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MINUTES

Thursday, April 13, 2017
Nevada Farm Bureau
2165 Green Vista Drive, Suite 205
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1- Call to order, roll call of members and establish a quorum:

Matt McKinney called the meeting to order at 5:06p.m.- Members Present: Matt McKinney, Tom Cates, Beverly Elston, Sarah Chvilicek, Tami Olsen, Dave Armstrong, and Charles Mann. A Quorum was established. Guests present: Dennis Belcourt AG's Office, Dennis Hellwinkel NJLSB Treasurer, Mikayla Story NJLS Office Aid, Susan Taylor, Scott Betz, Mike Torvinen, and Susan Rogers.

2- Public Comment:

- a. None.

3- Review and Approval of Agenda:

- a. It was moved by Tom Cates and seconded by Tami Olsen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4- Review and Approval of March 13, 2017 meeting minutes:

- a. Beverly Elston noted to amend the March 13, 2017 meeting minutes under Item 7 in the following sections:
 - i. Section I: "The State of Nevada owns the fairgrounds in Washoe County. In 1951 a portion was leased to Washoe County. In return they were to manage and maintain the grounds.
 - ii. Section II: "Washoe County entered into an agreement with the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) to manage and maintain the grounds."
 - iii. Section III: "RSCVA and other parties would like to break the lease with Washoe County resulting in a change of management."
 - iv. Section IV: "The NJLS Board of Trustees is made up of members of the NJLS Board, Reno Rodeo, FFA, California/Nevada Hereford Organization, 4-H/UNCE, Nevada State Horse Show Association, and the

University of Nevada College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources.”

- b. It was moved by Beverly Elston and seconded by Tom Cates to approve the amended March 13, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

5- Financial Report:

- a. Dennis Hellwinkel presented the totals in the accounts as of today.
 - i. Noted that there has been \$7,300 in ear tag sales and expecting another \$200-\$300. Budgeted for \$6,000.
 - ii. Noted that Breeding Fees were due on April 5th and we are down in the breeding category. We budgeted for \$800 and have only received \$750.
 - iii. Noted that rosettes, buckles, and banners have all been paid for.
 - iv. It was motioned by Sarah Chvilicek and seconded by Beverly Elston to receive and file the financial statements as presented. Motion carried.
- b. Dennis Hellwinkel proposed to move money to a CD account so that it will generate \$1,000/month opposed to \$21/month in its current location.
 - 1. Proposed to move \$100,000 to one CD account and \$75,000 to another CD account.
 - 2. It was moved by Sarah Chvilicek and seconded by Beverly Elston to approve the request to move the money to the CD accounts. Motion carried.

6- Correspondence:

- a. Dennis Hellwinkel noted that Denise York Young PhD has been donating to NJLS for the past few years and this year sent a letter recalling her show memories and accomplishments. Dennis suggested putting the letter in the show schedule or hanging it near the show office.
- b. Request from Eva Damonte to have another exhibitor show her market steer in the quality class at NJLS. Eva has a school-required field trip that conflicts with Friday, May 19, of the show.
 - i. It was moved by Beverly Elston and seconded by Tami Olsen to approve Eva Damonte’s request. Motion carried.

7- Reno Livestock Events Center/State Livestock & Event Facilities:

- a. Matt McKinney presented a rough draft regarding the business plan for the State Livestock and Event Facilities.
 - i. The numbers used were pulled from an audit the Department of Agriculture conducted.
 - ii. RSCVA met to discuss and, in a vote of 6-3, approved \$500,000 per year for five years regarding the management of RSLEC.
- b. Discussion regarding who would be responsible for the maintenance of the property should RSCVA lag in or neglects their responsibilities.
 - i. Dennis Belcourt stated that if RSCVA neglects maintenance, the NJLS Board could raise the issue with RSCVA and terminate the contract due to safety issues depending on the degree of neglect.
 - ii. To end the lease, the state would be responsible for enforcing it. There may be a remedy in court however the cleanest way would be to get it done through the legislature. The court may even defer the case to the legislature. Taking the case to court may be difficult.
 - iii. Matt McKinney noted that there used to be a State Fair Ground Committee and two years ago that board was brought under the NJLS Board and Reno

