

Marias Fair Meeting Minutes for September 7th, 2022

The Marias Fair Board met at 6:30pm at the Fair Grounds Office

Present at this meeting:

Linnet Doan (Fair Board President)

Lynda Fretheim (Fair Board Member)

Andy Van Haur (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)

Lena Tronson (Vendor/Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Fair President Linnet Doan. Approval of meeting July Meeting minutes with corrections was motioned by Linda, seconded by Andy, and 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.

Old Business: After discussion from the board and a vote it was decided to renew our contract with Smith Rodeo. Blaine motioned to renew for original contract amount of \$14,000, Andy seconded and the vote was passed by the board. Anna will contact John and inform him of the Boards decision. Among other ideas it was brought up to incorporate Indian Relay with the Rodeo. We would like the County to look into a stand-alone policy that will allow us to add motorsports to our Fair events. If we are unable to do a motor sport event on Sunday, we may need to switch some things up.

Commissioner Report: Terry reported that Terry Kimmet was appointed to run for Commissioner by the Republican Committee.

4H Report: Kim Woodring announced that 4H had record breaking sales this year even though they had less animals than usual. Overall 4H had another great year! She presented bills for the Rabbit/Beef/Chicken judges as 4H and Marias Fair Board split that cost. Archery will begin in Late October/early November.

Fair Manager Report: Anna reported that things went very well for her first year as Fair Board Manager. She suggested that we purchase our own bouncy houses instead of renting yearly to save money and it will be something that we have to look into insurance cost and availability before we can make a decision.

New Business/2022 Fair/Rodeo:

In a review of the 2022 Fair, it was noted that there were a lot of people parking out at the race horse barns and walking through the back for free. We became aware of it this year during our first event and TCSO was able to help control unpaid entry for the events following. In preparation for the 2023 Fair we have an option to extend the side fence by the Jockey bathrooms to add extra security and that positioning will still allow the Jockeys access during performances. It would be helpful to continue the added security at the ticket booth and back gate as well.

The Rodeo crew requested to have the speakers moved to the west of the bucking chutes.

Linnet Doan stated that she is retiring from the Board and currently looking for a new Toole County Member.

Andy will winterize the water truck for winter and store in barn after the upcoming High School Rodeo.

The discussion of free event tickets was **tabled until the next meeting.**

2023 Fair will be the 19th-23rd of July

New Business/2022 Fair/Rodeo continued:

The Haunted fairgrounds put on by the Chamber of Commerce will be the last two weeks of October, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. 20th -22nd and 28th -30th.

Rachel motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:45pm Andy seconded and meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on October 5th 2022 at 6:30pm at the Toole County Ambulance Barn.

Respectively,

Anna Hintz