



Board of Directors- Minutes January 8th, 2024

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

- 1) Called to Order by President Curtis Martineau at 6:31 PM.
- 2) Flag Salute
- 3) Roll Call of Directors
- a) **Directors present:** Curtis Martineau, Travis Scott, Dani Zurcher-Upson, Mandy Garner, LaVonne Gaines, John Wolfe, Cindi Zeigler, Diane Collins, Scott Weller, Jacob Crosslin, Shayla Haggerty, and Chase Nickens
- b) **Members present:** Stacey Nelson, Russ Christiansen, John Franey, Athena Wolfe, Jasmine King, and Casey King
- 4) President Curtis Martineau presented the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Mandy Garner. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) President Curtis Martineau presented the minutes for review from the December meeting. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as read. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Dani Zurcher-Upson. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Treasurer: LaVonne Gaines presented the November and December treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the November treasurer's report, correcting the year from 2023 to 2024, with a beginning balance on all accts as of November 1st: \$66, 927.39 and ending balance as of November 30th: \$66,178.82. This motion was made to also approve the December treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accts as of December 1st: \$66,178.82 and ending balance as of December 31st: \$64,392.25. Motion/Second: John Wolfe/Travis Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 7) Member count: 34 members. No new members added.
- 8) Open Forum- No report.
- 9) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** Curtis states he sent an email out to get an address from John Openshaw's family to send something in honor of John. States he was also contacted by the group putting on the jack pot show. They want to know what the rental fees will be for using the grounds and or what the board wants them to do. Travis recommends having them help with maintenance and grounds up-keep, as we have done in the past. Curtis states he will bring that info to them and most likely, they will be on board and get their group to help.
 - b) **Vice President:** No report
 - c) **Secretary:** No report
 - d) **Treasurer:** No report

- e) **Fair Administrator:** Dani states sent the theme notification out re: the artwork contest. The artwork is due in person by 2/5 or must be postmarked by 1/30.
 - f) **Fair Clerk:** No report
 - g) **Board Members:** No report
 - h) **Youth Directors:** No Report
 - i) **Livestock Superintendent:** Jacob states he is waiting on the budget meeting to approve some things. Also states he is getting all the ear tags together.
- 10) Standing Committee Reports
- a) **Scholarship Committee:** Curtis states Gwen and Mary are willing to help, Gwen will be the main chairman. Cindi states she is willing to help. Travis states Michelle Scott is also interested on sitting on the panel.
 - b) **Budget Committee:** First budget meeting decided on: Jan 24th @ 5:30p in Home Ec building.
 - c) **Auction Committee:** No report.
 - d) **Steering Committee:** Shayla and Chase presented items discussed at the previous meeting. A list of requirements was made for committee members to get a shirt this year, as there will only be 30 shirts (refer to list from handout). They also came up with a budget list for the year (refer to itemized list from handout). Next steering committee mtg will be 1/18 @ 6:30pm.
 - e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Dani states the first meeting was supposed to be on 1/9, but due to conflicts, she was hoping to change it to 2/1 at 6:30pm. It will be held at the HS ag room (G6). States she is hoping to do some revamping of the Home Ec and industrial arts, as well as the Horse show, re: rules/premiums. All are welcome to attend the meeting, and if unable to attend and have input, can send her an email.
 - f) **Awards Committee:** No report
- 11) Ad-Hoc Committee Report
- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Curtis states it's time to renew membership with the Chamber and would like to do so. A motion was made to renew the Chamber of Commerce membership dues. Motion/Second: Scott Weller/Dani Zurcher-Upson. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b) **Parks Board Committee:** Travis states the manager of Parks Board resigned and they are looking for another. States has been getting inquiries from outside individuals/groups, such as Joe Stupar and a dog show group, re: pricing and terms of use for the fair grounds. Curtis states the Sustainable group found another place to use. Travis states the new posts are supposed to arrive soon. Kahoots will be using the grounds on 2/3 for a Feed Seminar. The next parks board meeting is coming soon.
 - c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Scott states he will take a walk around the grounds, see what needs to be done and ensure the posts arrive. He is also planning on finding time to mow. Travis states there will possibly be a new water meter installed. John states he will get together with Scott and see what needs to be done.

- d) **Computer Committee:** Russ states the new technology is in the office. He will try and get those all set up soon. He received the repaired speaker, which was \$146.62 to repair. There is a new version of Showworks available with improved features. Recommends purchasing it now, as having a deal until 3/31. Cost is \$599 until 3/31, then increases to \$799. With the new features, will have the ability to do online add-ons in the program and won't have to pay for on-line service for add-ons, it will be all in Showworks. States the annual subscription is due, which is \$350. A motion was made to approve the amount of \$599 for the updated showworks software. Motion/second: Travis Scott/John Wolfe. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously with abstention for Scott Weller.
 - e) **Camping & Security Committee:** John states he has been driving by and ensuring the water is turned off. States having the calendar helps knowing who is using the grounds.
 - f) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** No report. Denise is working on things.
 - g) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** No report
 - h) **Grants Committee-** No report
 - i) **After Auction Committee-** Curtis states still needing help for the after auction.
 - j) **Food Booths:** No report
- 12) **New Business:** Curtis presents information re: the new Prop 12 law passed re: animal confinement standards. Stressed the importance that exhibitors need to ensure breeders are prop 12 certified. Curtis shared an example letter from Merced County fair re: the info necessary and required for breeders and exhibitors. States he is waiting to hear back from CCI re: their needs as well. States 4-H and FFA are exempt, as well as few others exempt. Stressed importance to talk with the breeders first. Will be giving out more information as he gets it.
- 13) Curtis announced the next RJF board meeting will be February 5th @ 6:30p
- 14) Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 P.M. Motion/Second: John Wolfe/Scott Weller. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting February 5th, 2024