



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2019

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on February 21, 2018, and came to order at 6:20 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Bill Holden (Vice-Chairman), Heather Puckett (Fair Board), Jake Barnosky (Fair Board), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), Nancy Antonioli (4H), and Commissioner Dan Allhands. Dana took minutes.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** Nancy advised that the bathrooms at the baseball field during fair were a horrible mess and she was upset that 4H/fairgoers would leave such a mess. She suggested that the bathrooms should be locked if they are that dirty. The fairgrounds staff should not be responsible to clean them. Bill commented that the baseball park is not our responsibility anyway. Commissioner Allhands advised that there are a couple board positions open in the Twin Bridges area for the Planning Board and Weed Board if anyone is interested.
- 2. Communications:** A memo regarding the repair of the arena speaker was passed around. Heather entered meeting at 6:30 pm. Further discussion was there needs to be specific instructions on how to use sound system and only one person should be messing with it. Possibly should request a deposit for sound system.
- 3. Minutes:** Bill moved to approve the January 17, 2019 minutes with no corrections. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- 4. Budget/Bills:** Cash is \$110,550. The gravel hauled to arena was paid for now since it is in this budget year.
- 5. New Indoor Arena:** Heather asked if the Board had ever received the monthly maintenance/operational fee estimate from engineers to look at if there was a new building built. Dana will ask Jani.
- 6. Bylaws:** The county attorney reviewed the bylaws and approved them for the Board. Heather moved to approve the bylaws as written and send a recommendation to the commissioners to adopt the bylaws. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- 7. Safety Report:** Most of the issues on the safety inspection have been resolved. We are on the schedule with the electrician to perform the rest of the maintenance in the report.
- 8. Reports**
 - 4-H:** Stan resigned as President and Stacy Croy has taken over. Stacy donated a big cooler for 4H building.
 - FFA:** The Sheridan FFA will be doing the tractor pull at the fair.
 - Livestock Committee:** None.

Fair Board Report: None.

Fair Manager Report: Dana presented the picture drawn by Rob Holden for the fair book cover. Sr. Pro Rodeo was discussed. There is a new Sr. Pro association which is requiring a full rodeo with rough stock. It appears the other towns in Montana who are hosting Sr. Pro Rodeos will be going with the new association. Financially, it would not be cost effective to host a full rodeo since there are not many rough stock riders in the Sr. Pro Association and we would have to pay for rough stock whether or not any rough stock riders entered and/or showed up. If we went with old Sr. Pro Association and hosted a timed event only rodeo, we probably would not draw many contestants since there would only be one weekend of rodeos under the old association. The consensus of the board is to not host a Sr. Pro Rodeo this year. Dana is working with Bonnie to fill out Authorization forms to fill groundskeeper positions for the summer. We have inquired with the U.S. Army to see if there is a chance that the U.S. Army's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard from Fort Riley, Kansas would be available to make an appearance at the fair. They would perform pre rodeo all three nights of rodeo and present the colors. This will be a big honor since the Color Guard has never been to Montana. Further discussion was that if the Color Guard comes to fair, Dana has talked to Sherrie High and explained that the Ramblin Rose Drill Team may not get to perform this year. She will let the Drill Team know. There is some frost pushing up the beams in the beef breeding barn. Dana and Bob have met with Bill and Commissioner Nye and Bob is working on fixing the beams. Dana discussed some of the new ideas in the open class building she is working on along with new categories in open class animal classes. Heather asked about an open class sheep show. She will put together a list of categories for the specialties in that show for the fair book.

9. Waterline: The new waterline has a break by the meter pit. The water has been shut off on the town's side. The contractor will be over to dig up area to determine what is broken when the weather breaks.

10. Fair:

- a. 2020 Fair Dates: (August 5-9 or August 12-16): Tabled to March meeting.
- b. Miscellaneous: The fair will close at 11:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson