



## JLA minutes for February 23, 2023

**Attendance:** Ashley Countryman, Brian Lopez, Kori Wittinger, Mark Karthaus, Russ Cary, Joani Utterback, Sami Macon, Lara Lopez, Jack Pchelkin, Mike Clader, Pat Clader, Heidi Headington, Julie Hernandez, Christy Penner, Liza Stefani, Jonathan Stefani, Karen Davidson, Tammy Warmuth-Moon, Josh Pineschi, Bruce Davidson, Dave Ebbert, Shannon Lomas, Sonia Del Toro, Ray Smith

**Guests:** Joey Stefani, Barbara J., Myah Davidson, Austin Ulitin, Don Ales, Samantha Penner

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Brian Lopez.
- II. **Pledge** – Brian L.
- III. **Public Comment** – Brian L. explained what public comment is and that each person who had public comment would be limited to 2 minutes.
  - a. Sonia D. – discussed that the Crab Feed is 2/25/23. She passed out a card for the silent auction and mentioned there were tickets for sale. Don A. added that the swine barn is finished, and it was roughly \$300K. They still need \$50-90K for the electrical to be completed. He is planning to put in TV's. He gave a "shout out" to Christy for working with Ray for the panels and to Mark K. for working with him on the water, electrical etc. He stated this would be a dedicated swine barn and not for other species. He asked that we please help and share about the Crab Feed as we don't have enough money currently for the electrical and the proceeds from the Crab Feed will go to the barn. He asked Ashley C. to bring their peanut brittle.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Kori W. asked to amend the December 2022 minutes. The minutes were reviewed and approved. Jack P. made a motion to approve, second by Josh P., minutes approved. The January 2023 minutes were reviewed and approved. Jack P. made a motion to approve, second by Josh P., minutes approved.
  - a. Liza S. made a motion, second by Karen D. to add that Brian L. would not allow a vote from on a motion from the floor. The motion failed. He clarified that an item needs to be on the agenda to be voted upon. Julie H. said this point is mute because items need to be placed on the agenda by giving them to the Executive Committee 10 days before.
  - b. Liza S. made a motion to amend the minutes to suspend approval of the minutes, second by Jonathan S. , motion failed.
- V. **Financials**
  - a. Current financial update – Mike C. provided his financial update handout, please see attached. He stated there had be no transactions. Our balance is approximately \$104K 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.

- b. Scholarship account status – Mike C. stated the scholarship balance is \$44,720. Sonia D. asked if the scholarship application had gone out yet. Ashely C. said she will check with Ms. Dvorak.

#### VI. **New Business**

- a. Parking – Don A. stated there has been a temporary hold placed on the no parking situation. The Fair Board is working on tasks which will be addressed in their February meeting. Brian L. asked how it will affect Fair time and Don A. stated he will soon be able to explain when and how Fair time will be affected.
- b. By Laws Process – Brian L. explained the process of the Fair Board approving the By Laws first and then it would come back to the JLA for approval. If the two did not agree they would go back and forth until there was a document both agreed upon and signed. Sonia D. states the By Laws were approved, which super seeds the required signature by the JLA. She stated there was a policy stating this. Kori W. requested a copy of the policy stating that. Sonia D. stated she would send out the policy. Kori W. was requested to send out the By Laws as a draft after tonight's meeting. If there are amendments, they will need to be put on next month's agenda. After next month's meeting the draft can be sent to the Fair Board for their April meeting. It was mentioned that it may be tough to get consensus because there are so many people on both committees.

Liza S. asked for several amendments to the current By Laws. They are as follows:

- Motion #1 made by Liza S.- amendment to allow 4H/FFA/Grange/Independent members aged 14 and up to be voting members for the JLA. This motion was second by Jonathan S. Kori W. stated she disagreed due to a conflict of interest. JLA is not a place for junior members and the Junior Fair Board is more appropriate, and Kori W. supports that. Joan U. stated she supported a Junior Fair Board also and that they would need an adult advisor. Jonathan S. stated he didn't understand the conflict of interest. Jack P. stated the kids are represented through the adult advisors on the JLA. Dave E. stated this is a major conflict of interest. He stated that if there are 3 families with 3 children each they can vote and undermine the clear intent. Julie H. stated if they are mature enough to be a voting member then they should be able to start their own Junior Fair Board. Bruce D. stated there seems to be a concern that the kids would take over the JLA. The question was asked why there isn't currently a Junior Fair Board. The answer was that everyone aged out and no one took over, so it dismantled. This motion failed.
- Motion #2 – made by Liza S. – amendment to send out the agenda to the committee 7 days before the meeting, seconded by Jonathan S. Josh P. stated if they are emailed out then they would not need to be printed out and handed out at the meeting. Dave E. stated this is what happens for the Fair Board, that the agenda is sent via email. The motion passed. The GCF staff will post on the website.
- Motion #3 – made by Liza S. – amendment to the bylaws that states agenda items need to be sent to the JLA chairman at least 10 days in advance of the monthly meeting. Brian L. suggested that the items be sent to all three executive committee members. Jonathan S. amended the amendment to reflect that the agenda items need to be sent to the executive committee 10

days before the monthly meeting. Ray S. asked for clarification on Roberts Rules as he thought there was supposed to be a first, second, discussion and then the vote. Sonia D. seconded the motion, motion passed.

