

42nd District Agriculture Association

Glenn County Fairgrounds

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Board Meeting Agenda

June 13, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER – President Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:33PM**
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Director Chavez, Director Mudd, Director Douglass, Director Bittle and Director Pierce were all present. No absences.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Heather Chavez, Karen Baldrige, Leanne Stoltenberg, Janice Lohse, Stacie Alves, Dianne Amaro, Clay Carlson, Christine Kampmann, Richard Hood, Mario Romano.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Heather Chavez introduced herself to the board, stated that she has been a long-time participant in the Glenn County Fair in many capacities, from a 4-H and FFA Breeder, parent, and has worked with sheep her entire life. Most recently breeding and selling lamb direct to consume with her spouse Jacob Chavez. She considers herself to be a subject matter expert in sheep as well as a subject matter expert in Criminal Justice. Her mission tonight is to speak to the spirit of see something, say something. She shared with the board that she is aware of the need to firmly handle livestock at times. This year she and her husband Jacob sold an animal to a first-time exhibitor and this exhibitor worked extremely hard on their project. Heather helped her weekly, and at Fair she ribboned 5th place, as well her lamb was used in Master showmanship. During Master showmanship the exhibitor using the lamb slapped the lamb loudly and repeatedly. While Master Showmanship went on the exhibitor continued hitting the animal harder when it would not cooperate. The family of the lamb owner came to Heather, to ask if that was, okay? Heather informed them that no, it is not okay. One Saturday morning of the Auction the following day after Master Showmanship, Heather examined the animal and saw that it was still pink in the loin and over the top. That same morning, she witnessed another exhibitor taking an animal back to the pen after the Sale of Champion, she was whacking the goat, Heather stopped the exhibitor and stated, that is not okay. The exhibitor then looked at her and punched the goat in the back. Heather was very upset by the behavior and was unsure what she could do legally. On Sunday, she was approached by another family that attended Master Showmanship with the intent to learn from the best of the best exhibitors. They were upset by the exhibitor that was hitting the lamb and they left. After learning that no one intervened on the lamb behalf she asked the livestock office staff who judged Master Showmanship. She was told judges were from Chico State judging team, if that is the case then she has a problem with that. Heather shared speaking up takes courage. To risk standing and speaking up can be difficult and she isn't sure that anything will happen with her sharing. She went on to site incidents at other fairs where animals were handled poorly, and no consequences came to the exhibitor in question. Heather also shared that in the YQCA, training that we require for our fair, has an entire section dedicated to animals handling. Lastly, hitting an animal is not reflective of a competitive edge of a showmanship. It is a top indicator of psychosocial disorders and future violent tendencies. Typically stemming from a lack of control, which is a marker for deviant behavior. There is a penal code that enforces this behavior. State Fair rules support this penal code as well. Not know what she could do legally in one of incidents, caused Heather to research the steps for reporting behavior like this are as follows:
 1. Report situation onsite or Animal Control.
 2. Call Police or law enforcement.
 3. Call local ASPA or PETA chapter.It is complicated to ask for action on this topic. We already have a set of rules that there is no consequence for breaking. She asked that we keep her comments in mind these things as planning for next year and remember these three things. We have an obligation to educate and set example for young exhibitors, we are under the watchful eye of the public, and there are multiple liabilities for condoning the behavior to win at all cost mentality to do well.

V. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

2. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Director Pierce had a question regarding returned checks. CEO Bartels shared that a check was returned for insufficient funds, and they reached out and they came in and paid the check and the fee, promptly. Also, had an exhibitor check that needed to be reprinted and that was handled as well. CEO Bartels shared that the financials for March are preliminary, and she pointed out some changes that needed to be made to the financials to Renee, early that day.

a) Junior Livestock Association reconciliation and transfer total review: CEO Bartels shared when Renee and herself were working on closing FY 2022, Renee pointed out that the Junior Livestock Association account needed to reconcile. Upon research, Renee shared in 2018 the Fair paid 66,000.00 of Junior Livestock Association expenses coded to JLA, but they were not reimbursed. Director Pierce explained that due the fact that accounting that is done on an accrual basis, which is lot more difficult to understand, also that the reimbursement from the Junior Livestock Association account have happened in the following fiscal year, have led to the challenge of drilling down to was exactly happened. Diane Amaro moved that the Junior Livestock Association pays the \$37,072.69, to settle 2022. Director Bittle seconded the motion to pay with the amendment that CEO Bartels asks for a full report that shows how the balance came to be. Director Bittle moved to accept the recommendation of the Junior Livestock Association committee to transfer \$37,072.69 to reconcile the Junior Livestock Association account for 2022. Director Douglass seconded the motion. Director Mudd, Director Chavez, Director Pierce, and Director Douglass all voted in favor. No votes against. Motion passed unanimously.

