

Marias Fair Meeting Minutes for May 4th, 2022

The Marias Fair Board met at 6:30pm at the Fair Grounds Exhibit Building.

Present at this meeting:

- Linnet Doane (President)
- Janet Hawks (Vice President)
- Andy Van Haur (Fair Board Member)
- Lynda Fretheim (Fair Board Member)
- Cody Rohlf (Fair Board Member)
- Blaine Suta (Fair Board Member)
- Rachel Brown (Fair Board Member)
- Mikayla Garcia (Fair Board Member)
- Chris Vemulm (Fair Board Member)
- Kim Woodring (Toole County Extension)
- Anna Sackerson-Hintz (Fair Board Manager)
- Terry Tomscheck (Commissioner)
- Lena Tronson (Vendor/Guest)
- Mary Destaffany (Open Class)
- Lindsey Habbets (Web design)
- Ashley Lampert (Shelby Chamber of Commerce)
- Christine Bailey (ARBA Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Fair Board president Linnet Doane. Approval of meeting April Meeting minutes was motioned by Andy, seconded by Rachel then approved by the board.

ARBA Show: Christine Bailey represented the America Rabbit Breeders Association in requesting to add a Rabbit show to our annual Fair. If we were to add the show The entry fee would go to the Fair Board and we would be responsible for paying judges (approximately \$150 plus mileage) in addition for paying for \$25 sanction fee, charter fee, and award ribbons. The board offered Christine the ability to rent out the exhibit building at the Fair Grounds to do a separate show and see how that goes then we can revisit the possibility of adding the rabbit show to our Fair at a later time. A date was set for September 3rd 2022 to have the event and Rent will be \$250.00 for the exhibit building with a \$250.00 cleaning deposit. They will also be required to show proof of event insurance. Christine will get the information to Mikayla.

Chamber of commerce: Ashley Lampert represented herself and Shannon McAllister in presenting an idea for “Haunted Fairgrounds”. In the past they have done a Haunted House at the old middle school and have all of the equipment and supplies available to put on the event. They would like to know what the availability and cost would be for such a event from the first weekend of October, Friday- Sunday. Multiple buildings and areas would be included to prepare and put on the Haunted Fair Grounds. For 4 weekends the charge will be \$400 with a \$400 cleaning deposit and proof of event insurance will be mandatory.

Ashley is also heading up the Dempsey Gibbons Centennial Celebration committee and would like to look into doing a fight night at the Fairgrounds Arena the weekend of July 4th 2022 and including a

firework show. Rent for the Arena is \$500 with a \$500 cleaning deposit and event insurance will be required.

Old Business: After reviewing the scope of work for the cleaning contract it was decided that we will pay a flat fee of \$120.00 a day for each day of restroom cleaning during the fair July 21st through July 24th. Maria Lingle has agreed to accept this contract.

Treasurers Report: Anna reported bank balances in both Premium and Rodeo accounts as well as the Budget Vs Expenditure report and the Detail report for expenditures

Commissioner Report: Terry Reported that the water has been fixed and is back on at the Fairgrounds. He also updated us on the current bird flu situation and restrictions that may affect the fair.

4H Report: Kim Woodring- The small animal committee will be selling cups and wanted permission to put the logo "Marias Fair" on the cups. Approved. There is also concern and a request for additional security at night due to some things that happened in prior years. Lena will talk to Donna about added security and enforcement in specific areas.

Fair Manager Report: Anna showed a example of the sponsor letter going out to businesses and reported where she was at in that process.

May 19th is the day scheduled for FFA to come tear apart and build new ramp and steps on the Mercantile Building.

May 23rd is the High School Volunteer Day at the Fairgrounds.

New Business/2022 Fair/Rodeo:

Mary Destephany with Open Class reported that the book goes to press May 13th and that the Premium book should be completed by June 1st to be forwarded to the newspapers.

Lindsey Habbets shared that the Marias Fair website is up to date as of now.

Andy confirmed that Camper fees will be \$35.00 for water and electricity hook up and \$10.00 for dry camp.

Lena Tronson spoke to the Warden at the Prison as well as Matthew Clark about having the prisoners help build a stage for the Fairgrounds. They agreed to help with a fold up stage as long as we can provide materials and measurements. We will look into cost after June when the cost of lumber hopefully goes down.

Andy Motioned to increase Merlin's hourly wage from \$15 to \$20hr. Janet seconded and motion passed. Anna will fill out the request and present it to the commissioners.

Rachel motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm Blaine seconded and meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on June 1st 2022 at 6:30pm at the Fair Grounds Exhibit Building.

Respectively,

Anna Hintz