

Board Meeting – Thursday, March 19, 2020

Held by conference call

Conference call (605) 475-3220 Access Code 758600#

2020 Adult Fair Executive Director Dee Keese called the meeting to order at 7:38p.

Roll Call and Quorum Check – Attendance was taken and it was determined that a quorum for the meeting was present. Those who attended on the conference call included:

Noel Keller	Dee Keese	Judylynn Pelling	Peter Michel
Georgia Pike	Rick Herbert	Glenys Rich	Lydia Rich
Ace Yeck	Erin Murdoch	Patrick Kam	Jennifer O’Neill
Lydia O’Neill			

Minutes Approval – It was moved by Rick, seconded by Noel and passed to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2020 fair board meeting as published with the correction that Georgia Pike was present at the meeting and the next fair meeting was to March 19, not March 26.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s Report was not received until just after the meeting. It was reported then that there was no change from last month, leaving a balance of \$12,716.39.

Old Business –

Fly sheet up on website – The 2020 fair flysheet is up on the fair website now.

Fair Honor Court Interviews – The Honor Court interviews were held and went well.

Fair Awards ordered – Noel has ordered the fair awards as requested. There is a hold on any awards that indicate 2020 on them, until we know what we will need due to the current COVID-19 situation. If we don’t use the awards this year, we can save them for next year.

Contracts all signed – Dee indicated that all the contracts have been signed for the fair. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, we are to check with the school on April 6 to see if we will be able to use Rancho Vista Elementary School for our fair this year.

New Business

Fair Director Reports – none at this time

Entry Form Turn In

There will be no fair meeting at Mary Lash’s home on April 16. Instead, entry forms (2 copies), club roster, club project lists and club check for entries should be sent to Rick Herbert by Thursday, April 16.

Training for Entries, Judging and Awards – This will be discussed at our next fair meeting.

Coronavirus and how it might change our fair plans

During this current COVID-19 pandemic, government and 4-H guidelines and restrictions can change by day. We don’t know what the situation will be at the time of our fair, April 24-26. We assume that we will not be able to have an in-person fair, but we will try to work out a way

that members can have their project work acknowledged, evaluated and awarded. If necessary, entries could be dropped off Saturday morning, judged in specific time periods during the day and picked up at the end of day on Saturday. It could be a one day fair. It was also suggested that we might want to consider moving the fair back to June or August, but it was decided to first REALLY TRY to have the fair in April.

At this time, Ernie Howlett Park is still available for us to use. We don't know yet about Rancho Vista Elementary School. Dee suggested using her home for the fair if our venues are not available.

It was moved by Rick, seconded by Erin and passed that no prepared food items would be allowed as entries to the fair this year. For fair areas of Foods & Nutrition, Food Preservation and Baked Goods, there would be no prepared food items, but posters, etc. would be okay. Food items would also not be allowed for Beginning 4-H, Primary and Alum entries. Fruit and vegetable entries in Ag. Collection and Selection would be okay.

It was decided to not have club baskets for a silent auction.

It was decided to still have an Honor Court for the fair.

We already have a restriction of no bird/poultry entries for the fair this year. At this time, we didn't discuss other animal entries being restricted. There could still be a dog and/or cat show, depending on the number of entries. Showmanship could be done perhaps by appointments.

It was emphasized that individuals, who have special concerns about COVID-19 exposure, should not feel forced to participate in the fair in ways that make them uncomfortable or at special risk. Every effort will be made to make the fair experience as safe as possible for everyone.

It was decided that a fair meeting would be helpful after we know about the use of the school and the latest news about gathering restrictions, so a fair meeting by conference call was set up for Thursday, April 9 at 7:30pm. At this time, we will try to finalize our April fair plans for this year. This year we will need to be especially creative and flexible in our fair planning.

Adjournment – It was moved by Noel, seconded by Patrick and passed to adjourn the meeting. The fair meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

The next fair board meeting is **Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:30pm by conference call.**

Reminders for the next meeting:

- Read the minutes of this meeting and be ready to vote on approving/correcting them. Please send any corrections to Noel Keller.
- Look at the meeting agenda on the website and be prepared.

*****If you cannot attend this meeting, please send your ideas and suggestions to Georgia and/or Dee before the meeting so your ideas and suggestions can be presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Noel Keller