

**Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting
Agricultural History Project
September 3, 2013**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 3, 2013 by President Fred Chamberlain in the boardroom of the Codiga Center & Museum at the Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds.

Roll Call: The following directors were present Chuck Allen, Joellen Bruce, Fred Chamberlain, John Eiskamp, George Erickson, Frank Estrada, Dennis Howell, Rosemarie Imazio, Nic Keiderling, Shaz Lint, Nigel Mallinson, Allan Molho, Stan Nielsen, Tom Rider, Les Roth, and Phil Ybarra.

Excused: Jennifer Lemon and Jim Scurich

Absent: Sharon Feuerborn

Others: John Kegebein (CEO), John Radin (CFO), Lynne Grossi (Staff)

Guests: Ana Rasmussen, Tom Stickel, David Sterns of Altera Solar.

David Sterns of Altera Solar of Santa Cruz presented information on electrical generation for AHP from solar panels. David had done a site walk and noted that AHP has several locations where panels could be installed and has only a single meter which is good. He recommended 3 mobile units consisting of four 270W panels each. While non-profits are not eligible for the solar tax credit the company is willing to commit \$5,000 to help organization get started. Payback would be approximately 10 years.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 6th board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Nic Keiderling, seconded by John Eiskamp and approved by the board.

Correspondence & communications: CEO shared resignation e-mail from Georgeann Eiskamp and Joellen Bruce tendered her resignation because of her recent move out of the area. Motion to accept the resignations was made by Nic Keiderling, seconded by Allan Molho and approved by the board.

Public business: None.

Treasurer's Report: John Radin reviewed the July financial report. The operating account balance as of July 30, 2013, is \$52,693.62.

President's Report: President Chamberlain encouraged directors to note how good the grounds look; neat clean and ready to go for Yesterday's Farm. He presented Tom Stickel with a Good Neighbor award and thanked Tom for all his maintenance work on the tractors and helping with AHP activities and operations.

Committee Reports:

Accessions and Restoration: Nigel reported the Fordson is running better. The Borina Foundation has donated a restored Willy's Jeep used on the Borina properties.

Codiga Center & Museum: John thanked those who had helped with clean-up activities. Pat Johns is meeting with the exhibit designer for ideas on the berry exhibit.

Archives: John pointed out the pile of material received from Watsonville High School Ag Department.

Community Garden: Ana Rasmussen reported the group is nearing the end of the first season. They would like to obtain some of the manure from the fair to use with garden waste to create compost for next year's garden.

Endowment Committee: Phil Ybarra reported the committee is drafting a letter for funders. John Kegebein reported he had met with Bill Locke-Paddon and that Borina Foundation money will now be administered through the Community Foundation.

Gift Shop: No report.

Sponsorship Program: No report.

Membership Program: No report.

Harvest Dinner: No report.

Yesterday's Farm: Lynne thanked all who had helped on Saturday with clean-up efforts. Additional help will be needed for setup and docent shifts. The theater in the Tractor Barn is ready, a cultivator has been chosen for a hands-on restoration project and the initial run of the Kid's Drive JD tractor was a success.

Old Business: 2nd Saturday Events – directors agree the events are worthwhile and have been well done but question the work load imposed on a small group of volunteers and are concerned that AHP has taken on more than it can handle comfortably. Some suggestions included going to quarterly events so that there is more time to organize and get the word out about the event; trying event on Sunday and providing tractor rides to the Farmer's Market, other outreach to families possibly via school newsletters; consider adjusting 2014 budget to be able to hire an event planner.

New Business: None.

CEO Report: John thanked directors for thoughts and suggestions provided for marketing committee on 2nd Saturday event.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was approved at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lynne Grossi
Recorder for the Board