



# Ramona Junior Fair Incorporated



## Board of Directors Minutes November 19, 2020

RJF Mission Statement: "Promoting the advancement of local youth through agriculture, industrial education, and recreational activities and exhibits."

- 1) Called to Order by Robby Storton, President at 6:35 PM.
- 2) Flag Salute
- 3) Roll Call of Directors
  - a) **Directors Present:** Robby Storton, Charles O'Neal, Michelle Scott, Mary Martineau, Kristy Parker, John Wolfe, Laird Nelson, Danielle Upson, Victoria Stanley, Curtis Martineau, Ryan Barton, and Makenna Blackburn  
**Members Present:** Carolyn Audibert, Michael Audibert, Jeff Becker, Kristen Blackburn, Shaye Blackburn, Erin Blucher, Jacob Crosslin, Jena Glasgow, Trevor Herman, Audrey Lent, Stacey Nelson, Kim Newcomer, Travis Scott, Stacy Konyon, Athena Wolfe, Adelaide Sorbo, and Crissy Tobiason.
  - b) **Guests Present:** Marie Bethell
- 4) President Robby Storton reviewed the new Zoom meeting rules (see attached Zoom Meeting Rules)
- 5) A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from October 28, 2020 with a friendly amendment to item 8-K to state: "The paperwork for the Ramona Community Foundation Grant for the Big Ass Fan has been finalized and sent." Motion/Second: Mary Martineau/John Wolfe. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Open Forum
  - a) Crissy Tobiason approached the board to inform them that there would be a celebration of life this coming Saturday for her uncle Art Tobiason. Anyone who would like to share any stories or information about him can call her to get more details on how to participate.
  - b) Jeff Becker informed the board that he is available to help with anything that needs to be done. He has already helped update some information on the website and can do more if needed.
- 7) Officer Reports
  - a) **President:** Robby Storton reported that the new contact information for board members is up on the website, so those who have questions and concerns can reach out to the board at any time. New Ad-Hoc committees are being added to help address some of the changes we are facing due to the pandemic. He also appreciates everyone's patience during the transition of new board members and their duties.
  - b) **Vice President:** Charles O'Neal reported that he has been spending a lot of time working on updating the Ramona Junior Fair Facebook page and is adding new administrators to help run it. The goal is to make sure information is being published to the members/community in a timely manner via social media platforms as well through emails. He also reported new ADHOC committees have been created and we are currently working on getting those open committee chairs filled.
  - c) **Secretary:** Michelle Scott reported that she is updating the Ramona Junior Fair online calendar and will be reaching out to club leaders to get club meeting times/dates as well as project meeting times/dates to be added to the calendar.
  - d) **Treasurer:** Report for October 1st thru October 31st, 2020. Submitted. **November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** General Checking: Starting balance of \$1,946.79 with an ending balance of \$2,476.88. Scholarship Fund as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, \$2,550.00 and an ending balance as of Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> of \$2,550.00 which makes for an ending balance in the general checking account of \$5,026.88. Exhibitors: during the month of October there was a change of \$3.00 which left a balance of \$1,761.16. Fair Debit Card Expense: starting balance of \$1,305.18, total charges of \$175.75 leaving an ending balance of \$1,129.43. Savings: starting balance of \$25,046.57 and an ending balance of \$25,046.77. Combined account balances as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 totaling \$32,612.70 and an ending balance as of Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 totaling \$32,964.24. Motion/Second: Charles O'Neal/Kristy Parker. Discussion: None. Motions passes unanimously.
  - e) **Fair Administrator:** Mary Martineau reported that she got a quote for the champion banners costing \$30/each. If we order by January, we can save \$95, if we order by March, we can save \$70 and if we order by May, we will only save \$50. The sooner we order the more we save. She also reported she talked to the Steering Committee about fair theme ideas and is really pushing for the 4H representative and FFA representative to take the lead on this task. A suggestion was made to change fair dates because the auction falls on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 which runs into the start of the new school year for several school districts. An option was introduced to move the fair date ahead by a week which would allow the fair to start on July 24<sup>th</sup>, with the auction falling on July 31<sup>st</sup> and the fair end date being August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Discussion: Stacey Nelson mentioned that July is a longer month next year so even if Del Mar Fair were to end on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the RJF pie auction on July 17<sup>th</sup> and the RJF auction ending on July 31<sup>st</sup>, it would still be the same timing that we usually have. The kids are all getting out of school later this year in the middle of

June instead of the start of June and then going back to school in the middle of August, so if a decision could be talked about a made it would really help people out with planning for next Summer. Charles O'Neal agreed that the timing would work out a little bit better being at the tail end of July. Crissy Tobiason shared her concerns that we need to consider how this would impact kids with breeding projects and those who have already gotten their animals, as well as the breeders producing those animals for that fair week. Mary Martineau addressed those valid concerns and as both a breeder and an Ag advisor does not feel one week would be a big offset. She believes that most of our breeders typically follow the natural process of the animals and as an Ag advisor, does not see that it would impact them in a negative way. Kristy Parker followed up with her feelings that large animals would not be negatively impacted for those who already have their animals, and if a decision is made far enough in advance there would be enough time to make necessary changes with the small animals as well as large animal breeders. We just need to make sure if we are modifying the dates, we need to get that information out to the community sooner than later for scheduling purposes. Motion/Second to move the Ramona Junior Fair dates to July 24<sup>th</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup> with the auction date falling on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020: Mary Martineau/ Charles O'Neal. Motion passes unanimously.

