

Marias Fair Board Meeting - April 7, 2021

Marias Fair Board met 6:00 P.M April 7, 2021 for their regular meeting at the Toole County Ambulance shed. Present at the meeting Andy Van Haur (President) Lynda Fretheim (Vice President) Board members: Linnet Doane, Rachel Brown, Blaine Suta, Cody Rahlf, Mikayla Jordan, Chris Vermulm, Janet Hawks. Ramona Kinyon (Fair Manager) Lindsey Habets (Website/zoom meeting) Guests from the Marias Museum board: Larry Munson, Tracy Dumas, Anne Wiens, Also present Julia Arnold (Open Class) Kim Woodring (TCEA) Adriane Good (PCEA) Terry Tomscheck (TCC) Lena Lronson (Guest) Emily Kinyon (Guest Via zoom)

President Andy Van Haur called the meeting to order with the reading of the minutes and treasurers report, Janet moved and Blaine seconded to approve these all voted aye. The meeting started off with a report from Larry Munson and the Marias Museum board: the bid to repair the roof came in at \$15,000. They did not get the grant they put in for and felt they could not afford the repairs without any extra funding. They would like the fair board to take over owner ship of the building and pay for repairs Andy suggested that we table this and let them know at the next fair board meeting, which is May 5, everyone agreed. Andy and Terry will check with the counties insurance to see if because of all the high winds causing damage to buildings at the fairgrounds we maybe able to turn in a claim.

Kim and Adriane reported from 4-H they will have a small animal workshop April 17, Horse Project day May 15, Livestock judging May 16. They also stated that 4-H was purchasing a bench in Honor of Reta Rae for all her many years of Leadership and service. Heather is busy getting bids and making plans for her sidewalk project. Will Tough Enough to were pink be Saturday or Friday it was decided if we do not have Fireworks, we could have it Saturday. Adriane stated that 4-H parents are terribly upset about fair board letting renters stall horses and the county getting the money when 4-H is the ones who fix and maintain the stalls. Ramona said it is very hard to tell people where they can and can't overnight their horses, she tells them to use the race barns or rodeo pens but without someone being there 24/7 it's hard to monitor. Also, it is not true that the county does not maintain stuff they pay electric water propane ect. Kim also was concerned that they county rents the Seewalt building to store campers as she felt 4-H would use the building for stuff in the winter and spring if they were not in it. Ramona stated that this was an agreement made along time ago when they upgraded the exhibit building for shooting sports the county pays for all the heat and electric and in return gets to rent the Seewalt building October-May. Kim and Adriane also stated they are planning offering the 4-H sale online as well as the Live Auction this year. Terry reported MRE is going to put a meter on the shooting sports building the fair grounds still has high electric use.

Third and final by-law change was signed by Andy Lynda and Ramona and given to Terry to take to the commissioners. Cody reported that Lumber is to expensive at this time so the news fair office will be held off on till a later date Andy will check into renting a trailer for the month of July to use as an office space.

Julia Arnold reported that she had a potential new Open class manager, but this fell through she needs help with lining up judges and help during the fair including building monitors. She would like to see open class continue but is ready to step aside and let someone take over her role. Janet made a motion to except Rachel Brown as the new At-Large member on fair board and Mikayla Jordan as a Toole county representative Cody seconded Motion passed. Blaine will order the free-standing panels from Western Ranch and have them delivered to the fair grounds. The money for these will be taken out of the capital improvement funds. Lindsey Habets brought her proposal for webpage services from May 2021- April 2022. Janet moved and Blaine seconded to hire her for another year motion passed. Blaine moved and Chris seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye next meeting will be May 5, 2021 at the 4-H exhibit building at the fairgrounds we will meet at 5:30 at the fair grounds to do a walk around and see what improvements need to be made.

Ramona Kinyon

Marias Fair Manager