

## January JLA Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Notice and Agenda available on the internet at [www.goldcountryfair.com](http://www.goldcountryfair.com)



### Meeting Location:

Auburn Host Lions Building- 1273 High Street Auburn, CA 95603

## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

**Members Present:** Mike Clader, Pat Clader, Sonia Del Toro, Heidi Headington, Jack Pchelkin, Christy Penner, Joanie Utterback, Jacob Willhoite, Kori Wittinger, Jennifer VanSant

**Guests Present:** Jason Koepke, Sara Heinritz, Stephen Olson, Aron Ballou, Liza Stefani, Sofia Goss, Rebecca Soren, Bonnie Anderson, Dave Ebbert, Don Anderson, Shannon Lomas, Alisha Tadlock

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Since items under Public Comment are not listed and publicly noticed on the agenda.

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Chairman Del Toro deferred the approval of minutes due to several discrepancies.

### VI. FINANCIALS

A. Mike Clader reports approximately \$80,000 of JLA checks have been cashed since the last JLA meeting. Mike also reports that it is common practice to have \$12,000 of reserve in the funds for emergencies and the current total funds are approximately at \$101,000. Mike reminds all that his finance report can be found in the packet if you scan the QR code available in the meeting room.

### VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. 20<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association – Organizational Chart

1. Chairman Del Toro reports an informational only, organizational chart, to the members and new guests in order to inform on the structure of a district fair.

B. AGvocates of the 20<sup>th</sup> District – Procedure

1. Chairman Del Toro announces that CEO Ales introduced the concept of AGvocates in the December 2023 JLA Meeting and the information is available in the packet for viewing.

### VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Proposition 12 – 2024 Implementation

1. Chairman Del Toro defers the conversation to Director Ebbert. Director Ebbert thanks Joanie for taking time to understand the proposition in more depth and GCF Staff for conducting analysis, announces that the Exhibits Committee has

determined that there will not be a resale option available for market hogs at the 2024 GCF Junior Livestock Auction and the decision will be reconsidered for the 2025 GCF JLA.

- a. Vice Chairman Utterback reports that she thoroughly studied the proposition and states that she is in favor of the decision made.
- b. Liza Stefani mentions that hogs purchased/donated to Feed the Hungry have to be Proposition 12 certified because they enter a resale consumer market.
- c. Mike Clader reiterates that besides there being only two resale hogs, hogs still enter the resale consumer market via donations.
- d. Director Ebbert states that the GCF JLA has only had two resale hogs in the past few years and believes it is best to proceed with the decision of the Exhibits Committee.
- e. Vice Chairman Utterback agrees and mentions that the Fresno Livestock Commission is willing to pick up all resale large animals, if need be. Vice Chairman states that she doesn't foresee this being a problem because most breeders are becoming certified anyways.
- f. Chairman Del Toro mentions that she has reached out to representatives from Feed the Hungry and is inclined to move forward with the direction of the Exhibits Committee.

**B. JLA House Update**

1. CEO Ales reports that he has received a quote for the repairs from the JLA recommended contractor and next he is going to confirm with California Construction Authority that the project can be completed as maintenance project.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Pre-Weigh In Dates & Times**

1. Chairman Del Toro gives options for pre-weigh in dates that are consistent with CA State Rule Ownership rules.
2. The Sub-Committee agrees to host the 2024 Beef Pre-Weigh In on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10am and the 2024 Swine, Lamb, and Goat Pre-Weigh In on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30am-10am.

**B. 2024 Processors and Butcher Shops**

1. Chairman Del Toro presents seven large animal processing options for the sub-committee to consider. Chairman Del Toro explains the differences of each and elaborates on the pros and cons of each shop.
2. Jennifer VanSant expresses the difficulty of not having a small animal processor and the challenges the exhibitors face when having to hand deliver the processed product.
3. Christy Penner mentions that she'd be interested in touring Messina Meats.
4. Chairman Del Toro request that the tour take place before the end of the month because Superior Farms is waiting on a response from GCF. Chairman Del Toro states that this item will move to Old Business in the following month to finalize processing options.

5. Chairman Del Toro states that she has not yet collected butcher shop information but rather opens the floor to recommendations.

6. Tootles, Roseville Meats, Country Butcher, Gold Country Meats, T-Bones, Wagon Wheel, and T-Bones were recommended from the floor as options for large animal butcher shops. Funny Farm was recommended from the floor as an option for small animal processing.

C. Sponsorships

1. Chairman Del Toro shares information regarding 2024 Gold Country Fair Sponsorship opportunities.

D. Benefit Animal

1. Chairman Del Toro reports that she and CEO Ales met with representatives of the Gold Country Fair Heritage Foundation to discuss roles and responsibilities regarding the scholarship and funds. Chairman Del Toro states that she'd like to like to release the scholarship application as soon as possible so that recipients may be recognized at their senior nights and youth banquets. Chairman Del Toro states that she will provide the application in the packet to revise at the following meeting.

E. Auctioneer

1. Chairman Del Toro opens the floor to any recommendations for auctioneers.

a. Vice Chairman Utterback recommends Travis Moniz.

b. Liza Stefani asks if Freddie Silveria has been considered. Chairman Del Toro replies that he has in the past and has mostly done fundraising events only.

c. Kori Wittinger recommends Randy Parnell.

2. Vice Chairman Utterback moves to contract Travis Moniz as the 2024 Junior Livestock Auction Auctioneer. Mike Clader to 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Chairman Del Toro asks who are all in favor.

JLA Member	Approved (Yes Vote)	Not Approved (No Vote)	Abstain
Clader, Mike	X		
Clader, Trish	X		
Del Toro, Sonia	X		
Headington, Heidi	X		
Hernandez, Julie			
Karthauser, Mark			
Lopez, Brian			
Pchelkin, Jack			
Penner, Christy	X		

Utterback, Joanie	X		
Wilhoite, Jacob			X
Wittinger, Kori			X
VanSant, Jennifer	X		

3. Motion Passes.

F. Photographer

- Chairman Del Toro states that the fairgrounds will welcome back Three Lillies Photography to photograph again.

G. Sale Order

- The Sub-Committee agrees to the following order: Lambs, Turkeys, Goats, Eggs, Meat Birds (Pens and Single), Ducks, Beef, Rabbits (Pens and Single), Swine, Replacement, Repeat. Champions will sell at the beginning of each species. Species must have 10 animals to split in the sale order.

- For the sake of accuracy, Chairman Del Toro moves to implement the following sale order criteria: Sale Order - Lambs, Turkeys, Goats, Eggs, Meat Birds (Pens and Single), Ducks, Beef, Rabbits (Pens and Single), Swine, Replacement, Repeat. Champions will sell at the beginning of each species. Species must have 10 animals to split in the sale order. Vice Chairman Utterback 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

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Del Toro, Sonia	X		
Headington, Heidi	X		
Hernandez, Julie			
Karthauser, Mark			
Lopez, Brian			
Pchelkin, Jack	X		
Penner, Christy	X		
Utterback, Joanie	X		
Wilhoite, Jacob	X		
Wittinger, Kori	X		
VanSant, Jennifer	X		

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**X. MATTERS OF INFORMATION:**

A. Next Meeting Dates:

1. Monday, February 12, 2024
2. Thursday, March 11, 2024
  - a. March meeting will take place on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, not Thursday.

B. Upcoming Key Activities

1. GCF Crab Feed - Saturday, February 24, 2024
  - a. Dessert Auction
    - a. Chairman Del Toro announces the Crab Feed and encourages all to attend.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**