



## JLA minutes for May 9, 2022

**Members:** Ashley Countryman, Kori Wittinger, Brian Lopez, Russ Cary, Sami Macon, Jack Pchelkin, Julie Hernandez, Christy Penner, Heidi Headington

**Guests:** Sonia Del Toro, Don Ales

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Ashley Countryman

The April minutes were reviewed and approved. Jack Pchelkin made a motion to approve, second by Russ Cary.

### Old Business

- Financial Update – deferred, Mike C. unable to attend. He did say he was able to cancel the Intuit account.
- Livestock Barns – Don A. stated the price of steel has gone up 8-10% and thus the bids have gone up. Casey Long's bid was \$74, 854 for the swine barn. This bid will expire next week so it is likely it will be increased. He is expecting a new bid to be coming in by Pressler Industries by the next Fair Board meeting. He does solar so this may make us eligible to qualify for a grant. A third bid will also be coming in. Don A. stated legally it is best to have three bids. Don A. also stated Justin Pressler agreed to be the Title Sponsor for the Fair so this too may be helpful.
- Photographer – Sonia update – B Ginn was the only bid so she will be the Fair photographer. Sonia D. stated she will be meeting with her to discuss the terms of her contract with her.
- JLA Meat Slicer – Don A. wants to look into this and go through a restaurant supply company versus buying a commercial one from somewhere like Bass Pro.
- Placer FFA BBQ use of JLA House – Sonia D. stated they did not use it. They need to go thru the Fair to a contract and pay a said price for its use. She has communicated this to them.

### New Business

- Awards – the Heritage Foundation wants the money to run through them. The money will need to be made in the form of a donation. As a clarification to the April meeting: the Supreme and Reserve Supreme animals will receive buckles for sure. The other champions and reserve champions will either get a buckle or a special award depending on finances. For Beef, TCA will donate the money instead of buying the buckles outright. Heidi H. asked if the DO FFA Alumni donated money could they guarantee it would go towards what they want or can they buy buckles directly. Sonia D. stated they are requesting they donate money only and that she could not guarantee it would go directly to buckles or what they specifically requested. Heidi H. said she would bring that information back to the DO FFA Alumni.

### Projects for the year:

- JLA House – leakage, concrete repair –NCCT will take care of this – per Don A. this is next on the list and will be done before Fair.
- Refrigerator replacement – Don A. mentioned Appliance Warehouse on Auburn Blvd in Sacramento as the best place to buy a refrigerator. Their prices are approximately \$265-\$345. They will give a 10% discount for cash and there is a \$52 delivery charge. He would like one for the Fair as well. He stated he will pay for two refrigerators, one for the Fair and one for JLA. He stated “it is the same pot of money” so we can do that.
- Hog Highway – Russ C. stated that Teichert will not be able to donate K-rail. Russ C. will talk to A&A about donating blocks. He will also speak with Mark K. Don A. asked if Teichert would do it if with naming rights as an option? He stated the K-rails could have their name on it.
- JLA Overlook bid – Don A. stated that there has not been any work done on this project as of now. He is working on the barns right now.

### **Open Discussion**

- Sonia D. and Don A. – stated that the Heritage Foundation would not be collecting the money at this year’s Auction. Don A. stated the State is requiring us to keep it separate. The Heritage Foundation will still do the scholarship but not the Auction. Instead, this year Mallory and Mike C. will be collecting all the money. Sonia D. stated they have a “strategic plan”, and she is confident it will be successful. Everything will be run through the Fair. Sonia D. also stated that this year they will have a much smaller but more efficient crew. There were many concerns raised around this i.e., long lines for our buyers to be waiting in with only one or two people collecting the money, will there be a second add on pay line like there has been for several years etc. It was asked how the tax benefit will be given to the buyers, Don A. explained that their plan is to put the Ag Code number on the sale receipts and to add a comment that the buyer needs to speak to their tax accountant. Julie H. stated this information needs to be put in the sale catalog. This will be added to next month’s meeting as an agenda item to address the many questions raised.
- Don A. mentioned there will be the Chamber Mixer at the Fairgrounds on 5/19 to kick off the Fair. He mentioned JLA may want to have a table or a 4H/FFA table to encourage buyers. They will Fair Food and it is from 5:30-8:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Heidi H., second by Jack P. Meeting adjourned by Ashley Countryman at 6:44 pm.

Next Meeting July 9th, 2022, after weigh in, Gold Country Fairgrounds.