

Plumas Sierra County Fair Board

MARCH 15, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

PLUMAS SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE MINERAL BUILDING, AT 204 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
QUINCY CALIFORNIA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Noble
2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Vincent Delbarba, Libby Ryan, Andrea Ceresola, Susan Neer
James Griffin, Cindy Noble, Kenny Chance
Absent: Jenay Cogle
3. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA**
None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2022 MEETING**
A motion was made by Director Ceresola to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Director Neer. Unanimous approval by the Board.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Curt Nieman of American Valley Speedway made comments regarding the racing contract.
6. **PRESENTATION BY PLUMAS COUNTY COUNSEL**
Presentation by Deputy County Counsel Sara James regarding the Brown Act and discussion of structure and purpose of an advisory board. Discussion regarding developing updated bylaws and policies, using similar county fairs examples, to be presented to the Fair Board for their input. Further discussion regarding redistricting and the impact on current Board members.
7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**
Fair Manager Steffanic reported on entertainment.

Discussion regarding grandstand entertainment options. Board directed Fair Manager Steffanic to pursue a contract with FMX Top Gun, a motorcycle stunt act for the grandstand for Saturday night of the Fair.

Board advised Fair Manager to pursue a contract for an "insect" attraction for the Mineral Building.

Discussion of entertainment budget, which is estimated to be about \$65,000 this year.

Update and input regarding exhibit guide.

The Board was informed that many new poultry cages and rabbit cages have been purchased to upgrade the old ones currently in use.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Determination Letter from CDFA, Fairs and Expositions

A letter of determination that was requested from CDFA Fairs and Expositions back in September of last year, was finally given. The determination was in regards to the question; Can the Plumas Sierra County Fair prohibit a livestock exhibitor who is a member in good standing of a local organization from showing their animal at the fair because they live outside of Plumas or Sierra Counties, therefore not able to sell their animal at the Junior Livestock Auction.

The response was that the Fair Board can make it a local rule that even if an exhibitor is a member in good standing with a local organization (4H, FFA, Grange) but they live outside of the boundaries of Plumas or Sierra Counties, they cannot show at the Fair, keeping them from selling at the Junior Livestock Auction. They further determined that if the Junior Livestock Auction wants to be in compliance with State rules, they must abide by the Fair Board's decision. If the Fair Board decides that exhibitors can show at the Fair, then the Junior Livestock Auction must let them sell.

Currently, the Plumas Sierra Junior Livestock Auction Committee decided in October, to not allow exhibitors who live outside of Plumas or Sierra Counties to sell their animals at the auction, with some caveats regarding school attendance and to accommodate some "grandfathered" exhibitors.

Director Susan Neer made a motion to change the current eligibility rule to:

"In order to show an animal at the Plumas Sierra County Fair, a youth exhibitor must be a resident of Plumas or Sierra County or have been enrolled in a school in Plumas or Sierra County the calendar year of the Fair. Youth exhibitors, and their siblings, who showed in the 2022 Plumas Sierra County Fair may continue to show at future fairs in which they are otherwise eligible. Youth exhibitors must also be a member in good standing of a Plumas-Sierra County 4-H club, a Plumas or Sierra FFA chapter, or an independent exhibitor who has met all requirements outlined in the annual exhibit guide."

Motion seconded by Director Chance and passed unanimously. The subject can be revisited after this year's fair if the Board chooses to do so.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023 Fair Theme

No new themes were presented by the Board, so it was suggested that a contest be presented to the public for a theme. Manager Steffanic will use the front cover of the Exhibit Guide to present the contest, as well as put out posters and press releases as soon as possible.

B. Building and Maintenance

A list of projects that have been accomplished, are in the works and planned was presented to the Board in their packet for last month's meeting and this meeting. Maintenance Superintendent Morrison and Manager Steffanic told the Board that things look good to have large fans installed in the SPI Pavilion. Director Ceresola asked if the fans in the swine barn could be adjusted for better effect and Morrison said he would investigate. Inquiries were made about the wash racks, and staff is waiting for better weather to tackle the problem. We may need to get clearance from Environmental Health to install a new leach field for the beef wash rack and it is hoped the swine rack only needs to have the drain cleared out. It is a top priority when the weather gets better. Finally, a narrative on the history of the hydroseeding of the Carnival Lawn was given to the Board. The project was paid for with rehab money paid by the Forest Service after fire camp and scheduling, available vendors and weather all dictated how the project was done.

C. Policy

County Counsel reiterated that a policy and procedures are being worked on that can be presented to the Fair Board or a committee created by the Fair Board.

D. Discussion of New Committees

The same message was shared regarding committees. The Board will have input as to what kinds of committees it deems necessary. Initial suggestions included; Policy, Grounds and Maintenance, Executive Committee and Entertainment.

E. Election of Fair Board Officers

Outgoing Board President Cindy Noble nominated Director Jim Griffin to the position of President and Susan Neer at the Vice-President. The nomination was seconded by Director Chance and the decision to accept them as new officers was unanimous.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Fair Board meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023

11. **ADJOURN**

Motion: Adjourn Fair Board meeting to Wednesday, April 19, 2023,

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