez, Accounting Trainee, Luis Juarez, Maintenance Supervisor and Heidi Ortiz, Executive Secretary.

**Guests Present:** Beth Mansfield, Karen Peters, Terri Lisagor, Edy Santangelo, Barbara Cartee and Troy Corley.

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

**II.** **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Long 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.

Barbara Thorpe Cartee: Anti-Gun Show – Commented and discussed AB893. She explained that it is time to ban gun shows on our state property especially since we are approaching the anniversary of the Borderline shooting. She would like the Fair Board to join them to talk to the legislators and Governor about remedies to these gun shows and gun culture.

Terri Lisagor: Anti-Gun Show – A group attended the Executive Meeting to get information to move forward with requests and recommendations and addressed the issues of the gun shows and alternate revenue ideas. One thing she suggested was to appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee. Her concern is for all of the citizens in California and ways to address alternate source of income for the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

Karen Peters: Anti-Gun Show – She made a comparison of the gun shows to smoking and how back in the day smoking was change which was an easy one but it happened. She explained that the Citizen Advisory Committee could assist the Fair Board in providing valuable input on the topic of gun shows and what can replace them.

Troy Corley: Anti-Gun Show – Commented that there was not enough discussion regarding the policy on the gun shows at the Executive Meeting but only the dates for the 2020 gun shows and how to accommodate them. She stated that the Fair Board could be on the right side and protect the community by not having gun shows on state property.

**V. Presentations -** None

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

1. September 24th, 2019 Board Meeting

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the September 24th, 2019 Board Meeting with the correction made from President Cornejo.

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| **Board Member Name** | **Approved (Yes Vote)** | **Not Approved (No Vote)** | **Abstain** |
| Director Atmore  | X |  |  |
| Director Bradbury (Second) | X |  |   |
| Director Long (Motion)  | X |  |  |
| Director Morgan-Durisseau | X |  |  |
| Director Salzer | X |  |  |
| Vice President Lacayo |  |  | X |
| President Cornejo | X |  |  |

**VII. Financial Report**

A. Financials ending September 30th, 2019

Mr. Yepez gave a report on the financials.

**VIII. Old Business –** None

**IX. Committee Reports**

 A. Executive Committee Meeting October 14th, 2019 – Leslie Cornejo, Chair

* There were no action items but it was a long meeting with community input.
* Everyone has the minutes before them and President Cornejo reminded everyone that it is simply an informational report as to where the fairgrounds stood after the first gun show and the vote on the policy.
* It was suggested that a checklist be created to check compliance.
* One of the things not addressed in the policy was the issue with the gun cases. It was suggested by our security staff to advise future gun shows to eliminate the cases entirely.
* The gun show policy is something that the Board voted on with sincerity and with the intent of full compliance and the Board will be working on as hard as they can to make sure that the policy is followed through with.
* The X Games are moving along. Dates and costs for 2021 and 2022 have been given and X Games should be making a decision sometime in November.
* The committee was asked by Director Morgan-Durisseau to get an opinion from our legal counsel on the recent legislation on the Governor’s action on AB 1669 and AB 893.

**X. Board Correspondence – Informational only no action required**

A. Memo from John Quiroz at California Dept. of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions: SB 84 Supplemental Payment Obligations

B. Memo from John Quiroz at California Dept. of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions: 2019/2020 Fair Funding Program

C. Memo from John Quiroz at California Dept. of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions: CAL-Card Program

D. Memo from California Dept. of Food and Agriculture regarding Exam needs

E. Gun Show Correspondence

CEO Quaid went through all pieces of correspondence and explained what they were.

**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, are approved by the vote that approves the Consent Agenda, unless an item is pulled for separate consideration.**

1. Agreements
2. Rental Agreements - Interim

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

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| **Board Member Name** | **Approved (Yes Vote)** | **Not Approved (No Vote)** | **Abstain** |
| Director Atmore  | X |  |  |
| Director Bradbury  | X |  |   |
| Director Long  | X |  |  |
| Director Morgan-Durisseau (Second) | X |  |  |
| Director Salzer | X |  |  |
| Vice President Lacayo ( Motion) | X |  |  |
| President Cornejo | X |  |  |

**XII. CEO Report**

* CEO Quaid had no additional comments.

**XIII. President’s Comments**

* Attended the Seaside Highland Games for the 2nd year in a row and commented how wonderful an event it is.
* Received wonderful correspondence from her fellow Directors on her father’s passing and was so deeply touched on how much love and care there was. She shared some things about him and explained it has been a tough month for her family but she is surrounded by a lot of love including by her Fair friends which she appreciates very much.

**XIV. Future Agenda Items**

Director Long asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Neal Andrews since he brought the Seaside Highland Games to the fairgrounds, a former mayor and great person in our community.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November Board Meeting is being changed from the 4th Tuesday to the 3rd Tuesday which is November 19th.

**XV. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Neal Andrews at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by:

 Heidi Ortiz, Executive Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Barbara Quaid, CEO Ventura Fairgrounds

Approved by:

 Leslie Cornejo, Board President