

Marias Fair Board
March 01, 2023 Meeting
Ambulance Barn 6:30 PM

Attendee's present:

Rachel Brown-President

Blaine Suta-Vice President

Janet Hawks

Cody Rohlf

Andy VanHaur

Miranda Dupree

Lena Tronson

Shiloh Neal

Erin Fenger

Terry Tomsheck- Commissioner

Guest Attendees: Mary Destaffany (Open Class), Kim Woodring (Toole County Extension),
Lindsey Habets (Website and Social Media).

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Rachel Brown

No public comment

Review and approval of February minutes with minor spelling changes of Erin Fenger's name
Andy VanHaur's name, and the changing of wording for Lindsey's contract.

- Andy VanHaur motioned to approve the February minutes before changes
 - Cody Rohlf 2nd the motion

After changes were agreed upon

- Blaine Suta motioned to approve new changes to February minutes
 - Shiloh Neal 2nd the motion

Treasure's Report: Presented by Terry Tomsheck

A list of monthly expenses was listed such as phone, propane, water, and misc.

A note was made to ask about the misc. expenses due to no receipts-tabled for April Meeting

2 checks were provided for the rodeo account from sponsorships and were to be deposited.

- Cody Rohlf motioned to accept Treasure's report
 - Andy VanHaur 2nd the motion

4-H Report: Presented by Kim Woodring

There was no new report

Wanted to know where commissioners were at with internet for the fairgrounds and buildings from February meeting. Work is still being done and will be discussed at later meetings.

Old business:

Motorsports: No guests were present to represent the motorsports, discussion on payouts, details, and new information is tabled until April meeting.

Public Comment Session- Shiloh secured a place and time (Shelby High School in the auditorium at 6 pm on March 21, 2023) with board members needing to be there by 5:30 pm to help set up. Discussion of how session will be conducted and agenda ideas.

Bands- Bands are in place for Thursday and Friday evenings of fair are scheduled and agreed on, Janet Hawk's potential band for Saturday night is being discussed as they had scheduling conflicts come up-tabled until April meeting. Interest in a trailer made for bands located in Great Falls was brought up as potential rental tabled until April meeting.

Sponsorships- Shiloh has spoken with Boot Barn and they expressed interest in a sponsorship, but are currently undecided due to budgets. Logan Health has paid for overdue balance from 2022 fair sponsorship position and paid for a 2023 position. Copies of the sponsorship letters will be given to board members to help pass out and send off will be given at the March 21 Public Comment Session.

New Business:

Applications for Fair Manager Position: Job has been posted and has so far received 1 application. The position will continue receiving applications until it is filled. Tabled until April meeting.

Cowboy Church- Janet Hawks proposed the idea of Cowboy Church for the Sunday of fair and will bring logistics to next meeting. Tabled until April meeting.

New Business Continued:

July 4th Fights: Fair board expressed interest in need for security, event insurance, etc... discussion for inviting the planning boards of the fights to fair board meetings has been purposed.

Contracts for Fair Ground Rentals: Need to be updated for parties greater than 200 people. Tabled until April meeting

Circus: Contract pricing for Circus doesn't apply due to grandfathered in, donations would be appreciated but not required, cleaning crew will have grounds prepped before and circus will have cleanup following event.

Cleaning Crews: Contracted to clean for the March 24 sale, circus, and any new events. Tabled until April meeting

Locks- Locks will need to be changed for offices, grandstand, and any other buildings fair board deems required.

- Keys will be provided to necessary staff or crews only
- Janet motioned for lock changes
- Shiloh 2nd motion

Lindsey's Contract: Website, social media, news, commercials, etc..., the website will have 13 pages which includes fair and 4-H information, old things will be taken off of the website and will be a continual work in progress, Lindsey went over her hours (95 total), Facebook expectations- heavy posting starting May-July, is stepping away from ticket giveaways and wants someone to take over it, is willing to create Facebook posts if given proper materials, in idol months she is willing to do creative writing pieces for extra \$, will do photos at discretion, will continue to handle print media and commercials, her annual contract price has gone up as well, will propose official contract at April meeting.

Commissioners Report- Beer gardens has no official bids, food booth needs to be posted, petty cash has been discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm

- Miranda Dupree made the motion to adjourn the meeting
 - Andy VanHaur 2nd the motion