

Marias Fair Board meeting minutes

May 3, 2023

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Rachel Brown
- The April minutes were read, motion to approve by Blaine, second by Andy. The motion passed.
- There was no 4H report.
- Old Business
 1. Online vendor form is updated per Lindsey
 2. Lance Stokes will repair and patch the track rail
 3. Scott Fritz will donate feed oats for rodeo stock
 4. Terry and Janet are providing trailers for band stage
- New Business
 1. Lorette Carter from Shelby Chamber of commerce/ Centennial committee offered to leave the 4 port a potties and hand washing station rented for their event through the end of the month in lieu of the \$500 rental fee for the grandstands and the arena. This was approved by a motion from Shiloh and seconded by Janet. Motion passed
 2. Moving speaker stands away from the timed event chutes. Blaine is checking to see if the electricity is available in the new location or if a new electrician will wire it.
 3. Janet has lined up hotel rooms for the musical acts and support crew at the Oyo for a sponsorship and a cost of \$87 per room for 14 rooms over the fair week.
 4. Steven Hjartarson with Northern Veterinary Clinic will be our official veterinarian for the value of a bronze sponsorship.
 5. Janet is lining out Sunday morning cowboy church with Chad Scarborough and Wylie Gustafson
 6. Andy is picking out final items from the inflatables company and will pass them onto Lindsey for advertising.
 7. Rachel is working with JS rodeo on rodeo side acts.
 8. Boot race prizes may switch to cotton candy.
 9. A motion was passed to offer the " Strolling Hillbilly" \$300 per day to perform at fair, moved by Andy, seconded by Janet.
 10. Motion by Janet, seconded by Andy was passed to buy parts for the arena ground hog
- Commissioner's Report
 1. Terry gave the fair manager job application of Lena Patchen to fair board members to go over.
 2. Terry gave all fair board members a copy of the county's policy on nepotism to also read over.
 3. Cody made a motion, seconded by Erin to hire Lena P. motion failed.
- Hiring Committee
 1. A hiring committee was formed of Shiloh, Miranda and Andy to interview Lena P. on May 24, 2023.
- Web and Advertising
 1. Lyndsey will work on designing a poster for print ads and social media that can also be hung up in the 4-county area.
 2. Lyndsey is doing the design for an ad in Montana Lifestyles Magazine
- Open Class Report

1. There will be no premium book this year just a poster and print advertising on how to use online entries or on site at the fairgrounds.
 2. The open class staff could use internet in the mercantile and school buildings to speed up class placings. Terry is working on better internet for the fairgrounds.
- Treasures Report
 1. Rodeo Account \$20146.88
 2. Premium Account \$28895.58
 3. Treasures report was passed with a motion from Shiloh and a second from Miranda
 - Correspondence
 1. Thank you note from the Shelby Chamber of conference for the donation of fair performance tickets.
 - The June meeting is set for the 7th at the fairgrounds with a walk around at 5:15 pm and the meeting at 6:30 pm in the grandstand's office.
 - The motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Blaine, seconded by Erin and the motion passed.

Attendance list May 3, 2023

Fair Board Members

- Miranda Dupree
- Cody Rohlf
- Erin Fenger
- Shiloh Neal
- Andy Van Haur
- Janet Hawks
- Blaine Suta
- Rachel Brown

County Commissioner

- Terry Tomscheck

Guests

- Mary DeStaffney Open Class
- Keith Kallstrom
- Lorette Carter City Of Shelby/ Centennial Committee
- Lindsey Habets Website/ Facebook