



JLA minutes for May 8, 2023

Attendance: Ashley Countryman, Brian Lopez, Kori Wittinger, Mark Karthaus, Jack Pchelkin, Christy Penner, Shannon Lomas, Hailey Mullican, Keaton Countryman, Liza Stefani, Mike Clader, Pat Clader, Heidi Headington, Dave Ebbert

Guests: Don Ales

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Brian Lopez.
- II. **Pledge** – Brian L.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** –
 - The minutes were amended to reflect \$859 for each Clover device. The minutes were then reviewed and approved. Jack P. made a motion to approve, second by Pat C., minutes approved.
- V. **Financials**
 - Current financial update – Mike C. stated he didn't get the end of the month report yet. He stated we are down to \$17K for outstanding monies from buyers. Most are outstanding the credit amount from the accounting error at Fair, others haven't paid their add-on's and some didn't pay at all. Mike C. made a motion to have buyers required to pay their bill before they can buy in the 2023 auction, this was second by Liza S. Motion passed. Mike C. added to his motion that this information be placed in the postcards that are sent out to buyers, as well as the exhibitor handbook. Motion passed. Mike C. stated a way to avoid outstanding balances is to collect a credit card when they register. Mark K. made a motion to take the credit card before the buyer can get their buyer number. This motion and discussion were tabled until Mike C. can test the system to see if this is possible. Mark K. suggested handing out the dinner tickets when the buyers pay, Liza S. agreed.
 - Scholarship account status – unchanged as there has been no activity.
- VI. **New Business**
 - Mike C. made a motion to purchase two computers spending no more than \$2K, Mark K. second the motion. Motion passed.
 - Heidi H. asked how much it cost to sponsor the breakfast. The cost is \$2500, and she will sponsor it.
 - Echo Valley will be asked if they would like to sponsor the paddles again.

- It was stated by Don A. that all sponsor ships go through the operations account of the GCF, and the only income shown in the JLA account is the income from the actual auction.

VII. Unfinished Business

- Photographer Update – still waiting for bid from Three Lilies Photography to come in
- Butcher Shops Update – four have been decided upon by the Exhibits Committee as stated by Dave E. Don will email the decision to Brian L. as the JLA has not been notified yet.
- Tasklist Update– Don will send the GCF tasklist to the JLA as they have not received it yet.
- Pre-weigh In Procedure Document – Sonia D. will develop this and share with the JLA for their input.
- JLA Building Repairs – the fix for the leakage on the front of the building failed, the boards on the inside are rotten and this needs to be fixed before Fair. There was a discussion of who, how, when, etc. It was agreed that we need to get contractor bids. Ashely C. said she would ask someone for a bid. It was also mentioned that Tammy W. mentioned she may know someone.
- Refrigerators-we need two new refrigerators this year. One for the JLA house and one for the Pig Barn. Ashley C. made a motion to buy new refrigerators and to not exceed \$2500, second by Heidi H., motion passed.
- Don A. – contacted State Fair to ask for panels to use for the new hog barn. This year it was decided we would borrow panels and set the barn up how we want and invite the people who will make the panels to come and see it, so they know what to make.
- Weigh In- Liza S. sked about the fifteen-minute required dry time by the product that was suggested to use. She sated the water must dry and why disguise it if we aren't going to be able to do it. Liza S. asked to just send the animals requiring a tag to go through the scales. Mark K offered to weigh in the organic kids' animals at 11am after the other animals have gone through. Liza S. agreed and stated she would have the number of kids available at the next meeting.

VIII. Projects for the year

- Swine barn/hog highway – see open discussion

- IX. **Open Discussion** – Auction Location – Brian L. explained to the group who met up at the new Pig Barn, as well as they measured out the area for the auction block, had the actual auction block put in place and then measured around it and chalked items out. He stated that the auction would probably be able to be held in the new barn, but he expressed the concern by the JLA regarding the need for shade cloth, electrical, water, and that the area around the entire barn must be filled in with gravel. Jack P. and Mark K. stated the hog highway needs to go away whether the auction is held up at the new barn or if it is held down below at its original place. They expressed their concern over it as a safety hazard. Don. A. stated he will have all the numbers by the next JLA meeting regarding the requirements i.e., shade cloth, gravel.... The JLA deferred the vote on moving the auction until the next meeting when more details are known. Don A. stated he will take care of the sound system through the "Sound Guy". Brian L. asked that the option of new TV's be put on next month's agenda. Dave E. said he may have a couple to donate. Mike C. asked for a drawing to scale as he is concerned where the bank would potentially be placed and if they can get all the required connections. Sonia D. has the only drawing available and Don A. said he would ask Sonia to share it.

Mark K. discussed the old back pig barn and said it would be gutted and they would use the old barn stuff to build a new pig barn that would match the other barn.

- Declarations – Jack P. stated because of the recent concern that happened at the Shasta Fair, we need to make sure we have the parent/guardian sign the declaration. Mike C. stated this is on the new form he developed. Mike C. stated we don't want to make it more difficult on ourselves.

X. **Adjournment** -a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike C. second by Mark K. Meeting adjourned by Brian L. @ 7:28 pm.

Next Meeting June 12th @ 6:00pm @ the Gold Country Fairgrounds