



JLA minutes for March 13, 2023

Attendance: Ashley Countryman, Brian Lopez, Mark Karthaus, Lara Lopez, Mike Clader, Pat Clader, Julie Hernandez, Liza Stefani, Jonathan Stefani, Karen Davidson, Josh Pineschi, Bruce Davidson, Sonia Del Toro

Guests: Myah Davidson, Don Ales, Steph Chapman, Hailey Mullican, Keaton Countryman, Luke Parnell.

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Brian Lopez.
- II. **Pledge** – Brian L.
- III. **Public Comment** –
 - a. Don A. – reported on the Crab Feed, everyone was happy with the outcome and there were no problems, new kitchen staff and dessert auction was a great success. He stated that it netted between \$84,000 and \$87,000 which is a new record. The electrical in the swine barn needs to be completed and there are 2 bids currently submitted, both above \$50,000 and number budgeted was \$30,000., so the budget needs to be reworked. Don also mentioned that the stall bids are still being reviewed, looking for best price. Save the date of February 24, 2024, which is the next years' Crab Feed.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes were reviewed and approved. Josh P. made a motion to approve, second by Mike C., minutes approved.
- V. **Financials**
 - a. **Current financial update** – Mike C. provided his financial update handout, please see attached. Our balance is approximately \$102K and some change. The kids' checks are no longer good as they time has expired for them to pick up their checks. If someone does come in, their check will be brought to the Fair Board to see if they approve to reissue the check, they will then vote and let the JLA know of the decision. Receivables is at \$23,543.10. 30 buyers still owe with the top ten owing about \$17,000.

- b. **Scholarship account status** – Steph C. reported that two of the scholarship recipients have not cashed their checks, Julie H. asked if there were hardships considered and it was decided that she will work with Steph to determine the status of the recipients.
- c. There has been a request that financials also be sent out with agenda and minutes when emailed to members five days before meeting so that they can be reviewed. Mike C. stated that he could send them to Kori W. so she can include them, Mike C. will need “heads up” as reminder.

VI. **New Business**

- a. **Declarations** – to be tabled till next meeting – Joani Utterback not in attendance.
- b. **New Sale Agreement** – Mike C. proposed new form that the buyers are to fill out after purchasing an animal. It is easier to read and will highlight that payments are due on the day of auction. Sonia asked if the item number 5 “resale” could move to number 2 spot and everything listed be dropped a spot. Custom and resale are the most popular at sale. It was agreed and Mike will make the changes and add the processors when available.
- c. **Auction Operation Team** – Mike C. produced a sign-up sheet form that lists the jobs that are crucial at auction day and listed those that need computer and Showworks access. He also suggested that there be a JLA overseer that could trouble shoot and manage where needed during the auction. He does have people in mind for the spots not filled and listed that there needs to be 6 Showworks stations and 2 clover stations. There was a question wondering if a trial auction could be tested before online auction begins, making sure everything is in sync. Luke P. stated that this can be tested as soon as the sale order is complete. Luke P. also asked if Showworks is available in the cloud, this would be faster and more convenient for the stations at the auction. He will follow up with Sonia.
- d. **Barn Animal Donation** - Josh P. stated that his family will donate a lamb to be auctioned off at the end of the auction and proceeds will go towards any of the barn improvements to be chosen. This animal will have to be weighed in at pre-weigh and tagged. Liza S. made motion to add this donated market animal to the end of the sale with proceeds to be donated to a barn for improvements. Seconded by Josh P. Motion passed. Josh P. was thanked for this contribution.
- e. **Raising Hog Weight** – Mark K. proposed that the hog weight be raised to 300 lbs. and that would also be top pay weight - Placer Co. Fair has raised their limit to 300, their weight for this year is 220 – 300 pounds for the market class. Mark K. also stated that Olson meats is able to make accommodation with this. This was tabled so that Sonia could contact Olson meats and confirm that they could process the higher weight for Gold County Fair. This was revisited when Sonia stated that the exhibitor guide will be completed in April and changes need to be made, So in conclusion, a motion was made by Mark K. that the market and pay weight be raised to 300 lbs. for the market swine animals. Seconded by Jon S. Motion passed.
- f. **Extra Back Hogs** – Mark K. Proposing family back up animals – per “Yuba-Sutter Fair; A family back-up animal can only be used by an immediate family member by marriage, birth or adoption. Each family member using the same family back -up animal must properly enter it and pay the appropriate entry fee prior to the entry deadline.” Mark K. stated that Placer County Fair is also offering this option for the coming fair. This would involve all large animal species. Sonia needs this verbiage very soon due to the entry guide coming out soon. Motion made Josh P. to implement this with verbiage that Sonia can obtain. Second by Mark K. Motion passed. Sonia will call Placer County Fair for verbiage for exhibit guide.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. **Auctioneer Update** – Sonia reported still in process, have bid from Randy Parnell
- b. **Photographer Update** – tabled to next regular meeting.
- c. **Butcher Shops Update** – Sonia reported that bids have been received from Tootles, Gold Country, Funny Farm, T-Bones; still awaiting bid from Wagon Wheel. Limit to three maximum processors, not including FTH. Can contract with four maximum as long as they can take the number. Will report again next meeting.
- d. **Bylaws Update** – Jon S. asked for several amendments to the current By Laws. They are as follows:

