

Marias Fair Board Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2020

Marias Fair Board met at the Shelby Fire Hall June 3, 2020, for their regular meeting. Due to covid concerns this was available to members and public to attend via Zoom and a live feed through the Marias Fair web page. Thank you for setting this up and running it Lindsey. Present at the meeting: Andy Van Haur (President) Lynda Fretheim (Vice President) Board Members: Linnet Doane, Cody Rohlf, Blaine Suta, Chris Vermulm. Via Zoom Janet Hawks. Ramona Kinyon (Marias Fair Manager) Don Hartwell (TCC) Donna Whitt (TCSO) Julie Olsen (Fair Staff) Tony Carlson, Joe Monroe (Indian Relay) Farin Robison (Premier Electric) Blair Tomsheck (TCHD) Chad Scarborough (Youth Rodeo) Kim Woodring (TCEA) Lindsey Habets (Marias Fair Webpage) Terry Tomsheck (visitor) Attending Via Zoom: JJ Arnold, Jesse Fulbright, Kari Lewis, Wendy Wedum, Alice Burchak, Julie Gagon, Becky (Pondera Extension) Robin Bradley, Dale Seifert.

The meeting was called to order by President Andy Van Haur at 6:15 P.M with roll call of members and reading of the May 6th minutes and the current Treasurer's report. Cody moved and Blaine seconded to approve the minutes and treasurer's report; all voted aye motion passed. Farrin reported that the high electric use at the fairgrounds could be caused by the water pump house that pumps water up on the hill to Hummic and other residents. He stated that he had installed an old meter in the past to track its usage and what would need to be done is read the main meter on the pole north of the fair office then also read the meter he installed west of the pump house, read them again in a month or so and subtract the pump house reading from the main electric meter. Andy and Cody offered to do this. He also stated that power could be turned off on the pedestals for camping spots in the winter months when they are not in use.

Blaire reported from the health department we are currently in Phase two of the Governors opening plan we still would need to be in phase three to have grandstand events such as the rodeo, Indian relay, demo derby, bands ect. She also stated there had been some up tick in coronavirus cases over the weekend. In Phase two 4-H would be able to hold their 4-H events following the guidelines set by the state the bathrooms would need to be closed and cleaned every two hours and all hard surfaces wiped down with disinfectant. Ramona and Julie said they would be able to do this however they would need to be able to set up a schedule and everyone would need to follow it.

Kim reported from 4-H they would have exhibits dropped off July 11th there would be no live interviews, Wednesday. Weigh ins are from 9:00-12:00, small animal shows at 6:00 P.M, Thursday Beef, Hog and sheep shows. No breeds show. Friday horse show and livestock sale. Saturday dog show. They are going to be allowing camping. She also asked about garbage and camper passes. Ramona said she would have Merlyn dump the garbage like he has in the past and they will have camper passes if the fair is going on, however would not be necessary if we are unable to have fair. Janet commended 4-H agents for coming up with a solid plan to continue with 4-H fair for the kids, even if we are unable to have grandstand events.

Lynda mentioned that Havre has canceled their fair. She also asked Blaire if the Governor's office did go to phase three before fair would they be able to go back to phase two, Blaire said yes. Robin reported from the Lions Club that they have decided not to have their food booth this year all of them are older and it's too risky for them to attend a large event during the pandemic. Don reported from the commissioners that the fair board would be able to use funding from the fair to fix up things at the

grounds if they were unable to have Marias Fair in 2020. Ramona brought a list of things her and Julie wrote up that need to be fixed before fair. Linnet reported she never heard from Ryan about the office. We will address this at the next meeting.

Chad reported that bible school rodeo will be held June 15th-17 at the fairgrounds he would also like to use the grounds July 2nd 16th 30th and August 13th for youth rodeo it was discussed and decided to charge \$125. A performance total \$500. For use of the facilities. Lynda made a motion Linnet seconded all voted aye motion passed.

Julia Arnold reported from open class she would not use to make a decision on fair sooner rather than later as she felt July 1st would be too late for her to order ribbons and line up judges. Andy said he could line up judges if she sent him her list and she could order ribbons now as we could use them next year if we didn't continue on with fair. It was decided to wait till July 1st for a final decision and if the governor was in phase 3 by then we would have grand stand events.

Ramona also stated for the record it would be hard to get everything ready she would need Julie to help her in the office so they would need to hire a cleaning company to clean all buildings during and after the fair. Linnet made a motion to have Ramona run an ad for a cleaning company and for beer gardens bid in the local papers Cody seconded. All voted aye motion passed. Ramona said she would call Mary Ann Harwood (commissioner) and have her help with the wording.

Tony and Joe reported from Indian relays they will check the track and see what repairs need to be made also look at the gate as it will need to be wider we will meet after the meeting at the fair ground to see what all needs to be done. Andy said Habets are still on track to get the old wood chips from the Seewald barn spread and worked into the track. Joe Monroe said they would donate time in trade for sponsorship. The fair board would buy all the material to repair the track fence. Ramona brought a proposal for ticket pricing selling tickets ahead and having deals on family passes would make it much easier during the fair on ticket takers and be better by social distancing standards. 4-H would also be able to purchase passes as in the past. There would need to be a separate pass for Sunday as we are splitting sales with Kelly for putting on the demo derby. Ramona stated she spoke with him and we get $\frac{3}{4}$ he gets $\frac{1}{4}$ of total ticket sales for that day he also wants use to buy trophies for three classes.

Lindsey brought her proposal for the Website. She takes pictures during fair and also maintains the web page. She also has been our tech support whenever needed. She went through everything she does and numbers of visits to the web page throughout the year. Cody made a motion to hire Lindsey to continue with our website, Mark seconded all vote aye motion passed.

Being no other business Mark moved and Linnet seconded to adjourn the meeting all voted aye meeting adjourned.

Ramona Kinyon

Marias Fair Manager