

Marias Fair Board Meeting

06/07/2023

Marias Fair Office

Attendees:

Rachel Brown

Blaine Suta

Andy VanHaur

Cody Rohlf

Erin Fenger

Lena Tronson

Janet Hawks

Miranda Dupree

Shiloh Neal

Terry Tomsheck

Public and Other:

Kim Woodring

Lisa Terry

Lindsey Habets

Lena Patchen

Pastor Kelly Murdoch-Billy

Rylan Hanson

· The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM

Approval of last meeting minutes-Andy VanHaur Motioned accepting minutes as they are.

Lena Tronson Second, Motion passed.

- Public Comment-

- Pastor Kelly represented on behalf of the local churches regarding free water distribution. A motion was made by Andy VanHaur to let the church associations hand out 500 16.9oz water bottles. Motion second by Miranda Dupree.
- Rylan Hanson representing Northern Plains Electric discussed the work needing done to areas of concern such as arena lights and speakers, above-ground wires, and general checklist.

- Treasures Report-

- Based on the printed report checks highlighted in yellow were either missing or voided and checks with X's were cashed.
- Rodeo account has \$23,546.88 and the Premium account has \$28,895.58.
- Motion to approve the treasures report was made by Andy VanHaur and was seconded by Miranda Dupree

- Vendors Report-

- Based on the printed report if contact has been made it is marked as yes, and vice versa for no
- Insurance is required for vendors.
- A motion was made to have any non-profit vendor with an indoor space pay only \$25 unless a full paying spot applies. The motion was seconded by Blaine Suta
- The following discussion motion was amended by Andy VanHaur to have all non-profits that are not selling anything be able to have free spots on a year-to-year basis. Cody Rohlf second

- 4-H Report:

- Clover Bud camp was moved to the exhibit building.

- Local community members would like to come get dirty wood chips when they become available.
- 4-H food booth wants to know where the internet process is and is trying to get staff trained with the mobile credit card machines
- 4-H food booth needs the fire chief's sign-off for fire suppression and hood, which will vary from year to year to be in accordance.

· Lindsey Habets-

- Lindsey presented the board with multiple poster designs and will order for distribution based upon selection.
- Also presented the idea for full-page insert in surrounding newspapers versus ads and will send out a spreadsheet with cost for further discussion.

· Old Business:

- Water bottles: Andy motioned that all non-profits that hand out water must be 16.9 oz or smaller and must fill out the vendor sheets. Blaine second the motion
- Sponsorships: Northern Vet will get stripping chute location; several sponsors need new banners and will work on getting those lined out.
- Rodeo- Wild Burro Races will be in place of trick riders and will need a cash prize, Ash Cooper is the rodeo clown, all will need promotion in media, Smiths will add 3-5K to our prize money. The PRCA Judges will need 2 rooms for the hotel.
- Tractor Pull- The contract has been sent out and is moving forward.
- Fair Manager- After the interview Lena Patchen has been motioned to be hired for a 6-month probationary period at grade 1 pay Cody Motioned, Erin second, Janet Neighed, and Blaine Neighed motion, motion passed,
- Relay Races- There will be 12-14 teams and were presented with the idea to take the \$20,000 added prize money to go towards specialty races, specialty races are kids race, nightshirt, saddle horse, and ladies' races. Andy made the motion to move the budget to have \$1000 added for specialty races per 4 contestants, Blaine second.

- Drop Box- 2 are needed for the grounds and cost \$374.50 to be ordered from the Premium account Blaine motioned to approve the purchase and Janet second.

- Claims- Cody will purchase plaques and benches from the Premium account.

- Bank/ATM- Cash for ATM needs to be pulled by 06/16/2023.

- New Business:

- Invoices- Invoices will be sent to businesses only if they ask.

- School Projects- Linnet plans to handle all school projects like in the past.

- Budgets- A future meeting will be planned specifically for budgets.

- Motor Sports- In future years sponsorships may become available for Sunday events only.

- Fair Food Tickets- Numbered and ready for packets

- 4-H Food booth- 4-H tickets are \$8.50 and are whole separate tickets

- Vendors- A motion was made by Shiloh, in the case of multiple vendors with the same specialty, a second vendor will be alerted of other vendors and placed in separate locations. Miranda second.

- Fair Help- Ads for fair help will need to be placed, a motion was made by Andy VanHaur that all fair help be paid the same \$15/hr. as ticket takers, Erin second.

- Fair Tickets- Need to be printed and put into packets for sponsors, Janet volunteered to make them.

- Fair Entrance Signs- Barbie can make signs that would last 8-10 years and fairgrounds would need a total of 4 signs made. Blaine motioned to buy 3 3X4 signs at \$300/sign, Janet second.

- Commissioners Report-

- Nothing to report.

- The meeting was motioned to adjourn at 9:05 by Janet, Miranda second.