

Marias Fair Board Minutes - March 3, 2021

The Marias Fair Board met March 3, 2021 at the Toole County Ambulance shed 5:30 P.M. Roll Call of Members: Lynda Fretheim (Vice-President) Janet Hawks, Chris Vermulm, Linnet Doane, Blaine Suta, Cody Ralhf, (Board members) Rachel Brown (prospective board member) President Andy Van Haur joined the meeting via zoom. Ramona Kinyon (Marias Fair Manager) Kim Woodring (TCEA) Terry Tomsheck (TCC) Lindsey Habets (webpage) Emily Kinyon (Guest via zoom).

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Lynda Fretheim. Cody moved and Linnet seconded to approve the February 3, meeting minutes. All voted aye minutes approved. Ramona gave the Treasurers report. Rodeo account \$14,039.63 Premium account \$4,928.97. Terry gave Ramona bills from repairs to roof and new heater for the 4-H bathroom (the water is currently off due to some frozen pipes) he also reported on the county budget and went through the line items with the board members. Andy joined the meeting and took over as President. Terry explained how the capital improvement money worked for improvements such as the new fair office. He reported there is a security light that is out at the fairgrounds. Kim reported from 4-H they are planning fair as normal she asks Ramona and the board what camper spaces, they would be able to use in the carnival area as they are trying to space campers out more, due to covid restrictions. They are planning on having in person sale and are considering also doing online option. Ramona stated at this point there would not be fireworks. Kim stated they would probably not haul out livestock till Sunday if this were the case. Cody reported on the fair office project he has not yet got anyone to contact him back. Cody felt that the Marias fair employees only do the bare minimum and that there are a lot of things needing fixing Ramona stated they are only allowed a certain number of hours and weeks prior to fair to get the grounds ready pre the budget. Ramona stepped out to answer some questions the rodeo Contractor John Smith had. Andy reported Conrad, Shelby, Valier FFA- would like to use the fairgrounds for their District Competitions March 16th it was brought up that there is no water in the restrooms Terry and Cody will investigate. There was some discussion on the hiring of Express Personal for fair cleaning and help during fair the board felt it was kind of expensive and did not think they could guarantee the 720 hours Andy thought this maybe negotiable. Lynda read the by-law changes to the board for the second reading. Blaine moved and Cody seconded to approve them as read all voted aye. We will sign these at the next meeting and Ramona will take them to the Toole County Commissioners for approval. Janet made a motion to buy 2 memorial benches one would be dedicated to Reta Rae for her numerous years of dedicated service to the Marias Fair board the other we would set up and add a plaque later when needed Linnet seconded motion passed Cody will check into purchasing these. Andy reported that JJ Arnold is looking for someone to take over the open class Sara Gordan is going to work with JJ this year and is possibly interested in doing this. Ramona stated we need to make some decisions on sponsorships at the April 7th meeting. Cody reported that he spoke to Helen Brown and that she maybe interested in helping with this Cody will check into this and

into the fair office project. Ramona stated that Martha Lee would like to use open class cattle barn for their annual pig sale over Easter weekend Ramona will get them a key. The next meeting will be April 7th 2021 at the Toole County Ambulance shed 6:00 P.M as Cody and Ramona said 5:30 was hard for them with their jobs. Ramona relayed to the board that John Smith the rodeo contractor felt that it would be hard for use at this late date to get cattle for women's break away roping it was decided not to add this to the 2021 Marias Fair.

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

Ramona Kinyon

Marias Fair Manager