

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD
March 24, 2010

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Olson calls the meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors to order at 4:02 p.m. in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Grounds. Directors Chance, Goss, Hughes, Olson, and Viscarra are present. Director Abbott is absent and excused. Director Neer is absent. Director Johnson arrives at 4:08 after the approval of the Agenda. Fair manager John Steffanic is present. Administrative Assistant Willo Vieira is present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Hughes, seconded by Director Chance, makes motion to approve the agenda for March 24, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 24, 2010

Motion is made by Director Hughes to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Viscarra. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC

The public introduces themselves. Peter Hentschel, representing High Sierra Music Festival; Judi Madden, American Valley Speedway; Lydia Sandlin, Lisa Nieman, American Valley Speedway; Brittany Nieman, American Valley Speedway; Curt Nieman, American Valley Speedway; Mark Callahan, John Johnson, Pioneer RV Park; Lori Simpson, Supervisor District 4; Kathy Tedford, Fair Fiscal Officer; Josh Sebold, Feather River Publishing; and Dean Tedford.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None given as public in attendance chose to hold their comments until discussion of Item 10B Go Cart Track.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Manager Steffanic presented on over view of a letter from Fairs and Expositions regarding replenishment funds. We applied for approximately \$80,000.00 which would include funding for the Railroad area and a Children's area.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Managers Report

Finance – Profit and loss report for the last month are in the Board packets
The supplemental budget has been approved by the Board of Supervisors freeing up the grant money for facility improvements. The fair will be coming out in the black at the end of the fiscal year.

Exhibit Guide – The Exhibit Guide is being printed in house and should be out soon. It is also located online at the fair website.

Sweetheart Garden – Work on the Sweetheart Garden has begun with both Fred Surber and Nancy Gambel being consulted as to their vision for the area. The Bench and pavers were also discussed.

Committee meeting – Manager Steffanic inquired of the Directors as what time would be best to hold committee meetings as he would like to see each committee meeting at a consistent time and day.

COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Committee Reports

Committee Assignments were made for the 2010 year.

Executive Committee: Olson, Chair; Johnson, Chance, Alternate

Building and Grounds Committee: Chance, Chair; Abbott, Hughes, Neer, Alternate.

Finance Committee: Abbott, Chair; Hughes, Johnson, Chance, Alternate

Strategic Planning Committee: All Directors

Policy Committee: Viscarra, Chair; Chance, Goss, Hughes, Alternate

Exhibit Guide Committee: Neer, Chair; Goss, Johnson, Viscarra, Alternate; Jane Roberti; Public at large.

Interim Use Committee: Hughes, Chair; Viscarra, Neer, Abbott, Alternate

Protest Review Committee: To be determined

Director's Reports

- Director Olson encouraged all Directors to look at the fine job that had been done on the Tulsa E Scott Building floor.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Logging Show

Manager Steffanic provided the Board with updated financial information from the 2009 Logging Show. After the prize money is paid out, Mr. Harrison will only be receiving an additional \$1490.00 beyond what he received last year to run the whole show. He assured Manager Steffanic that he would not compete in the event and that he would handle all of the prize money. The fair will be providing timers, logs, PA system, and a loader to move the logs. Manager Steffanic was directed to continue negotiations towards a final contract with Mr. Harrison.

B. Go Cart Track

Manager Steffanic gave a narrative on the background of the go-cart track and the choosing of the proposed site. Mr. Mark Callahan representing the American Valley Speedway Go Carts, gave a presentation on the proposed start time of the go cart races and the low noise level due to the small engine size. Mr. John Johnson, Pioneer RV Park expressed concern over the dust and dirt caused by the go-carts. Mr. Callahan responded by saying that they do not like the dust either as it causes problems with the go-carts and

they want the race to be a good family experience. Director Chance inquired as to how much material would be brought in for the development of the track. Mr. Callahan explains that the association will be paying for the needed material and that they would need only enough to create a banked turn 18-20" high. Director Hughes asks about grandstands and Manager Steffanic states that the grandstands are included in the contract. Director Hughes then asked about the decibel sound level for the go carts. Ms. Judi Madden, American Valley Speedway, answered his question by stating that the 410 Sprint Cars which have the largest engines do not exceed the allowed decibel range of 95dB at 100'.

Mr. Pete Hentschel, representing High Sierra Music Festival (HSMF), expressed HSMF support of youth activities, but also expressed concern over the probable loss of "green" camping areas as HSMF has already experienced a loss of camping space. HSMF recommended the area above the horse arena as being a more preferred location for the go car track.

Mr. John Johnson, Pioneer RV, stated that he also had concerns about safety and vandalism if the track was left unsecured citing possible liability issues for the chosen area. After further discussion, a motion was entertained by Director Hughes and seconded by Director Johnson to table the matter until the next meeting to permit further research.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Policy Committee to meet at 1:00 pm March 31, 2010.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn is made by Director Chance and seconded by Director Johnson. Motion is carried unanimously. The Regular meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board will be held on April 28, 2010 at 4:00 pm in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

I, WILLO VIEIRA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2010 MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ACCURATE AS RECORDED.

Willo Vieira
Administrative Assistant

John Steffanic
Fair Manager

Thelma Olson, Chairperson
Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board