



14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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Livestock Committee Meeting

February 23, 2022 - 07:00 PM – Heritage Hall

Committee Members: Stephanie Fontana – Board President & Loretta Estrada – Board Member

CEO: David Kegebein

CALL TO ORDER at 7:10 by Stephanie Fontana

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance – Kevin Hurley led the pledge. Sign-in sheet was passed around.

Attendees: Stephanie Fontana-Chair, Dave Kegebein, Kyle Middleton, Kathryn Hill, Cynthia Mazzei-Bartlebaugh, Kyle Plaskett, Diana Morales, Kevin Hurley, Dominique Borrego, Gary Stubblefield, Ellen Stubblefield, Yvonne Sowersby, Jessica Ayala, Phillip Carranco, Erin Larrus, Kathleen Bricker, James Bricker

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

None

Additions to Agenda - Prop 12

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes – Notes from August 25, 2021 meeting will be made available by next meeting.

Board Committee Member Reports – Stephanie Fontana & Loretta Estrada

Loretta couldn't be here tonight. Don Dietrich and Jody Belgard are now President and VP of the Fair Board of Directors. Directors assigned to the Livestock Committee may change.

POST 2021 FAIR Notes – Dave distributed the Auction Recap with a summary of animals sold and the amount of money brought in. The 2021 auction was incredible. All monies have been collected from the buyers. We are doing a phenomenal job for our community. The Heritage Hog does better when there is a specific purpose for the fundraising. Dave has ordered the 4x6 pens to complete the Swine Barn. The pen fundraiser brought in about \$40,000.

Entry Guide

Went through the list of proposed changes. (see attached) A new draft of the entry guide will be distributed prior to the next meeting. We'd like to have the proposed entry guide ready to submit to the Fair Board at its April meeting. This means we will have a March meeting to button up the guide.

Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton

Kyle went through entry guide and had notes (which were discussed at this meeting (see attached). Danny Naranjo was not able to attend the meeting.

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill – There will be one online entry system this year instead of two. Dave reported that the Livestock Office has been stripped, walls have been touched up and painted, the entire floor has been epoxied. We have new, modular furniture (from West Marine) to build in the office. An early workday to move back in is needed.



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CEO Report

- 1 **SB-5 Project – Electrical Upgrade Progress Report** – Project is about 80% complete, but the last few parts for the panels are hard to get. Barns are all on the new power. Still operating on two systems down in the horse show area.
- 2 **Barn Layouts, Set Ups, New pens** - New hog pens will be delivered soon.
- 3 **Volunteer Training Session** – Will cover customer service, dealing with difficult people, etc.
- 4 The Fair has done very well since COVID shutdown. Last year's fair maxed out on attendance and parking. In prior years, cash on hand balance \$300-500K; today we have \$1.5 million in the bank. The fair's in the best shape it's ever been since 1935. We're now a \$4 million annual revenue operation. Best in class among medium size fairs. This is the last week of COVID testing on the fairgrounds.

ADJOURNMENT

8:29 pm

Livestock Entry Guide Changes for Committee Discussion – 2022 – See comments from 2/23 meeting in red below.

Code of Conduct – we would like to require anyone purchasing a wristband to submit a signed code of conduct form (to be designed). This form will need to be uploaded into the online system. **Decided to require paper copy, not uploaded. Did not discuss the purchasing of wristbands.**

Official uniform and cattle showing – changed “boots are required to show cattle” to “closed-toe shoes are required to show cattle.” **No issues from committee members present.**

Showmanship classes – we need clarification on primary exhibitor eligibility (ages 5 to 8) for open shows (rabbits, poultry, pygmy goats) when exhibitors are entered as 4-H members. If the 4-H exhibitors are not allowed to participate, we need to make that known in the entry guide. Regardless of eligibility, consistency across all departments and age groups is encouraged. Proposal to use the following classes for all departments (eliminating primary from large animal departments):

110 FFA Novice – FFA exhibitors who has never shown this livestock species prior to July 1, 2022, in any fair as a 4-H, FFA, Grange Youth or independent exhibitor. This does not include jackpot shows.

120 FFA Senior – FFA exhibitors who have shown this livestock species prior to July 1, 2022.

130 4-H Primary – Ages 5 to 8 (not eligible to show large animals and may not be able to participate in showmanship at all.)

140 4-H Novice – Ages 9 to 10

150 4-H Junior – Ages 11 to 13

160 4-H Senior – Ages 14 to 19

Showmanship age determination date – we have used the beginning of the fair for age determination; all other area fairs use January 1. We should be consistent with other fairs our exhibitors participate in. This will eliminate kids from pee wee showmanship who turn 9 after January 1 but before the fair date – they have been able to participate in prior years.

The group agreed with these changes. For open shows (rabbits, poultry, Pygmy goats), primary participants will not be representing 4-H.

Sheep Showmanship – we received a suggestion that no halters be allowed for sheep showmanship except where ADA accommodation is requested. **We will not ban halters; it will be left to the judge whether they be allowed. ADA accommodation will be allowed.**

Market Hogs – Prop 12 applies to all hogs sold for resale at our auction. We will need an additional affidavit from exhibitors and their breeders stating that they are in compliance with Prop 12 which took effect on January 1, 2022. **We will collect the requisite information as required by Prop 12 for all market hogs, regardless of whether they are purchased for resale.**

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