

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD
May 25, 2011

ROLL CALL

Vice Chairperson Chance calls the meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Grounds. Directors Abbott, Chance, Johnson, Joyce, Neer, Olson, and Viscarra are present. Directors Hughes and Butterfield were absent and excused. Director Goss was absent. Fair Manager John Steffanic is present. Administrative Assistant Willo Vieira is present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Viscarra makes a motion to approve the agenda for May 25, 2011. Motion seconded by Director Abbott, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

April 27, 2011

Motion is made by Director Abbott to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC

Judi Madden, American Valley Speedway & Madden Plumbing and Heating; Mona Hill, Feather River Publishing; Kathy Tedford, Fair Fiscal Officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judi Madden, American Valley Speedway, reported that the weather had been impacting the races this season with the highest attendance being about half of the 250 – 300 people needed to break even.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter from the California Department of Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions regarding the consolidation of the California Construction Authority was read.
- An e-mail of compliment was read.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Financials-

At the Board of Supervisors meeting Manager Steffanic was given direction to produce an operating budget through September. Director Viscarra asked if a draft budget had been submitted to the County. Manager Steffanic has one drawn up but the County has not yet requested the budgets from non-general fund departments. The Finance Committee meeting will be called to discuss the proposed budget. The Board of Supervisors has voiced their support for the Fair.

The Department of Fair and Expositions currently has about five million dollars to dole out to the fairs this fiscal year. How it will be divided has yet to be determined.

Fair Planning Update-

Manager Steffanic reported that the Army Band which will play Thursday at 6:30 pm will have two people from the local communities. The Cattlemen's Association will be sponsoring an appearance by Sourdough Slim. Nothing is currently scheduled in the grandstand area although DeeDee Driscoll is working on Red Neck Games and Supervisor Simpson would like to see a talent show.

The list of the 2011 Livestock Judges was read to the Directors. Manager Steffanic reported that the Exhibit Guide was going on line with limited hard copies to be available at local libraries. All exhibit pick up points have been set up.

Electronic Recycling –

The E-waste days went very well with the fair once again filling two semi trucks.

County Picnic-

Manager Steffanic highlighted the events at the Old Fashioned County Picnic. The events will include the Sierra Cascade Street Rodders Car Show, a Bike Rodeo, the Business to Business Expo, and the Lions Pancake Breakfast.

Interim Events Update and other information-

- The Team Roping event for Memorial Day weekend has been cancelled due to the equine herpes virus outbreak.
- The Quincy Crazy Quilters show was wonderfully and very professionally done.
- Recycling of scrap metal from the Fairgrounds has netted over three thousand dollars of revenue.

The Directors requested a detailed interim use report and expressed their appreciation for the weekly e-mail reports that they have been getting from the Fair Manager.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Director Chance reported on the Sled Drags to be held in July.
- Director Johnson, Livestock Awards Committee, said that they have a letter to the public ready for the Fair Manager's approval.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business on Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

A. Film Exposition

The Fair Manager and the Plumas Arts are hoping to meet with the Board of Supervisors for final approval. Plumas Arts will be supplying the judges for the event.

B. Over the Line Tournament

Manager Steffanic presented information to the Board on this possible Fair sponsored event. This event would require minimal financial outlay on the part of the Fair and the Fair could charge for sign-ups and camping. It is possible that this could develop into a major event for this facility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Viscarra was presented with her certificate and pin recognizing her 20 years of service to the fair from the Western Fairs Association.

Director Viscarra announced that swine lung worm has been found in some of the 4-H hogs and recommended that they be weighed separately from the rest of the hogs. Manager Steffanic said that any hogs could be weighed before the final weigh-in date if they made an appointment with him.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn is made by Director Abbott and seconded by Director Olson. Motion is carried unanimously. The Regular meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board will be held on June 22, 2011 at 5:00 pm in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

I, WILLO VIEIRA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES OF THE May 25, 2011 MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ACCURATE AS RECORDED.

Willo Vieira
Administrative Assistant

John Steffanic
Fair Manager

Kenny Chance, Vice Chairperson
Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board