

Marias Fair Board Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2021

Marias Fair met January 6, 2021 5:30 P.M Toole county Ambulance shed present at the meeting. Andy Van Haur (President) Lynda Fretheim via zoom (vice-President) Board members: Linnet Doane, Blaine Suta, Chris Vermulm, Cody Rohlf (via zoom) Janet Hawks (via zoom) TCC: Don Hartwell, Terry Tomscheck. Lindsey Habets (hi-line web design) Emily Kinyon via zoom (guest)

President Andy Van Haur called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M with election of officers Nominations for President Andy Van Haur Vice President Lynda Fretheim being know other nominations Blaine moved and Chris seconded to accept Andy for President and Lynda Vice President for 2021 all voted aye motion passed. The December meeting minutes were read with know corrections being needed Chris moved and Blaine seconded to approve the minutes all voted aye. Ramona reported the account balances \$14,039.63 Rodeo \$4,928.97 Premium. Linnet reported we will need to right two checks from the rodeo account for PRCA rodeo \$800.00 for dues and \$400.00 for approval fees Ramona will get these to Lynda to sign and Linnet will send them in.

Being know agents present there was no report from 4-H. Commissioners report Terry Tomscheck will be taking over as commissioner in charge of over seeing Marias Fair Board. Thank You Don Hartwell for your time spent helping us the past years. Terry is checking a little more into the electrical usage at the fair grounds and will report back at the February meeting. Andy and Blaine met with Mary Ann and Don at the commissioners in December the funding for the 2021 fair is \$90,000. There is \$54,000 available from the sale of the land to CHS Don noted the principal part of this stays the same. Cody and Kim are to get 3 bids on the new fair office and bring the Proposals to the February meeting if the bids are \$50,000 or under, we do not need to bring in an engineer for the project. Andy stated we would need to change the by laws to the beer gardens bids if we would like to open these up for nonprofit there was much discussion on this and it was decided to leave it as in the past, only nonprofit can put in bids. There was much discussion and figuring on what minimum bids should be if a percentage or a flat rate works best. Ramona stated that the flat rate was nice cause you knew what you were getting, and you had it up front it makes everything easier. Linnet suggested \$3,500. This is what why had gotten in 2018 from the Fire department, when they did it. After some discussion and figuring Lynda Moved and Linnet seconded to set the beer garden bids at \$3,500. Or better paid-up front before fair starts. Motion passed Ramona will work on writing up something for the paper it was decided to run it early so there is time for changes if no one bids.

Andy reported on FFA heifer show and sale there are a couple FFA chapters interested in this it would be Friday of the rodeo before Bull riding, he is reaching out to other FFA chapters. Indian Relay Thursday Nik Crawford Band after Rodeo Friday and Saturday Erin Bent singer for Friday Andy will work on one for Saturday he asks about Fireworks Ramona and Linnet both stated they have reached out to our past Fire works company but never heard back Ramona will get Andy his contact info. And the contact info for the inflatable fun zone as she had not heard back from them. Blaine will check into the continuous fence Panels.

New Business: potential fair board members the by laws state we will have nine. Five will reside in Toole County one at-Large (meaning they could be from anyone of the 4-counties) one from Pondera, one from Liberty, one from Glacier. After much discussion Janet moved and Blaine seconded to have Ramona contact Merl Ralf (Toole County Attorney) and change the By-Laws to read the Fair board will consist of nine members: Four from Toole Two At-Large, One from Pondera, one from Liberty, one from Glacier. All voted aye motion passed; Ramona will try to have this done by the February meeting.

Andy asks the commissioners if we have written job descriptions of all fair staff, he felt that it was unclear as to what each one's duties were Cody made a motion to have written job descriptions for each staff member there was a lot of discussion Ramona stated the Fair Manager position has written job description which is available at the courthouse. This was tabled till next meeting.

Lindsey brought up that there are programs available online so everyone could see a project that is being planned like the fair office and have input she will check into this and sent the link to everyone. Being no other business Janet Moved and Blaine seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye meeting adjourned.

Ramona Kinyon

Marias fair Manager