



14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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Livestock Committee Meeting

July 6, 2022, 07:00 PM – Fine Arts Building

Committee Members: Stephanie Fontana & Loretta Estrada – Board Members

CEO: David Kegebein

CALL TO ORDER – at 7:03 by Stephanie

Roll Call / Introductions

Additions to Agenda – none.

Public Participation:

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes

Board Committee Member Reports –

Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton & Kyle Plaskett
Kyle M – entry guides are out and we're receiving entries.

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill - no report

Items to review Market Beef Rule #5:

5. Market beef must be shown and sold in their natural state. No paint, sprays or adhesives are allowed. Any use of these products will disqualify the animal from the show and/or auction.

Correspondence regarding Market Beef rule #5 – Kathryn read the rule and a summary of the letter from the exhibitor who asked if we would clarify the rule. Committee members discussed the rule and request would like to check with processors. Public comment: Phillip C - Adhesive is for the tail for showmanship. Jessica A – Contacted the abattoir and was told there was no problem with processing when fitting products are used. Stephanie would like more information on sheen.

Judges - Several judges are yet to be identified. The department heads have been requested to get their judges in as soon as possible.

Work Days – dates included in presentation. July 24 and August 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m

Barn safety – Dave provided a slideshow.

Slides included 2022 Livestock Organization Chart. Dave explained that the positions above the dotted line were members of the leadership team.

The email address that is used for reputable livestock information is santacruzlivestockcommittee@gmail.com. Kathryn generally runs this account.



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2022 Fair Livestock layout. Dave provided history of hog and sheep barns. The barns cannot be used this year – no conditional use authorization will be forthcoming from the state. If the barn structures remain at fair time, the structures will be fenced off and locked.

Options for housing pigs during the fair include:

Option 1 - remove barn and install portable pens & pig containment fence layout as they have been configured in the past. Use temporary shade cloth and utilize the existing water drops (supported by 2x4s), supported by framework structure attached to pens.

Option 2 – fix the barn by 2023. Move the pigs to the cow barn or livestock pad. The wash rack would be a challenging issue in a drought. Exhibitors would have to bring their own water dispensers. Might be able to set up temporary water drops.

Option 3 - ?? See discussion below.

Options for housing Sheep and goats –

Option 1 - same as hog option 1 but could install pens on lawn under tents.

Option 2 – fix the building. Fence off. Install fence on livestock lawn.

Option 3 - install pens on lawn under tents.

Tents – Now that all electrical wiring is underground, the lawn area could support up to 80' wide tents as opposed to the 60' wide tents that we have used in the past.

Long term future – remove existing barns; construct new multi-purpose building(s). Barns are where they are because there was a half mile buggy racetrack at one time. A complete replacement of barns with a multi-purpose building, including a new auction/show arena and livestock offices, like King City has, could cost \$8-\$10 million dollars. The project could be completed in phases - building one large permanent canopy at a time, add concrete slab floors in phases, eventually enclosing sides.

The current layout has inherent security problems. A wider service road alongside the barns and fencing to separate livestock participants from vehicle traffic would improve safety. Walk thru metal detectors are needed at all pedestrian entrances to the interior of the fairgrounds. Horse show participants now drive through the livestock area without security.

A phased in multi-purpose building project could start with building 100x120 foot roof structure, followed by slab floors and wall enclosures. The multipurpose facility could be used for livestock shows, equestrian events, emergency livestock housing, people housing, trade shows, parties, fundraisers, events, etc.

Committee comments on options presented:

Kyle Middleton - Security is first priority. Agrees that option 1 for hogs would be good since wash racks are already there. Sheep and goats can go on the lawn under a tent. We will need to make sure PA system works. Road has always been a safety issue. The lawn along the road was used for tack, but would be better to have all tack space on other side.



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Kyle Plaskett – if we put the pigs in the beef barn, the wash racks are not good for hogs. Removing the roof is the best idea -- we'll have to make sure the kids know if we have no water. Sheep/goats in tents would need power. Extension cords could be a tripping problem.

Danny Naranjo – suggests we take down the barns and replace with modern facility.

Loretta Estrada – posts and shade cloth – all posts will be gone. Dave clarified that the shade cloth would be supported by temporary framework attached to the pens.

Committee comments -

Diana Hoover – agree with taking out the barns this year. Doesn't have a problem with having the sheep and goats on the lawn.

Jim Bricker – option 1 could work for this year; doesn't think a 2x4 structure for waterers would work. Exhibitors at other fairs have to bring their own waterers. We could go back to waterers. May not be able to house breeding stock this year per Prop 12. Dave said the fair is exempt from prop 12 pen space rules.

Julie Katawicz – Pygmy goats only come in on Friday. Portable waterers will work. Agrees with option 1. At San Benito, they have portable pens next to their wooden pens.

Jodi Carkner – Option 1 seems to be the best for us. Multi-use buildings with separate horse area would be great. Goats/sheeps on the lawn would be fine.

Yvonne Sowersby – We need to move forward with option 1. There's no reason to reinforce the existing barns – the security concerns would be addressed with widening the road.

Public Comments –

Becky Steinbruner – Poultry is missing from the organization chart. Discussed the CCA approved plans.

Jessica Ayala – Noted that public comments were skipped at the beginning of the meeting.

Phillip Carranco– Thinks having kids bring their own waterers for the hogs is not a viable solution. How will we let the exhibitors know they have to bring the waterers?

Participant – complained that the meeting was not following the agenda and was conducted in violation of the Bagley-Keene Act.

Stephanie took a straw poll of the leadership team –

Stephanie – take down both barns, move forward toward the multipurpose buildings

Kathryn – take hog barn down now, take sheep barn as time permits – option 1



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Danny – take down both barns, option 1

Kyle M – take both down, option 1

Kyle P – take both down, option 1

Loretta – take both down, find money for the multi-purpose buildings

Dave's comments – hogs need to be housed in the existing footprint unless a plan to keep them from rooting out from under the pens is developed. If we fix the barns the way the way the engineer and approved plans are designed they will last for many years, but they won't meet the needs of the fairgrounds and the community for now and in the future.

Stephanie and Loretta will make a recommendation to the board to take down the buildings, leaving the slabs, and moving forward to a multipurpose building structure. Start with the roof, put floors in and then enclose the sides. It doesn't have to be built all at once. Maybe do a phase every couple of years to complete all of the buildings.

CEO Report

- 1 SB-5 Project – Electrical Upgrade Progress Report - All overhead power lines are gone, overhead transformers are gone. Project is essentially complete.
- 2 Barn Layouts, Set Ups, New pens - The foundation was able to purchase 70 new pig pens.

Special fair board meeting – next Tuesday night, 6:30p.m. (Note: Special Board Meeting is scheduled for July 19 at 6:30 p.m. – Agenda posted to Board's web page on July 7.)

ADJOURNMENT - 8:42 pm