



JLA minutes for January 9, 2023

Attendance: Ashley Countryman, Brian Lopez, Kori Wittinger, Joani Utterback, Sami Macon, Lara Lopez, Jack Pchelkin, Mike Clader, Pat Clader, Heidi Headington, Julie Hernandez, Christy Penner, Liza Stefani, Jonathan Stefani, Karen Davidson, Tammy Warmuth-Moon, Josh Pineschi, Bruce Davidson

Guests: Ashton Stefani, Joey Stefani, Kyndrie Ballou, Alaina Copenhaver, Christy Copenhaver, Aron Ballou

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Brian Lopez. Brian L. explained new agenda format and asked for all to act professionally, appropriately and with kindness. Aaron B. asked why with kindness. States he is new and trying to understand.
- II. **Pledge** – Brian L.
- III. **Public Comment** – Brian L. explained what public comment is and that each person who had public comment would be limited to 2 minutes.
 - a. Liza S. wanted to recognize guests. She recognized Joey Stefani who was representing Ophir 4H. She stated Ophir 4H would be coming to the meetings and would bring back the information to their club. Their representation would be on rotating basis among 4H members.
 - b. Brian L. explained that public comment would not be a section that would include motions. Liza S. persistently asked if we could add her item to the agenda. It was explained that agenda items are to be submitted to the executive committee 10 days before the meeting, then the executive board will review the items and decide if they are appropriate for the committee agenda. Liza S. stated she sent an email more than 10 days ago. Jonathan S. stated if we are really following Roberts Rules of Order then we could have a motion during Public Comment. Again Brian L. reiterated there were to be no motions during public comment. Aaron B. then accused Brian L. of being very passive aggressive, not being forthcoming with information. Brian L. then explained Liza S. submitted an agenda item to Sonia. Sonia never responded to Brian's inquiries as to whether or not to put the item on the agenda, thus the item was not added. It was stated there is no voting on items during public comment. Sami M. stated to Liza S. that she was told her guest speaker could not come to this meeting it was not said he could not come to any meetings.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** - The December minutes were reviewed and approved. Jack P. made a motion to approve, second by Julie H., minutes approved.
- V. **Financials**
 - a. **Current financial update** – Mike C. provided his financial update handout. Heidi H. stated she never received a list of people from Sonia D. to call for outstanding payments and checks. It was stated that buyers are supposed to use the street address when sending their payments not the PO box. Mike C. stated when the dust settles, we

will probably have about \$110 K balance. The people who sponsored the breakfast/dinner do not show as income. Mike C. stated he is not sure where that money is. Julie H. asked about intuit fees. Brian L. stated the current format is too hard to understand. He is requesting to see all the expenses and revenue as it is provided to us by the fair. He will work with Mike C. on this report as he wants more detail.

b. Scholarship account status – Mike C. stated the scholarship balance is \$44,720.

VI. New Business – Brian explained that with the new format of the agenda and the meetings it would be a more organized approach which would benefit us all as our group as become much larger than last year. He asked that we make sure we speak one at a time and with respect.

a. Sami stated Superior would be processing all sheep and goats' custom and resale this year. Resale for goats will be up to 100 lbs. which is increased from last year of 86 lbs. Brian looked over the contract and Sonia is responsible for ordering the EID tags. Sami said that Sonia told her she would order them early.

b. Liza S. asked for a motion for junior members to be voting members. Tammy W. explained why it is important to be involved but not necessarily voting. Julie H. wants to know the by laws before voting on anything. Bruce D. second Liza S. motion but still there was much discussion on a vote. The item was not on the agenda and thus there could be no vote. Tammy W. stated there is a lot of emotion and asked is there a way to get a date when the by laws will be available. Brian L. explained that the by laws new draft version was never technically approved and signed and thus we must continue to operate under the original by laws until the newer version is approved. Sami M. explained her position as the Fair Board Director representative to our committee and stated the by laws would be worked on soon. Heidi H. made a motion to make a subcommittee to look at the bylaws, Liza S. second the motion. Brian L. stated he is not allowing any subcommittees for the by laws at this time. The by laws will be added as a standing agenda item on the agenda.

c. Parking – Brian explained why the meeting was being held at Round Table, as there was no more parking planned at the Fairgrounds. Sami M. talked about the parking letter that was dated 1/6/2023 that stated there would be no public parking on the Fairgrounds. Sami M. was standing behind Don A to support no public parking on the Fairgrounds for now. It would include all events etc. Parking would be allowed in the vendor parking lot of the Sacramento parking lot. For anyone who has concerns Sami M. encouraged them to come to the Fair Board meeting on 1/26/2023 @ 6pm.

d. Julie H. stated Joani U. was concerned about getting ear tags and the butcher shops . Ashley C. stated she has them for the steers. The butcher shop discussion will be added to next months agenda.

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Pre-weigh in

i. Beef – April 1st 8-10 am

ii. Sheep/Goats/Pigs – July 8th 7-10 am

VIII. Projects for the year

a. Swine barn/hog highway – Jack P. said the pad was up, part of the skeletal structure was up, we need to raise money for the pens inside the hog barn. There was discussion about trying to put the sale up there. He stated he doesn't know where but once it was finished, we could look at it and see if it is feasible. Brian L. asked about water, Jack P. stated there was supposed to be water coming down from the ceiling that could be used for licks it. Jack P. stated they needed input from Mark K. Jack P. also stated we need to

add Keystone wall to sheep barn area, screw roof tin on all barns and pig scale to the project list.

- b. Liza S. stated maybe sheep should go to the new hog barn and the pigs should go where the sheep were.

IX. Adjournment -a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Josh P. second by Heidi H. Meeting adjourned by Brian L. 1855.

Next Meeting February 13th @ 6:00pm @ the Gold Country Fairgrounds