



Board of Directors- Minutes January 6th, 2025

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

- 1) Called to Order by President Jeff Becker at 6:33pm
- 2) Flag Salute
- 3) Roll Call of Directors
- a) **Directors present:** Jeff Becker, Travis Scott, Mandy Garner, Diane Collins, Stacy Pate, Michelle Scott, Victoria Stanley, Cindi Zeigler, Scott Weller, Connor Nelson, and Kelsey Weller
- b) **Members present:** Stacey Nelson, Curtis Martineau, John Wolfe, Athena Wolfe, and Jasper Dilts
- c) **Guests present:** Brian Garrett, Angel Garrett, and Henry Garcia
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the January agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as read. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Cindi Zeigler. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the December minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as read. Motion/Second: Mandy Garner/Travis Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Scott Weller presented the October and November Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the October treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of October 1st: \$77,018.21 and an ending balance as of October 31st: \$75,850.01. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Michelle Scott. Abstained: Scott Weller. Discussion: Scott states some of the accounts were already emptied from Chase and opened with So Cal bank, so had to go with what was given to him in the exchange and on statements. Motion passes unanimously with one abstention. A motion was made to approve the November treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of November 1st: \$123,394.28 and an ending balance as of November 30th: \$75,895.19. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Stacy Pate. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously. Jeff noted the ending balance on all accounts in Oct is much lower than the beginning balance on all accounts for November. Asking if something was left out. Scott states he went off all he was given. Noted there were some items left off the statements, but when added up, they matched the beginning balance of November's statement. States for December's report, he still has not finalized it yet, as he is still going through December's numbers. Jeff states we will come back to December's report when it is done. Travis asked if they could choose a date for the budget meeting. A date of January 22nd @ 6pm in the fair board office was decided on.
- 7) Open Forum: *Curtis Martineau states due to the power outage in Ramona, the FFA speech contest was pushed back to January 15th at 4 – 7:45pm, located at Ramona High. They are still looking for volunteers who are interested in judging. States to reach out to himself or Dani if interested in helping. Curtis also states he spoke with Jessica re: the expired "Get Air" tickets that were sold at the after auction and she was able to go down and get them exchanged.
*Angel from Poway FFA states their chapter is being told they can't show at Ramona this year r/t their advisor will be out on maternity leave and then moving. States she was told to come to a fair board meeting and see what the options are to show at Ramona, if possible. Jeff recommends talking with Curtis Martineau, as he is part of FFA. Per Curtis, it must be approved by the school to have a school employee be a chaperone or if done under another chapter, such as Ramona, both schools and advisors must sign a written agreement. Travis suggests having a single point of contact and figure out what the best way would be. Jeff suggests for her to speak with the Poway advisor and see if she would be willing to sign an agreement.
*Jessica Nelson states she is interested in helping to run the after-auction this year. Jeff asks is she would stay to the end and further discuss it.
*Henry with Kahoots states they will be hosting a Horse Health workshop on February 22nd from 11pm -2pm. There will be multiple reps present, including Nutrena and Integrity, as well as include training from an Equi-First Aid Certified Trainer on how to put together a first aid kit for horses with injuries/emergencies. States at 1pm, Josh Tunnell will be talking about hay nutrition. Henry also states he and Julia have been discussing the idea of hosting an open house for those interested in being a part of FFA/4-H/Grange. It will either be a BBQ or Chili cook-off sometime in Spring. Michelle Scott states they have also discussed having the event at the fairgrounds. Once finalized, the event will be advertised.
- 8) Officer Reports

- a) **President:** Jeff states he is working on info that was shared with him by Curtis about different fair stuff.
- b) **Vice President:** No report
- c) **Secretary:** No report
- d) **Treasurer:** Jeff states he, Scott, and Diane just need to fill out the bank forms and give it back to So Cal Bank (now called California Bank of Commerce). Diane states she was told it was ok to still use the same checks with the initial name on them.
- e) **Fair Administrator:** Diane states went to California Bank of Commerce to see if they would still accept the checks with the So Cal name on them r/t was unsure they would accept the issued checks. She did not print the checks for refunds until clarified. With the confirmation from the bank, she will print them and send them out. Cindi asks about auction pictures, as some of the kids didn't receive them or the picture turned out poorly. Athena states some kids didn't have pictures when herself and Mary were going through the checks and pictures. Jeff asks if anyone spoke with the photographer about it. Will need to investigate it further. Diane states the premium book meeting will be Jan 16th @ 6:30pm in the fair board office. Also states Jacob brought her all the ear tags he had.
- f) **Fair Clerk:** No report.
- g) **Board Members:** Cindi provided the results, showing the different clubs participation last year assisting in setting up the fair. States it is only if they signed in.
- h) **Youth Directors:** No Report
- i) **Livestock Superintendent:** Still in need. Travis states has someone interested and will reach back out to him for an answer.