3. AGREEMENTS:

a. Rentals: Director Douglass asked if there was anything new for the rentals. Regarding GCOE, taking over the lease from E-Center. CEO Bartels shared that yes, they will be taking over the leases, however, the contracts have not been finalized.

b. Standard 2's none

Director Douglass moved to approve the minutes, agreements rentals and Standard 2's, without financials as there will be changes to March and they need to be finalized. Director Mudd seconded the motion. Director Mudd, Director Chavez, Director Pierce, and Director Douglass all voted in favor. No votes against. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **REPORTS & INFORMATION**

NONE

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. PROJECT LIST no new updates.

2. MINISTRY USAGE OF SHOWER FACILITIES still pending. Glenn County Office of Education hasn't disclosed what they plan on doing in the portables that they are taking over.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:** Director Pierce stated that she asked CEO Bartels if the wrap-up meeting could be both Fair Board and Junior Livestock Association committee members together. For the meeting tonight, Director Pierce wanted to have an open meeting, with a small number of board members and work together on what is best for the Fair and the community and the kids.

LIVESTOCK

- **TAGGING:** Tagging sheet moving forward would be a digital form to be helpful. CEO Bartels stated that she and Christine Kampmann had already discussed the need for more education on Fair expectations, tagged procedures, and deadlines. However, that can be extended to all leaders. It was agreed that education was needed in how to tag, and when deadlines are. It was agreed that leader training was needed, if leaders don't attend, they cannot get tags.
- **LOAD IN/OUT** Dianne Amaro shared the small animal resale person was late, she would liket to urge them to be on time in the future. Staci Alves shared that pig load out was very smooth. Director Chavez shared that in the future you will need a couple extra people at the resale facility to load out the hogs. Three trailers were utilized for hog hauling on the day of the auction and that worked well, each trailer made 3 or 4 trips. Janice Lohse stated that holding pens for lambs was great. Director Douglass stated that on Monday 70% of

the animals were on grounds on Monday and she wondered if that was acceptable? Staci Alves stated that the FFA groups must start hauling on Monday due to the number of animals they have enrolled.

- **WEIGH IN AND EXHIBITOR FORMS:** Staci Alves asked if FFA and 4-H could be assigned a certain time at weigh-ins to make it go easier. The pig weigh-in was suggested to be 7-8:30 AM for one group and 8:30-10:00 AM for others and 10:00 to 10:30 AM would be clean up of anyone who was missed. Karen Baldrige shared that she felt the forms need to be accepted electronically, to eliminate the filing and attempting to collect the form. CEO Bartels shared that they are working on an alternative to physical copies. Director Pierce stated that the exhibitor wristbands were of horrible quality this year, need to address that for 2024.
- **VET INSPECTION** for hogs was challenging due to not having a way to separate the hogs. Needed to a way to control the incoming pigs, possibly a holding pen to help control the flow. Director Bittle stated that Dr. Karle did not like the set up and it should be considered to put the Vet back at the scale.
- **EACH SPECIES SHOW DAY** rabbits weigh-in and vet inspection went terribly long. Diane Amaro suggested that the weigh-in be moved back to Wednesday from 4-6PM. Janice Lohse loved the hog show starting so early. Staci Alves enjoyed the show earlier and recommended the hog show starts earlier. Janice Lohse moved that the Hog Show start at 7:00 AM and lamb show starts at 7:00 AM, Staci Alves seconded the motion. Director Pierce stated that we should look at the economics of the fair prior to moving shows. Lamb numbers were low, and hog numbers are high and maybe consider moving the hog show to Thursday. Diane Amaro suggested that the rabbits be flip flopped as well. The vendors did better on Wednesday than on Thursday. So, she suggested we revisit the show flip after looking into financials and attendance numbers for fair.
- **JUDGES/CLERKS** Director Pierce suggested that we need to pay all the judges relatively the same amount or possibly get 2 judges for Rabbits. Would be helpful. Dairy judge needs addressed as well. With the two large shows over the top of our fair, CEO Bartels shared that it is a challenge to get judges. Director Bittle suggested that a committee made up of local species experts vets the judges by species and submits a list of 3 candidates they recommend to the person who hires the judges.
- **HOG TATTOO** it was great. It went very well.
- **AUCTION** Proof Sale of Champions a little better, to ensure the order correct for the Sale of Champions. Karen Baldrige asked why the sale order couldn't be mixed up, because we are losing buyers for the later species. Suggested staggering the species so everyone has a better chance to get good prices and not lose their buyers. The buyers' groups are picking up a lot in sale early and ran out of money for the later species. Diane Amaro stated that she heard a lot of kids did not write buyers letters and she feels that needs to be addressed. Director Bittle stated no, the fair does not need to get involved in that. Janice Lohse shared that she observed at the auction when some of the kids that sold a dairy replacement heifer sale sold their market animals they did not do as well or were picked up by the buyers' group. She suggested not allowing the selling of two animals. However, she is aware that they have no control over the Dairy Sale. Staci Alves suggested looking into better wi-fi for the arena area, CEO Bartels shared that that is something she is currently working on.
Janice Lohse had some notes to share, if pens need to be wired, maintenance should drill a hole and use that to keep wire in place. Install retractable hose for water, vent in hog barns or large exhaust fans, if goat barns do get reconfigured, we need more lighting and portable rings. Pig Barn needs to be reconfigured, barn needs more pens and different configurations. It was suggested that Stills' entry be extended.
- **ANIMAL LOAD OUT** everything went great.
- **HOTELS FOR JUDGES:** CEO Bartels shared that in the past we put all the judges up at Rolling Hills Casino, this year they hiked the price way up, and moving forward she would like to see the money stay in county.