- Motion #4 – made by Liza S. - amendment to add the minutes to her original motion. So the motion is to have the agenda and minutes sent out 7 days in advance of the monthly meeting. Jonathan S. seconded the motion, motion passed.
- c. Sale Order – the proposed sale order was discussed. The champions were moved back to the beginning of the auction. This is a better platform for Live Auctions TV. Liza S. asked who made the proposed sale order. Brian L. stated the executive committee made the proposed sale order based on the previous years sale order. Mark K. requested to move the eggs in between the goats and the lambs. Bruce D. asked Mark K. if the champions do better at the beginning of the sale. Josh P. said when the champions go first the go for the least amount of money. He suggested moving them up from the beginning of the sale an hour or so but not waiting until noon. Liza S. stated she recognized the expertise in the auctioneers and agreed with the proposal and to move the champions forward. It was asked what the minimum split is for animals, the answer was 20 per the current rules. Joani U. made a motion to approve the proposed sale order with the changes, Julie H. seconded the motion, motion passed. Sale order will be: Champions, ducks, beef, turkeys, hogs, rabbits, goats, eggs, lambs, chickens/meat birds, replacement, repeat with second half of the animals, scholarship animal. Don A. mentioned the possibility of the scholarship animal or another animal being raised so that the money could go towards the swine barn. It was stated that this was not appropriate for the scholarship animal. Josh P. mentioned that one of his daughters would be willing to raise a “barn” animal. It was decided that this would be put on the agenda for next months meeting.
  - d. Auctioneer – Ashely C. requested Randy Parnell, Liza S. requested Freddy Silva and Joani U. requested Travis Monice. Sonia D. will look into these three and bring back to the next meeting the costs etc. for each. This will be added to the agenda for the March meeting.
  - e. Turcking Transportation – will be Anderson’s. Sonia D. has already talked with them to confirm they are available for our dates.
  - f. Pictures – Sonia D. stated that she already had put out on social media the need for a photographer for this year’s fair. She has received three bids and will bring them to the next meeting for the JLA to review and decide upon. Joani U. will send Sherry Azevedo information to Sonia as another photographer to review.
  - g. Butcher Shops – Sonia D. handed out a new form that all potential butches will need to complete. Sonia D. stated there are only three butchers chosen because the transportation costs would be astronomical. Brian L. stated the JLA will pay for those that are decided upon if more than three are needed. The JLA is responsible for making the ultimate decision. Additional butcher shops that were requested for Sonia D. to look into were: Funny Farm in Newcastle requested by Bruce D., they are the only ones that do coppa and prosciutto and Karen Sinclair will be contacted regarding small animal processing. The other butcher shops include: Roseville Meats, Gold Country Meats, Tootles, Wagon Wheel and Country Butcher for FTH only.

## VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Pre-weigh in
  - i. Beef – April 1<sup>st</sup> 8-10 am
  - ii. Sheep/Goats/Pigs – July 8<sup>th</sup> 7-10 am

VIII. **Projects for the year**

- a. **Swine barn/hog highway** – Don A. stated he didn't have anything to add to what he said earlier in the meeting. Kori W. asked if it would be used for Tevis, Don A. stated the old swine barn behind would be used for Tevis. Mark K. stated he thinks the sale will be on top but will need to get back to us on that. Ray S. said he asked companies to actually set up the panels when giving the Fair their bid. Josh P. asked if there was room Champion Row in the swine barn if the sale is held there since last year's location it didn't work out. Sonia D. stated they could go back down the hill where they were previously located. It was asked if there was going to be an official dedication. Don A. said yes probably that it would be closer to Fair as there is a young person getting married there in May.
- b. **Pig Scale** – Mark K. is working on this and will have by weigh in.
- c. **Keystone wall** – Jack P. stated something has to be done to keep all of that area from caving in. Ray S. will get numbers and provide them to Tammy M. for potential help.
- d. **Screw tin in on all the barns** – Don A. stated that Casey Long has a forklift and he can do it but he will charge time and materials. Don A. stated they are rebudgeting so he will let us know if there is enough money to do this.
- e. Karen D. asked about the judges for Fair. She was informed that the judges were handled through the Fair office and that JLA was only responsible for the auction.
- f. Dave E. asked about the task list. This was provided to the Fair office and they were supposed to bring it back to the JLA. Don A. stated he will provide it back by the March meeting to have it reviewed by the JLA. When it is finalized, it will be sent out to the JLA members.

- IX. **Adjournment** -a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Josh P. second by Joani U. Meeting adjourned by Brian L. 1939.

Next Meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm @ the Gold Country Fairgrounds