- f) **Junior Members:** Makenna Blackburn reported that they had their first steering committee meeting on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. They discussed fair theme ideas and discussed how they can get more ideas from all the clubs. They will continue to work on making a list of ideas as they get more input from club members.
- g) **Livestock Superintendent:** Curtis Martineau reported that he has priced out the ear tags. They would cost \$350 for all species. He has also called John Openshaw to check on scheduling for ultrasound but has yet been able to speak with him so he will continue to work on that. New superintendent candidates were introduced: Dairy Goat Superintendent, Erin Blucher. Dairy Cattle Superintendent, Jena Glasgow. Home-Ec Superintendent, Kim Newcomer. Swine Superintendent, Gwen Alexander. Sheep and Goats Superintendent, Robin Becker and Jacob Crosslin. Beef Superintendent, Trevor Herman. Rabbits and Cavy: Joe Wier. All other positions to be worked on and presented at the next meeting. Motion/Second to approve new superintendents: John Wolfe/Danielle Upton. Motion passes unanimously. Motion/Second to approve the cost of \$350.00 for ear tags as well as the cost of \$950.00 for championship banners mentioned previously by Mary Martineau: Charles O'Neal/John Wolfe. Motion passes unanimously.

8) Standing Committee Reports

- a) **Scholarship Committee:** Michelle Scott reported that the first meeting will be held virtually on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, they can email secretary@ramonajuniorfair.org.
- b) **Budget Committee:** Kristy Parker reported that she has a couple date options, either December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Meeting scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If anyone is interest in serving on this committee, they can email treasurer@ramonajuniorfair.org.
- c) **Steering Committee:** Makenna Blackburn reported that there are no dates set yet for the next meeting. If anyone has fair theme ideas, please email 4hrep@ramonajuniorfair.org or ffared@ramonajuniorfair.org. Discussion: Kristy Parker mentioned setting a date to have fair theme ideas submitted so the board can vote on their top three picks. Mary Martineau confirmed that in the last steering committee meeting the junior members were told to have no more than 10 ideas ready to submit by the next RJF board meeting and a fair theme would be voted on at that time in order to get the art contest started so it can be done by the first of the year. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RJF. Robby Storton mentioned he likes to have a little more than three ideas to have a good variety to choose from and to get a better idea of what the kids are thinking.
- d) **Premium Book Committee:** Mary Martineau reported that she is going to work on scheduling a meeting with superintendents to get their ideas on the individual departments and then open it up to others. She is hoping to get the premium book out shortly after the first of the year to hopefully get those decisions made, at least the basis of the rules. No official dates yet for the first meeting because they were waiting for approval of the new superintendents.
- e) **Auction Committee:** Chuck reported a virtual meeting date of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

9) Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

- a) **After Auction Committee- No Report**
- b) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Charles O'Neal reported that he will be reaching out to the chamber to update them on the new BOD members and their contact information.
- c) **Parks Board Committee:** Charles O'Neal reported that he will be reaching out to the parks board to update them on the new BOD members and their contact information.
- d) **Construction & Grounds Development Committee:** There is a pile of asphalt grindings that needs to be spread out. He is looking to schedule two back-to-back weekends to get this done. He is also looking into talking with Robert Booth about running electrical to have more lighting at the beef barn. Jeff Becker mentioned the Big Ass Fan is being stored at his father's house in a safe area and to let him know when to schedule a time to move that out and he is willing to help.
- e) **Computer Committee:** Kristy Parker reported that she got an email from Jeff Becker to renew the internet through Sky Valley but has not received any renewal information for ShoWorks yet. Stacey Nelson mentioned that ShoWorks renewal is typically in December and if it is sent to her she will be sure to forward that to the board.

- f) **Camping & Security Committee:** John Wolfe reported that he is working on finding out who has keys or needs keys. Also, fixing what needs to be fixed around the fairgrounds. Discussion: Kristy Parker presented that she would like to see about changing the locks on the fair board office. She would also like to add a slide bolt for extra security. Robby Storton and John Wolfe will be talking about changing those locks and present it at the next meeting.
  - g) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** No Report
  - h) **Awards Committee:** Victoria Stanley reported that awards have been distributed except the two chicken buckles, which have since been revised/fixed and shipped so they should be delivered soon so they can distribute the last two buckles.
  - i) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** No Report
  - j) **Grants Committee-** No Report
  - k) **After Auction Committee-** No Report
  - l) **Bylaws Committee:** Chuck O'Neal reported that the first meeting will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. He will be reviewing the current bylaws and would like to get input from those who have been involved with both the fair and other programs, both past and present. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, they can email vicepresident@ramonajuniorfair.org.
  - m) **Pandemic Response and Education Committee:** Chuck O'Neal reported that the first meeting will be held on November 30th, 2020. The purpose of this committee is to learn how to properly navigate through these unprecedented times. He has been talking with a representative from Ramona Municipal Water District, the Ramona Parks & Recreation Association (RPRA) as well as other non-profit organization to get more information on how to move forward with future activities/meetings, but would like more input and participation from other members. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, they can email vicepresident@ramonajuniorfair.org.
- 10) Old Business
- a) Jeff Becker thanked the board for the last 8 years of service. He personally thanked Robby Storton for introducing him to the board 8 years ago. He also appreciates all the new participation this year and is willing to help and serve where needed.
- 11) New Business
- a) **Change to Monthly RJF Board Meeting Dates/Time:** Robby Storton reported that there has been a change of date/time for the monthly Ramona Junior Fair Board meetings. They will now be held the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm, with the next meeting being held December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom. He also thanked all the new superintendents for joining and past board members for their service and hopes to have a great turn-out in committee participation.
- 12) Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 P.M. Motion/Second: John Wolfe/ Michelle Scott. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Scott  
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at RJF BOD Meeting on December 7, 2020.