

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THURSDAY APRIL 24, 2008 IN THE  
BOARD ROOM AT 2551 W. AVE. H AT 5:10 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER: **President McElroy**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Director Emard**
3. ATTENDANCE:
  - A. Directors Present: **President McElroy, Directors Ward, Eliopulos, Halley, Emard, and Barcelona.**
  - B. Directors Absent: **Upon motion by Director Emard, seconded by Director Barcelona to excuse Directors Jimmink and Eckley. Motion carried.**
  - C. Staff Present: **D. Jacobs, D. Smith.**
4. GUESTS: **Y. Cahill, N. Parada, K. Heatherly, S. Chase, S. Kauner-Evans, C. Ulate, G. Halliman, P. VanSambeek; Queens Committee, J. Morris; Queens Committee, D. Abber, Glen Morris.**
5. APPROVALS:
  - A. Approval of Agenda **Upon motion by Director Swetland, seconded by Director Barcelona to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**  
**Motion by Director Emard, seconded by Director Halley to friendly amend to move item 7D1 to follow item 7I.**
  - B. Add other items -  
Cannot be voted on **None**
6. PUBLIC COMMENT -  
LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES **None**
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:  
The Board may take approval action of committee reports.
  - A. Building/Grounds/Parking/  
Credentials/Gates **Director Emard reported that the small animal barn will be completed before fair.**

B. Community Relations/Archives/  
Queens-

**Director Ward reported that Queens Cottage is on site. Thanked Plant 42 fire department for their generous donation. Staff will send letter of thanks.**

1. Antelope Acres, Agua Dulce

**Antelope Acres and Agua Dulce requested approval to continue with their community queen pageant although they don't have the required minimum 3 contestants and send their queen to the Miss Antelope Valley pageant.**

**Upon motion by Director Ward, seconded by Director Emard to allow Antelope Acres and Agua Dulce Queens to continue with contest. Motion carried.**

2. Stephanie Chase - Juniper Hills

**S. Chase requested that the community of Juniper Hills have a community queen for 2009. Upon motion by Director Emard, seconded by Director Halley to table item 7B2 until May meeting for further research by Queens Committee. Motion carried.**

C. Entertainment-

**Director Halley reported expects to announce line-up by May 9.**

E. Interim/Concessions/Turf Club-

**None**

F. Livestock/Rodeo/Queens/Horseshow-

**Director Ward going well. Baley Placentia is the Exhibit Representative, Wayne Ramsey is Livestock Coordinator.**

G. Legislative/Governance-

**AB2250 making it's way thru committees. Goes to appropriations committee next.**

H. Friends of Fair-

1. Minutes

**Director Swetland reported going well.**

I. Finance Committe

**Director Swetland reported that staff sent payment to CCA for small animal barn construction.**

D. Executive-

**President McElroy reviewed the events since January when Mr. Abber requested that the Board of Directors review staff's decision from approximately two years ago removing him from entry into the Watch & Wager facility. At the previous meeting, staff was directed to submit written materials which supported their decision. Mr. Abber was invited to submit written support for his position in advance of the hearing, which he declined. Mr. Abber was given notice that this issue would be fully addressed by the Board of Directors at tonight's meeting. Mr. Abber appeared with one witness and addressed his concerns to the entire board.**

**Mr. Abber agreed that the board would decide whether or not to overrule staff's earlier decision and allow him re-entry. It was Mr. Abber's position that he should be allowed re-entry because he was never told why he is not allowed in. In support of this Mr. Abber read CHRB rules 1982 and 1989. Upon reviewing the rules Mr. Abber agreed that the fair can remove him from the facility for the reasons stated in the rules.**

**Mr. Abber was given an opportunity to explain why he should be allowed re-entry in light of the 19 documented incidents involving him at the Watch & Wager over the past 8 years. Mr. Abber admitted that he plead guilty in criminal court to a charge of Challenging a Fight while at the Watch & Wager, but claimed it was part**

of a plea bargain that amounted to nothing more than a “speeding ticket”.