9) Standing Committee Reports

- a) **Scholarship Committee:** Michelle states she needs to sit down with Russ and be shown how to take over the electronic application. Also asked if she could email the application for approval prior to the next meeting. States she will have the panel names for approval at the next meeting as well.
- b) **Budget Committee:** Next meeting Jan 22nd, 6pm in the fair board office.
- c) **Auction Committee:** No report
- d) **Steering Committee:** Connor states they created a preliminary budget for this year, totaling \$1,950. Last year's was \$2000. It may slightly vary but should stay around that amount. Kelsey states they also want to change the meetings to the 3rd Wed of every month, same time, and place, starting in Feb. Jeff asks for a motion re: the steering committee budget request. Travis makes a motion for the steering committee budget as shown as \$1950 with the caveat that it will be rolled into the fair budget sheet. Scott seconds the motion. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously. Next meeting will be January 16th @ 6:30pm in the Home Ec building.
- e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** The next meeting will be Jan 16th @ 6:30pm in the office. If anyone has any suggestions email or call Diane.
- f) **Awards Committee:** Victoria states they are waiting on finalizing the date of auction and then will be sending out sponsorship letters and hanging banners up. They have been discussing moving forward with doing different awards, such as the gift cards. Wants to support local businesses who will support the fair. Also suggests after this fair, moving forward, any monies collected for the awards committee not used should be given to the scholarship fund, in hopes to give back to more kids.

10) Ad-Hoc Committee Report

- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Jeff states he hasn't participated in the meetings but will possibly attend February's meeting.
- b) **Community Advisory Committee:** Jeff states he and Travis went to the Nov meeting. Travis states one of the sports groups is putting in wifi and is asking to put a repeater on the grounds, in exchange for us to use it as well. States there were also a lot of necessary things that didn't get done last year, such as GIF covers, wires covered, and fire extinguishers being checked. In order to stay compliant and on the good graces of the RMWD, need to ensure it gets done.
- c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Jeff states as mentioned previously, need to walk around the grounds and ensure everything is compliant. There are missing trees on the ground, current ones grow on their own, but need to re-run the drip system and plant

some new trees. Travis states he has a contact at SDGE to get free trees, just need to get a water system figured out. They will talk more about it and bring back more info at Feb meeting.

- d) **Computer Committee:** Russ states all the tech stuff is working. States during the power outage, the server went down, but now is back up and working. Last month he was asked to look at speaker systems. He sent an email to Jeff, Travis, and Connor re: what he researched. The current system is underpowered and suggests a system with more power. There are a lot of options but is recommending one with at least 1000watts. He was able to find one with 2 powered speakers, each speaker being 1000 watts. We will be able to run 4 speakers on 2000 watts. States each speaker is \$660 + tax/shipping. We will be able to use a lot of existing equipment, but suggests ordering speaker stands, which run about \$40/each and suggests cables (\$100/each). Total would be from \$900 - \$1000. States the system is like the one used at last year's auction. Travis asks if we can wait to vote until the budget is finalized. Scott states tech budget last year was \$1000. Diane asks about Showworks annual bill and if it is due in Jan. Per Russ-thinks can log in to Showworks and see.
- e) **Camping & Security Committee:** No report
- f) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** Mandy states needs to get rough estimate on artwork from Maverick and is also waiting on finalized budget. Need to figure out if should do posters and clothing or just clothing and do a big banner for advertisement around Ramona, along with smaller store posters. Will talk with Deb and get numbers.
- g) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** Athena states she is waiting to speak with John Amick. Needs the finalized date of the pie auction but will start reaching out to other local places as well vs pit BBQ. Needs to look up the regulations. States wants to have a meeting to go over the regulations and ensure the kids are the biggest part of the pie auction and are involved. Jeff states need to re-evaluate the date of the pie auction if the April date isn't ideal for everyone. Travis states will circle back to the date. Michelle suggests starting an email chain with the board to talk about dates. Deadline to choose a date Jan 16th.
- h) **Grants Committee-** Stacey states waiting on the budget, then can finalize things to focus on and will start writing grants.
- i) **After Auction Committee-** Jessica Nelson states she volunteered last year and is willing to be in charge this year. Wants to start on gathering items now and get organized. Michelle suggests creating an official email for her to use. Jeff states will work on it.

11) New Business: *Cindi asks about fair themes. Jeff states needs to be done asap. Would like to see the kids come up with fair themes, then bring them back to the next meeting to vote. Following the next meeting, will be able to then vote on artwork. Suggested to send out an email to clubs, have them gather themes and then bring it back to Feb meeting to vote on. Diane states will send out email to clubs.

*Jeff states he is still working with Big Ass Fans but waiting to hear back from them.

12) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be February 3rd @ 6:30p.

13) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 8:44p. Motion/Second: Travis/Stacy. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting February 3rd, 2025