- AWARDS (NO YEAR) Director Pierce asked that awards not have a year, buckles were unclaimed. Karen Baldrige asked if the banners and awards could be given ring side. Instead of at the award ceremony.
- RABBITS CAGES PURCHASE MORE Staci Alves moved to purchase 4 more pens for fair, Christina Kampman seconded the motion.
- PIG BARN SET UP: Pig Barn needs to be reconfigured, barn needs more pens and different configurations. The pig barns were super snug, need to consider Prop 12 space. CEO Bartels shared that Shasta District Fair just ordered more and she suggested we borrow the pens and allow Shasta District to use ours after. Stacie Alves suggested that the barn charts next year delineate the tack pens and blocking chute areas.

2. FAIR REVIEW

- DAYS OF OPERATION: Director Pierce stated that they would like to look at what that would look like after looking into moving animal shows.
- VALUE OF PRICE OF ENTRY CEO Bartels shared that entrance fees were \$10.00, with discount days on Thursday and promotions almost daily to get in. Director Pierce shared that the biggest complaint was that Whitsett Cook was empty. CEO Bartels understood, however, with commercial exhibitors decreasing and being concerned that Vo-Ed entries would not fill the building she made the decision to move all Stills into Flaherty Hall and make sure it was done well.
- OPTIONS FOR BUILDING: Director Bitle suggested bringing in exhibits to put in the buildings. CEO Bartels stated that yes that can be an option however, the exhibit needs to appeal to many, because paying to fill a building can be costly.
- RIDES VS GAMES BUTLER: Director Pierce stated that there are a ton of games and not a lot of rides. Director Pierce stated that we need to increase the value, so we don't lose our community support. Karen Baldrige suggested a concert, and CEO Bartels shared that is has been discussed.
- SECURITY CEO Bartels shared that they did a good job. It definitely
- SCHOOL TOURS: 800 students come to tour the fair on Thursday and Friday of fair. CEO Bartels shared that they do a small preview of what fair looks and
- SUNDAY EVENTS OR OPTIONS: Tabled
- ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS: Tabled

VIII. CEO REPORT

1. INFORMATIONAL REPORT DISCUSSING ADMINISTRATION OF 42ND DAA no updates.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS (WILL BE DISTRIBUTED NON-ACTION ITEM)

X. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

1. Staff Reports no
2. Directors' Comments no
3. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: July 18, 2023
4. Next JLA meeting Sept 12,2023
5. Items to be included on the next meeting's agenda.
 - a. Grandstands
 - b.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Pierce adjourned the meeting at 9:13PM