Article II, Section 1 – Annual Meetings: strike out 1 month. Add “The Annual meeting will be when Officers for the Committee are voted on.” It was stated that this is in the Election Section of the By-Laws and Sonia stated that the By-Laws are on the Fair website. Motion made to add above mentioned quote by Jon S. and second by Liza S. Motion passed.

Article II, Section 2 – Regular Meetings: Strike out “Official notice of meeting will be posted to the Association website 5 days prior to scheduled meeting.” And replace with “Official notice of all regular meetings will be posted to the Association website by the 15th of November of each year.” Motion made by Jon S., seconded by Liza S. Motion passed.

Article II, Section 6 – Quorum: Add “All voting shall be held and counted by roll call of all present voting members when not unanimous.” Motion made by Jon S. and seconded by Liza S. Motion passed.

Article III, Section 2 – Removal and Resignation: Strike out as currently written. Add “Any voting member may be removed from the Committee with cause by affirmative vote by a majority, when a quorum is present at any regular or special meeting.” Motion made by Jon S., seconded by Liza S. Motion passed.

Article IV, Section 1 – Officers: Add “The maximum term a member may be an officer shall be not more than 3 years out of the current 5 years, with no more than 2 years in any single position within that same 5 years, unless there is not an available candidate to fill that specific seat.” Motion made by Jon S. and seconded by Liza S. Motion passed.

Article IV, Section 5 – Chairperson: proposal withdrawn.

Article IV, Section 6 – Vice-Chairperson: Add to job description “Shall preside in event Chairperson is not present.” Motion made by Jon S. and seconded by Karen D. Motion passed.

Article IV, Section 7 – Secretary: proposal withdrawn.

Article VI, Section 1 – Power of voting members: Strike out as written and add “This Charter may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new, or amended, Charter adopted at any time by an affirmative vote by a majority, when a quorum is present. Changes to the Charter are subject to approval of the Association.”

Brian reminded the members that these are all proposals at this time, they will be submitted to the Fair Board for action. Luke P. will present at next board meeting but will not be until April. Motion made by Jon S. and seconded by Karen D. Motion passed.

e. **Pre-weigh in**

- i. Beef – April 1st 8-10 am
- ii. Sheep/Goats/Pigs – July 8th 7-10 am

Sonia stated that a Prop. 12 compliance form will be added to the paperwork that potential Swine exhibitors will need to sign, she was told that CDFA will not be collecting these at this time, but the fair wants to be proactive and will keep these on file. Also reminded the committee that entries will be due on August 1st.

VIII. **Projects for the year**

- a) Swine Barn – update from Fair. Don stated that in addition of all ready mentioned, with needing to revamp budget for electrical, swine barn will be able to have auction there where show ring will be and will be set up with Cat 5 cable and wired for PA system. No need to have Hog highway. Mark asked about shade cloth that will be Cal Fire approved. Don stated working on it. Question asked about barn ready for Lixits and Mark stated barn can be set up for them.
- b) Pig Scale - Mark will get price.
- c) Keystone Wall – Don stated that they have received on bid that was \$58,000. He was told that Osborn Rockwalls may and will contact them.
- d) Screw tin in on barns – Don will add to task list.

- IX. **Adjournment** -a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Josh second by Sonia. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Brian L.

Next Meeting April 10th @ 6:00pm @ the Gold Country Fairgrounds