



14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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Livestock Committee Meeting

August 16, 2023, 07:00 PM – Heritage Hall

Committee Members: Stephanie Fontana – Board Member – Livestock Committee, Rachel Wells – Board Member

CEO: Zeke Fraser

CALL TO ORDER – 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call / Introductions – Ken Alstott -Advisor/Consultant; Zeke Fraser – CEO; Rachel Wells – Board Member, Stephanie Fontana - Board Livestock Committee, Kyle Plaskett & Kyle Middleton – Co-Superintendents, Kathryn Hill – Livestock Operations

Additions to Agenda – no additions

Public Participation: - no public comment

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes (June 14, 2023 – posted to the web)

Board Committee Member Reports – Stephanie Fontana; board will be meeting next week.

Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton (K1) & Kyle Plaskett (K2)

K1 is looking forward to having a fair. K2 reported on last work weekend (August 6): tore down stair cabinet, stair frame structure is sound; pressure washed the building. Feed stores – Corralitos Feed cannot staff a full store on site; he'll leave order blanks for people to order, and then he can bring out what is ordered. Country Hills will also do this.

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill – scales will be certified on 8/21.

Species heads –

Kevin Hurley (Beef/Dairy Cattle) – planning to set up beef barn this weekend; see what numbers will be as they come in; hog barn – fair staff needs to install rubber mats before pens go in.

Jim Bricker (Swine) – has had to work several weekends; will try to figure out how to help. Has Monday and Tuesday off. No water system this year.

Diana Hoover (Sheep/Market Goats) – will be setting pens up.

Stacey Amirsehhi (Rabbits) – needs a tent; Monterey just finished their show with 22 entries. We have one judge this year because the show is so small.

Cynthia Mazzei (Auction) – “we're good.”

Pam Flanders (Poultry) – work days scheduled for two weekends before the fair.

Items to review

1. Barn Update (if available) – Zeke – we have a solution, barns will be open. CCA has a few requirements that we will accommodate. Barns can be occupied according to the rules that CCA has set forth. Inspector confirmed the proper method for securing the load. We might lose about 6 swine pens; we'll need to have alleys for exit from the side. The mama pig pen might need to be repaired. Let fair management know what needs to be fixed.
2. Signage – if you need signs made for barns, email the livestock email address; hand washing stations placed by the fair.



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3. Work Days – August 19 and 20, starting at 10 a.m.
August 26 and 27 – if we don't get everything set up previous weekend; need the lift from fair maintenance.
4. Golf Cart Training – training will be on August 19 at 10 a.m. – probably upstairs; there will be a make-up day.
5. Forklift Usage and Credentials – If you have the need to drive a forklift, there will be a class this Friday – 9 a.m., and one on Sunday, September 10, 1 to 5. 6 people in each class. Contact Jeannie Kegebein to get on her list or call the foundation directly. Courses are good for 3 years. If you have a certification, send a copy to Ken at ken@santacruzcountyfair.com to review. Takes about 4 to 5 hours. .
6. Clerk Training Schedule - Saturday, September 9 – noon. We need to know who the clerks will be. Kevin needs a clerk for beef and dairy cattle. Shary Greene will be the clerk for Swine. Good volunteer opportunity for people who have aged out. Junior Fair Board/Junior Livestock could help in the ring.

Awards – letters when out a while ago. Stephanie will be following up on the awards.

CEO Report – Livestock judges contracts are wrapping up – cut off this Friday. Entries are down across all fairs. Posters are available.

Question about AED's – Zeke has been working with Clint/AMR. Fire extinguisher signs are in place and the units will be placed on the 21st. As of February there was not an AED on the grounds.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:50