

Marias Fair Meeting Minutes for October 5th 2022

The Marias Fair Board met at 6:30pm at the Toole County Ambulance Barn

Present at this meeting:

Linnet Doan (Fair Board President)

Janet Hawks (Vice President)

Andy Van Haur (Fair Board Member)

Cody Rohlf (Fair Board Member)

Blaine Suta (Fair Board Member)

Rachel Brown (Fair Board Member)

Kim Woodring (Toole County Extension)

Anna Sackerson-Hintz (Fair Board Manager)

Terry Tomscheck (Commissioner)

Mary DeStaffany (Open Class Manager)

Shiloh Neal (Guest)

John Smith (Guest JS Rodeo)

Mardi Smith (Guest JS Rodeo)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Fair President Linnet Doan. Approval of meeting September Meeting minutes was motioned by Andy, seconded by Cody, then approved by the board.

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.

Guests- John and Mardi Smith JS Rodeo: John Smith shared his overhead cost of \$11,989.56 to put on the Rodeo event and that if he accepted to renew the original contract amount at \$14,000.00 he would only be walking away with \$2010.44. The request that John and Mardi made was to add an additional \$3500.00 to the current contracted amount for a total of \$17,500.00 to help compensate for some of the additional costs that come along with inflation of recent prices of fuel, feed, and other necessary items. Some Ideas that they had for future Events and things that they have incorporated into other Rodeos included:

New specialty acts

“Fan of the night” (Giving out Merch or a prize to the biggest fan)

Bull Soccer

Borough Races

Mechanical Bull

Ranch Bronx

Incorporating Indian Relays with the Rodeo

Using Rodeotickets.com to help pre sell for events

Recommended Zach Cook for a new clown this year

Chris motioned to approve the renewed contract between Marias Fair and JS Rodeo for 3yrs at \$17,500.00. That motion was seconded by Rachel and approved as all board members were in favor.

John and Mardi plan to arrive at the Fair Grounds one day early and stay through Wednesday morning. They will require a total of 7-9 bales of hay and at least a pallet of oats for feed, and we are hoping we can get a sponsor to donate to help with the cost.

Old Business: There was discussion of the cost of propane for the exhibit building and weather it is the responsibility of the Fair Board or 4H Archery to pay the propane bill. Archery pays \$400 towards utilities per year to rent out the Exhibit building. **This subject was tabled until the next meeting.** We will bring a copy of the contract to the next meeting to clarify or readvise if needed.

Old Business continued: We had a lot of compliments about Maria Price with Brooms & Rags and the quality of her work. We would like to have her come to a meeting to discuss an ongoing cleaning contract.

New Business: Lynda Fretheim has requested via text to be removed from the Fair Board Bank accounts through the First State Bank of Shelby. The Board has agreed to remove Lynda from both the Fair Premium and Fair Rodeo acts and add Cody Rohlf will be added to both accounts as a signer to replace Lynda.

Cody blocked off the far entrance to the Fair Grounds and we locked the gate near the Grandstands per request of Shannon McAllister and the Chamber of commerce who have a lot of equipment inside the barns to prepare for the upcoming Haunted Fair Grounds. They will be open to the public the last two weekends of October from 6:30pm-12am Friday-Sunday.

We would like to come up with a new type of Chute sign that would be available for our Sponsors to purchase and can be used year after year. Until the Sponsor benefits have been decided, Searching for Sponsors and this topic has been **tabled until the next meeting**.

So we can all be in better communication, Chris will start a new text chain with all board members/manager/commissioner due to a few people being missed on the last group chat.

Mary our Open class manager reported that this year we had a total of 125 participants and paid out \$3810.00 in premium checks. She mentioned that there were some people that did not follow the rules but that they will tighten things up for next year.

Commissioner Report: Terry stated that the County is still looking into stand-alone insurance for Motorsports. We understand that there are a lot of people that would still prefer to attend motor sport events during fair week and are actively looking into options. **Tabled until next meeting.**

Terry will look into CHS and when the next round of money will be available for use and improvements.

4H Report: Kim informed us that MSU is welcoming two new hires. In Pondera County they have hired an Ag agent and in Glacier County they hired a Family consumer science agent. Archery starts at the Fair Grounds Exhibit building November 2nd, 2022 and the adults and children will maintain restrooms while utilizing the building.

Fair Manager Report: The High school Rodeo went very well and they left the Fair grounds in great shape after the event.

Joe Hemmer winterized and turned off the water at the Fair Grounds after our last event. We currently have running water in the new 4H restrooms and outside of the Seewald barn. We decided to turn off the water at the race horse barns as well just to be safe.

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Cody used the skid steer to help me move the picnic table donated by the county into the field behind the 4H barns. Because they untreated wood and some had already started bowing, I am working on a project to paint and seal the tables then store them under the 4H food booth awning to help protect them over the winter.

I am also working on the County Reimbursement and total cost of Fair report.

We received the payment from the Beer Garden Bid from the Elks and was able to deposit that into the County account. Niki apologized for the delay in payment.

2023 Fair/Rodeo: Andy Spoke with Anthony Carlson who puts on our Indian Relay and they are ok with IR following the Rodeo Thur and Fri night if we decide to do that.

Also new contract amount for Indian relay was requested at \$17000.00 (\$10k prize money and \$7k admin fees) More prize money can be given depending on how many teams sign up. Total budget for Indian Relay is to cap out at \$27k. Rachel motioned to approve, Blaine seconded and motion was passed by the board.

Cody stated we may be able to use Glacier County Sheriffs as well to come help during Indian Relay days. We will talk to the new Toole County Sheriff in January.

Mikayla Garcia resigned from her position on the board. Shiloh came to the meeting to express her interest in covering for the rest of Mikayla's term which is 1yr. Shiloh resides in Shelby Mt as required. Cody motioned to approve and Rachel seconded. All were in favor and motion was passed to add Shiloh Neal as a Board Member.

Chris motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:28pm Blaine seconded and meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on November 2nd 2022 at 6:30pm at the Toole County Ambulance Barn.

Respectively,

Anna Hintz