

Marias Fair Board Meeting - May 5, 2021

The Marias Fair Board met May 5, 2021, 5:30 P.M for a walk around of fair building with a list of all buildings needing repairs due to wind damage. Terry brought the list of covered items. (Beer Garden restrooms, Grandstands/Sheriffs office window, Rodeo Announcer booth, Dunkirk School House, Cooler/freezer 4-H, Mercantile Building, Open Class Beef Barn, 4-H Shower by Seewald barn, Concessions stand #1 Smile Shop, Concession stand #2 Sweet grass, 4-H Concession Booth, 4-H Ticket Booth. Toole county has received Insurance money for these repairs, they will be accepting bids for the work to be done.

President Andy Van Haur called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M 4-H Exhibit building with roll call of members: Andy Van Haur (President) Lynda Fretheim (Vice President) Board members: Linnet Doane, Blaine Suta, Cody Rohlf, Chris Vermulm, Janet Hawks, Mikayla Jordan. Ramona Kinyon (Marias Fair Manager) Megan Warner (Montana Puller Association) Adriane Good (PCEA) Kim Woodring (TCEA) Lena Tronson (Smile Shop) Terry Tomscheck (TCC) Chad Scarbrough (Youth rodeo) Lindsey Habets (website).

Cody moved, and Blaine seconded to approve the minutes from the April meeting, all voted aye, minutes approved.

Ramona reported that there was no change to the account information from the previous meeting. Megan reported they are all set for there Tractor Pull June 12, 2021. Ramona will check with the commissioners about lease agreements for facility uses. They will be able to use dumpsters for garbage Beer gardens bathrooms will be open Andy will check to see if our water truck needs repairs before the event Terry has someone to run a blade for dirt work. Megan reported they have their sponsors lined up and insurance policy.

Kim reported from 4-H they are currently raising chickens and Turkeys as part of 4-H poultry project and the kids will show them at the fair. She also reported they met with Ramona May 3rd and have their mapping for camper spaces lined out they will not be able to use Carnival spots this year. Tough Enough to wear Pink will be Saturday of the Rodeo. They will also limit vehicle parking to one per camper spot.

Terry reported the beer gardens bid will be run in the papers the weeks of May 12 and May 19.

Chad had a proposal from youth rodeo they would like to use the rodeo arena June 10th 24th July 8th July 22nd August 5th they have event insurance Janet made a motion to allow them to use the arena for a flat fee of \$500. This would exclude July 22nd as that fall during the fair Cody seconded all voted with 7 ayes and one nay, motion passed.

Chris Vermulm will check with Lew Jones to see if there is Covid money available for racetrack repair.

Andy brought a proposal from Midway west Amusements to bring a carnival to the 2021 Marias Fair. Blaine moved and Janet seconded to accept their proposal, all voted aye. Terry will have Merl Ralf look over the contract.

Andy voiced his concerns that Ramona has not gotten contracts signed for Bands, Indian Relay, Demo Derby. He also stated that he felt the job was under paid at \$12.00 an hour. After some discussion Janet moved and Linnet seconded to raise Ramona's and Merlin's wages to \$15.00. motion passed with 7 ayes and one nay. Ramona reported there is a form that has to be filled out and signed by the employee and the supervisor, than it goes to the commissioners and must be approved by them. She also stated there is a limited amount of money budgeted for employee wages.

Andy is waiting to hear back from Montana Shed Center on the rental of office building for fair. He will send out an email to everyone when they get back to him.

Ramona asked Cody if he had checked with Helen Brown about handling sponsorships for us, he said he would and report at the June meeting.

Next meeting will be June 2nd, 2021, at the 4-H exhibit building 6:00 P.M Blaine moved, and Mikayla seconded to adjourn the meeting all voted aye meeting adjourned.

Ramona Kinyon

Marias Fair Manager