



JLA minutes for August 14, 2023

Attendance: Brian Lopez, Ashley Countryman, Kori Wittinger, Mark Karthaus, Jack Pchelkin, Liza Stefani, Julie Hernandez, Joani Utterback, Heidi Headington, Keaton Countryman, Hailey Mullican, Christy Penner, Dave Ebbert

Guests: Don Ales, Sonia Del Toro

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Brian Lopez.
- II. **Pledge** – Brian L.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - Kori W. asked if we could dedicate the auction to Sami Macon. Everyone was in agreement, Don A. said he would bring it to the next Fair Board meeting scheduled for August 31 for approval. Kori W. & Mike C. will work together with Julie H. to make sure the verbiage and pictures are correct.
 - Jack P. provided a list of “to do’s” that he previously provided to Fair maintenance
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** –
 - The July minutes were reviewed and approved. Jack P. made a motion to approve, second by Julie H., minutes approved.
- V. **Financials**
 - Current financial update – Mike C. provided the attached financial statement but was absent from the meeting. Our available balance is \$69,972.80 which includes the money withheld in reserves. The committee agreed to cut our losses of \$330 so that we can retain our buyers and not require the buyers to pay the amount originally not charged from last year.
 - Scholarship account status – unchanged as there has been no activity, the balance is \$44, 720. The applications for the 2023 scholarship were reviewed and it was determined to pay the top two candidates \$2500 and the others \$1500. This motion was made by Ashley C. and second by Heidi H. Motion passed. The awards will be given to the awardees at the auction right before the animal is auctioned off. Mark K. requested big checks to be given as the award. Sonia D. confirmed she would do this.
- VI. **Unfinished Business**
 - Approval to buy printers – Jack P. made a motion to buy one black and white printer not to exceed \$250, Mark K. second the motion. Motion passed.
 - List of outstanding buyers – Mike C. was absent for the meeting.
 - Sale Catalog – Christy will send update goat info to Mike C. and Mark K. will send updated swine info.

- Approval to buy TV's – Don A. has already bought new TV's that are 65 inches and have a 3-year warranty. Don A. also said that he will make sure the TVs are hung and already set up.
- Showmanship Shootout f/u – Sonia D. is still working on this.
- JLA Workdays – pen set up will be 8/29-830 @ 5 pm.
- Dinner Sponsor – Heidi H. will sponsor the dinner as well as the breakfast. The remainder that is not covered for the dinner will be paid by the Fair.

VII. Projects for the year

- Swine barn/hog highway – Don A. stated that two companies gave bids for grading/rock work. Right now, he is looking at using 1 ½ inch crushed rock on top of AB. Kori W. mentioned that this will be very hard on the animals' feet.
- JLA House – New handrails need to be put in, and new shelving. Mike P. will be contacted about 5P Iron giving a bid for the handrails. Liza S. made a motion to allow the executive committee to make the decision regarding money/expenses for the handrails and plywood for any shelving needed.

VIII. Open Discussion/New Business

- Dinner Sponsor – Heidi H.
- Paddle Sponsor – Echo Valley has been confirmed
- Buyers Dinner – Tammy W. will shop for the meat etc.
- Chains – across small animal barn and up the big hill - Kori W. brought this up, Sonia D. stated they will be down by fair.
- Auction
 - River Valley Community Bank will be the auction sponsor
 - Placer County Farm Bureau will be the auctioneer sponsor
 - Heidi H. will be the dinner sponsor
 - All champions will be sold at the beginning of the auction and then the sale order previously approved will be followed
 - The "Barn Animal" will be sold after the first half of animals
 - There will be no virtual or live auction this year. Proxy buyers will be offered.
 - Gold Key Buyers banner will hang vertically
 - There will be no shade coverage over bleacher area. Joani U. suggested easy up. Sonia D. said they were not planning on covering the area. Ashley asked if the extra 40 x 40 tent was needed. The answer was no it was not needed.
- Sonia D.
 - The auction brochure is on the website
 - Add on forms have been ordered
 - Buyers' forms have been ordered
 - Russ C. ordered what the JLA needs from River City Rental. Don A. will look into ordering what is necessary for the Fair as they were give a sponsorship package and he had hoped to just put in one order.
 - Mark K. asked for the forklift to be available for the 29th & 30th, which are also the Livestock Exhibitor workdays. They are not mandatory.
 - The panels for the pig barn will be coming from State Fair and Nevada County Fair.
 - Weights/Measures will be coming to certify the scales on 8/29.
 - Three clovers were bought for the JLA

- Don A. requested if we make any purchases from a business to have the business invoice, it makes payment easier.
- Auction paddles – Ashley will order
- The tent will be delivered 9/4 -9/5 and they will be taken down 9/11.
- The chairs will be delivered 9/5-9/6 and picked up 9/11.
- Sonia D. needs help with master showmanship. She has already got the judges.
- Brian L. asked Don A. for an extra golf cart. Don A. said no there aren't any available. Jack P. will have one.

IX. **Adjournment** -a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie H., second by Sonia D. Meeting adjourned by Brian L. @ 6:54 pm.

Next Meeting August 14, 2023 @ 6:00pm @ the Gold Country Fairgrounds