



## JLA minutes for April 10, 2023

**Attendance:** Ashley Countryman, Brian Lopez, Kori Wittinger, Mark Karthaus, Russ Cary, Joani Utterback, Lara Lopez, Jack Pchelkin, Julie Hernandez, Christy Penner, Tammy Warmuth-Moon, Josh Pineschi, Shannon Lomas, Sonia Del Toro, Hailey Mullican, Luke Parnell, Regina Dvorak

**Guests:** Stevie Utterback, Gavin Boyes, Joane U.

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Brian Lopez.
- II. **Pledge** – Brian L.
- III. **Public Comment**
  - Charter under review by Fair Board – Brian L. said the requested amendments to the current Charter were sent to the Fair Board for their review and approval.
  - Tammy W. introduced Gavin B., Manager from Colfax Starbucks and discussed how they are partnering with the JLA/Heritage Foundation and GCF to build the retaining wall (Keystone Wall) by the sheep barn. During April it is considered the Global Month of Good for Starbucks, and this will be their community service project. They will work on it Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-2pm.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** –
  - The minutes were reviewed and approved. Josh P. made a motion to approve, second by Joani U., minutes approved.
- V. **Financials**
  - Current financial update – Mike C. has deferred the financial update to next meeting when he can attend. The purchase of the below items was originally forwarded to the May agenda, however in light of timing a motion was made by Lara L. with a second by Jack P. to spend approximately \$859 to purchase these devices. Motion passed.
    - Purchase two laptops
    - Purchase three Clover credit card devices
  - Scholarship account status - \$44,720 is the last balance that Brian L. has record of.
- VI. **New Business**
  - Declarations – Joani U. stated her idea was to educate the leaders and ask the project leaders to make the kids aware. She felt the kids were not aware of the process. Brian L. asked Sonia D. to include this on the website and in the flyer that is to be given out at July pre-weigh in. Sonia D. said she will do that.
  - Pre-Weigh in Forms – Sonia D. – please see discussion below
- VII. **Unfinished Business**
  - Hog Weights– 300 lbs. was ok with Olsen Meats. The new weights stated by Sonia D. will be 220-300 lbs. Any hog over 300 lbs. will not be eligible to sell. Mark K. requested

this be included in the handout for the July pre-weigh in. Sonia D. also stated she had a request to decrease the cattle feeder weights. This led to the discussion of developing a “procedure/protocol” regarding the pre-weigh in process. There is new pre-weigh in forms that Sonia D. presented, and that were used at beef pre-weigh in. These forms require the exhibitor to sign and include the language for the ability to have the family back up animal. They will also have thermal paper used so a copy is given to the exhibitor and a copy is held by the fair. Sonia D. also stated there were 28 beef weighed in: 11 were tagged GCF, 15 were tagged PCF and there were 2 replacement heifers. The pre-weigh in for hogs, goats and sheep will be 6:30-10:00 am which will be accommodated by GCF staff. They will have a water hose and NovaSan to clean the scale in between hogs. Julie H. will get alcohol etc. for the goats/sheep scale. Mark K. asked for more clipboards at the July weigh in. Brian L. asked that these changes be included in a flyer and sent to the 4-H leaders and FFA advisors as well as put on the website, so all involved are aware and share with the kids.

- Verbiage for Exhibitor Handbook – the below items will be included in the Exhibitor handbook which will be approved by the Exhibits Committee and Fair Board prior to publication.
  - Hog Weights
  - Family back up animal
- Auctioneer Update – Randy Parnell has been confirmed and the GCF is waiting for the signed contract to be returned.
- Photographer Update – 3 Lily’s photography which is used by the Nevada County Fair is the leading applicant. They are willing to take pictures for the same price as last year. They are not in contract yet, we are waiting for their formal proposal. Sonia D. said her pictures were of high quality and would send out her website information to the group.
- Butcher Shops Update – per Luke P. this decision is being made by the Exhibits Committee and the Fair Board.
- Tasklist Update – The Executive Committee completed the JLA tasklist and provided it a few months back to the GCF and Exhibits Committee. The GCF has now provided theirs to the Exhibits Committee. Jack P. asked that maintenance is added to both lists for the opening and closing of gates etc. since the JLA no longer has any keys to the gates etc.

#### **VIII. Projects for the year**

- Swine barn/hog highway
  - Auction location – must be decided by the May meeting. The group will meet prior to the meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> and do a dry run with the equipment to see if it fits.
  - Access to new barn i.e., people, handicap etc. – Brian L. asked if the corner would be filled in at the new barn area. It was confirmed by Sonia D. that it would be filled in and people would not have a problem driving their trailers e
- Pig Scale – Mark K. presented the quote from Big Jim’s cattle service for \$6,611.36. Ashley C. made a motion, second by Josh P., motion passed. This scale will be for JLA use only.
- Keystone wall – Starbucks, led by Tammy W. will be building this as a community service project on 4/15/2023.
- Screw tin in on all the barns – Don A. stated that the GCF would be doing this.
- Jack P. asked that we add the JLA building to the list as the work previously done was not sufficient and there is water damage that needs repair.

- IX. **Open Discussion** - Sonia D. announced that the GCF would be hosting a Brewfest on August 26-27 so the JLA would not be able to have their workday that weekend. She recommended that the workday be over labor day weekend, before Fair. The JLA disagreed as it is too close to Fair. Josh P. proposed putting up the pens on 8/30/2023 and have another workday for other tasks at a different time. It was agreed that the pens set up time would be 8/29-8/30 at 5pm. This information will be added by Sonia D. to the flyer that will be handed out at July pre-weigh in.
- X. **Adjournment** -a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Josh P. second by Julie H. Meeting adjourned by Brian L. 1912.

Next Meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm @ the Gold Country Fairgrounds