

Marias Fair Board Meeting – February 3, 2021

Marias Fair Board met February 3, 2021 5:30 at the Toole County ambulance shed. Present at the meeting: Andy Van Haur (President) Board Members: Linnet Doane, Blaine Suta, Chris Vermulm, Cody Rohlf, Janet Hawks (via zoom) Lynda Fretheim (via zoom) Rachel Brown (prospective Fair board member) Ramona Kinyon (Fair Manager) Kim Woodring (TCEA) Adriane Good (PCEA) Terry Tomscheck (Toole County Commissioner) Breana Erickson, Heather Erickson, (Pondera County Ambassadors) Lindsey Habets (Website/zoom) Thad White (Shelby FFA) Public: Emily Kinyon, Julie Olsen (via zoom)

President Andy Van Haur called the meeting to order he read the minutes from the January 6th meeting Blaine moved and Cody seconded to approve the minutes all voted aye minutes approved Ramona gave the treasurers report. Breana Erickson started the meeting off with a story of a young youth who because of his disability had trouble accessing and view 4-H animals and projects she brought to the board plans for a project she would like to take on to build side walks to make buildings and grounds easier for access with wheelchairs and strollers. She had 4 phases to her plan and would like to complete by her graduation from high school 2024. After some discussion and ideas put out to her to make the project possibly more affordable Chris moved and Blaine seconded to let her move forward with the project, all voted aye motion passed. Lynda suggested that the board consider donating some money to the project as per an agreement with 4-H when the fair board sold land to CHS some funding would be available to 4-H for projects that improve the grounds. Breana is not asking for any funding currently. Adriane reported from 4-H that horse committee would like to use the rodeo arena Tuesday July 20th for their working ranch horse competition this was fine with all members she also stated they would be doing upgrades to horse stalls and getting rid of the announcer's booth and using a horse stall for announcer booth. Also reported Livestock committee would be doing upgrades to bathrooms by the Seewald Barn and the swamp cooler down at the 4-H food booth was blown over by the strong winds we been having.

Thad White brought up an idea he is working on for a BBQ cook off Friday during fair he has not worked out all the details yet but would like to offer prizes. Andy suggested he check with the county sanitarian Ron Anderson as to any rules they may have to follow. Cody moved and Linnet seconded to let him pursue this all-voted aye motion passed. Thad also stated Shelby FFA would be hosting range days in 2022 in June and would like to use the fair grounds.

Terry reported he moved all computers from the fair office to the storage area between the new 4-H bathrooms and shut off the power to the grandstands, to see if this helps with the power bill. He will report at next meeting if this helped. Cody said MRE is willing to help us find where the power draw is if this does not solve it. Cody reported he need to know what size and what all we wanted in the fair office 20x30 or 30x40 was suggested fully contained with bathroom and board room plus office, he will get bids and bring them to the next meeting. Blaine read the changes to the by-laws to have the board consist of 9 members 4 Toole County

2 at-Large 1 Pondera County 1 Glacier County and 1 Liberty county. We have the second reading at the next Board meeting March 3,2021.

Lindsey talked about the Zoho project the board was not interested in having it at this time. Blaine checked with western ranch on the panels they were expensive he is going to do some more research into panels and will report at the next meeting. Andy has music set for Thursday and Friday and would like to contact Bucky Beaver and the Ground Grippers for Saturday; Lindsey brought up their band so everyone could hear it. Janet moved and seconded to have them Saturday night after the rodeo all voted aye Andy will contact them. He talked with Corey from Inflatable fun zone he will send a contract to Ramona. He is waiting to hear back from Indian Relay he offered them \$7,500 to put on a show and they get one arena use sometime within the year 2021. Andy also is going to offer the Demo Derby 1/4 gate sale and one arena us in the year 2021. We would purchase trophies for 3 classes. Ramona gave Andy Julia Arnold's phone # he will contact her to find out if she is still interested in heading up open class.

Ramona read a resignation letter from Julie Olsen due to her integrity being questioned at this January and other issues she has decided to resign. Lynda and Janet both praised Julie on the osmose, job she had done working for Marias Fair and she will be missed. Being no other business Blaine moved and Chris seconded to adjourn the meeting all voted aye meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be March 3, 5:30 Toole County Ambulance Shed.

Ramona Kinyon, Marias Fair Manager