Various Directors asked questions and directed comments to Mr. Abber. Mr. Abber’s witness and friend addressed the Board of Directors.

President McElroy advised the board that the Executive Committee met with Watch & Wager Manager, S. Merkler, Security Head, J. Bennett, and Manager, D. Jacobs regarding Mr. Abber’s request. The staff recommended that Mr. Abber not be re-admitted under any circumstances. All staff advised the Executive Committee that they felt Mr. Abber was a danger to staff and other patrons, based upon his long history of problems at the facility.

Upon motion by Director Eliopulos, seconded by Director Ward, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to uphold the staff’s decision to deny Mr. Abber entry into the Watch & Wager facility. Mr. Abber was advised of the reasons for the board’s decision by President McElroy. President McElroy directed staff to research whether any further notice is needed under any rules for the facility. Motion carried.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Upon motion by Director Barcelona, seconded by Director Halley to approve consent calendar with the exception of pulled items 8B1 and 8E. Motion carried.

A. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

March 27, 2008

B. RENTAL AGREEMENTS:

1. Interim

Upon motion by Director Halley, seconded by Director Barcelona to approve 8B1 as presented. Motion carried. Director Emard ab-

stained.

C. STANDARD AGREEMENTS:

- 1. Service Contracts: **SV08-08 thru SV08-12**
- 2. Entertainment Contracts: **E08-02 thru E08-04**
- 3. Sponsorship Contracts: **SP08-11**
- 4. Concessionaire/Vendor Contracts: **08-022C thru 08-035C, 08-100 thru 08-151, 08-227 thru 08-230, 08-300 thru 302**
- 5. Carnival Contracts: **None**
- 6. Additional Contracts: **None**

D. FINANCIALS:

**February 1-29, 2008**

E. EXPENDITURES:

**Upon motion by Director Halley, seconded by Director Eliopulos to approve item 8E. Motion carried. Director Swetland abstained.**

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Miss Rancho Vista Thank You

**Acknowledged**

10. OLD BUSINESS

**None**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2008 Fair

**None**

- B. Blue Ribbon

**Recommendations and past winners tabled until May meeting.**

12. MANAGER'S REPORT:

**None**

13. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

**Director Barcelona - looking forward to Queens cottage, small animal barn, entertainment. Appreciates volunteers, Board of Directors and staff. Hats off to President McElroy for the way he ran today's meeting. Director Emard - agreed with Director Barcelona. Thanked staff for helping with Thunder on the Lot. Great job with the community pagaents and applauded the positive results the young ladies receive from this experience.**

**Director Swetland - outstanding job to President McElroy.**

**Director Halley - Applauded the way President McElroy handled this meeting.**

**Director Eliopulos - Echoed the previous comments.**

**Director Ward - Commended the guests who spoke regarding the request for the Juniper Hills pagaent. Firm believer in reaching out to the youth.**

**President McElroy - Happy to see the ladies from Juniper Hills. We need to plan ahead for more of the developing communities and how we will address the future. Thanked Executive Committee for discussing the Abber issue. Important that people receive fair process. Applauded Board of Directors decision. Important that patrons and staff are safe.**

14. EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED SESSION:

**None**

15. OTHER ITEMS:

**None**

16. ADJOURNMENT: (Motion required)

**Upon motion by Director Emard, seconded by Director Swetland to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried.**

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Stephen McElroy, President

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Dan Jacobs, Manager

**INFORMATION:**

Board of Directors Standing Meetings:

4th Thursday of each month:

Finance Committee Meeting 3:00 Conference Room

Study Session 4:00 Conference Room

Board Meeting 5:00 Meeting Room

Board of Directors Coffee Meetings:

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 AM Conference Room

3rd Thursday 5:30 PM Conference Room

Livestock Council Meetings:

1st Tuesday of each month 6:00 PM Meeting Room