- Rodeo representatives were added. The NJLS Board is the board of trustees who, by NRS statutes, are in charge of overseeing RSCVA. So if the lease is broken, the NJLS Board would be in charge of everything.
- iv. Matt McKinney mentioned the idea to put together a 501-C3 board in order to move away from the state statutes. The 501-C3 Board would oversee RSCVA and report to the NJLS Board.
 - c. Matt McKinney noted that the bill is in legislature to be voted on Friday, April 14, 2017 and opened the forum up to public comment.
 - i. Mike Torvinen, the second Vice President for the Reno Rodeo, presented the Reno Rodeo's position on the matter.
 1. Mike stated that there is no agenda for the senate tomorrow and the bill appears to be dead.
 2. The Reno Rodeo has spoken with the Governors Office and the Governor is not in support of the bill and if the bill were to pass, the Governor would most likely veto anyways.
 3. The Reno Rodeo doesn't feel that RSCVA should be able to walk away and dump the facility and they believe that Washoe County should compensate someone for the land.
 4. The Reno Rodeo is not against the change in management however they do not think the plans are concrete and sufficient enough to be put into play at this moment. There are a lot of things not being addressed that need to be addressed.
 5. The Reno Rodeo is suggesting taking the next two years, until the next legislature, and grinding out a solid plan that everyone is comfortable with.
 6. The Reno Rodeo want RSCVA to better ensure the maintenance and the future of the facility.
 7. The Reno Rodeo did a Facility Condition Analysis and found 5.2 million dollars of continuing losses in deferred maintenance
 - ii. Matt McKinney noted that the RSCVA also felt rushed and that they were pushed too hard too quickly. The RSCVA would also like two years to better prepare.
 - iii. Matt McKinney also noted that there is concern that RSCVA will neglect their responsibilities and run the facility into the ground.
 - iv. Matt McKinney suggested bringing every stakeholder together in order to figure everything out. He wants to put together a 501-C3 board with a RSCVA representative.
 - v. Mike Torvinen noted that the Reno Rodeo believes that, with the bill most likely dead, all stakeholders are now in a better position to better prepare over the next two years.
 - d. Beverly Elston, the chair of the sub-committee taking on this issue, noted that the sub-committee will meet and bring back a draft requiring the RSCVA to bring the facility back up to par.
 - e. Beverly Elston also noted that she had many annotations to the business plan draft and will forward those notes to Matt McKinney.
 - f. No further discussion.

8- Update on the Nevada 4-H State Livestock Judging/Skillathon/Quiz Bowl:

- a. Sarah Chvilicek noted that the contests will occur on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the UNR Equestrian Center.

- b. All penning is taken care of with the exception of penning for the swine, which NJLS will supply for the contest.
- c. There will be eight classes of animals.
- d. The NJLS Quiz Bowl will still take place for recreation purposes.

9- 2017 Show:

a. Schedule

- i. May 17-21, 2017
- ii. Has been posted to website.

b. Judges

- i. Due to scheduling conflicts, the swine judge has been changed to John Mendes from Modesto Junior College.

c. Quality Assurance

- i. Sarah Chvilicek noted that the new website is now live and the Nebraska site is no longer available. Everyone is directed to <http://yqca.org/>
- ii. Noted that the site's age groups (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) are different from the NJLS age groups. When selecting the course, choose based off of the exhibitor's chronological (numerical) age.
- iii. Upon completion, the certificate will say that it will expire after one year however NJLS rules of three years will take precedence.
- iv. Quality Assurance has to be done by Saturday, April 15, 2017.

d. RLEC Contract

- i. Matt McKinney has received and signed.

e. Food

- i. Beverly Elston noted that everything is taken care of.

f. Awards

- i. Tami Olsen noted that we are on track for awards.

g. Photographer

- i. Photographer has been confirmed.

h. Sound

- i. Matt McKinney spoke with Moon Light Lighting and Sound about adding another speaker. The price will be the same as last year plus the extra speaker.
- ii. Also noted that RLEC may have worked with the speaker system to where we can hook into the barns. Will confirm if the system works at the show.

i. Security

- i. Security has been confirmed.

j. Grader/Carcass Contest

- i. Sarah Chvilicek noted that we are all current with the standards.

k. Auctioneer

- i. Brad Lingenfelter will serve as auctioneer for the 2017 Sale.

l. Portable Restrooms

- i. Restrooms have been confirmed.

m. Show Office Staff

- i. Show office staff have been confirmed.

n. Other:

- i. Dennis Hellwinkel noted that scholarship applications were due Wednesday, April 12, 2017 and he has received 14 so far. There are more coming in with the correct postmark.
- ii. Noted that he will bring in a travel trailer for the Scholarship Committee to meet.

iii. Noted that we have just over \$30,000 to give out through scholar donors.

10- 2017 Office/Show Aids

- a. Dennis Hellwinkel noted that there is seven show aids signed up and ready for the show.

11- Old Business and status updates regarding an NJLS Foundation

- a. Matt McKinney briefly mentioned the idea to have one over-arching 501-C3.

12- Public Comment

- a. Tami Olsen proposed to change the dates for next year's show.
 - i. Too many school/graduation conflicts the past few years.
 - ii. Perhaps the May 2-6, 2018, the weekend before Mother's day.

13- Next Meeting:

- a. Next meeting set for 5pm, Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at the Show Office in the Pavilion.

14- Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.