



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2019

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on March 21, 2019, and came to order at 6:00 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Bill Holden (Vice-Chairman), Heather Puckett (Fair Board), Jake Barnosky (Fair Board), Jimilea Grose (Secretary), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), Kaleena Miller (MSU Extension), Kenna Millhouse (FFA), Lyndee Fogel (Ramblin Rose Drill Team), Rich Lewis and Van Puckett. Jimilea took minutes.

6:00: Pledges of Allegiance

6:15: Ramblin Rose Drill Team Sponsorship: Representing the Ramblin Rose Drill Team was Lyndee Fogel asking the Madison County Fair Board to be a sponsor. There was a discussion about how much the cost was and what the money would be used for. The Board requested to be a flag sponsor if there is a spot available. Tom moved to approve a \$250 sponsorship and Heather seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Rich Lewis entered the meeting at 6:07 pm.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** None.
- 2. Communications:** None.
- 3. Minutes:** Heather moved to approve the February 21, 2019, minutes with no corrections. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- 4. Budget/Bills:** Cash is \$108,902.77. Tom moved to pay the monthly bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The bill for LED lights was discussed and all the barns lights have been changed to LED.
- 5. New Indoor Arena:** An email was passed around to read from Jani Flinn (Grant Writer) stating that the Tourism Grant was not submitted and advised Dana to ask other facilities in Montana about the cost of upkeep on a new building. Rich Lewis stated that the idea of building a new building on the fairgrounds is ludicrous and he is concerned about increases in taxes if a new building is built. He advised this project should go to all voters of Madison County, not just fairgoers, to get input before a project to build a new building is approved. Heather informed Rich that the new building project is not a go. The Board thanked Rich for coming to the meeting and his input was important. Rich left at 7:00 pm. There was a discussion about improving the existing hog barn to accommodate the increase in the number of hogs. Kaleena Miller from the Extension Office informed the board there are approximately 155 hogs this year. That number is just an estimate because the final numbers are not in. Bill suggested that the name, "New Arena Project" be changed to the "Fairground Improvement Projects". There will be a special meeting on March 27, 2019 to look at the hog barn facility and to form a plan for possible expansion.

6. **Bylaws:** The bylaws were reviewed with the changes from the commissioners. Dana will send the changes up to the Commissioners.
7. **Summer Employees:** The new crew assistant job position was reviewed. Tom moved to accept the new crew assistant job description. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Grounds Keeper/Crew Assistant classification was discussed. Heather moved to keep the Grounds Keeper/Crew Assistant positions as short term. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

8. Reports

4-H: Kaleena Miller, Extension Agent informed that they are in the process of hiring a new 4H Agent. There was a discussion about who is responsible for taking care of the open class animals (i.e. chickens and rabbits) if they are placed in the barn before the Superintendents arrive. It is the owner's responsibility to make sure their animals are watered and fed. There needs to be contact information placed on the cage if there is a problem.

FFA: Kenna Millhouse talked about obtaining a School Farm Grant. There were eight members from Twin Bridges who received their State Degrees. Kenna left the meeting at 7:35 pm

Livestock Committee: None.

Fair Board Report: Heather presented the fair board with a map outlining camping for the fair. Last year there were 100 camping spots. She now has 120 spots, approximately 20' x 40'. One camper and as many tents and a vehicle have to fit in the area.

Fair Manager Report: Dana reported on the wristbands that will be sold during the Fair for the rides. Dana discussed the application of mag chloride of whether or not the Board wanted to reapply it this year. The consensus of the Fair Board was that the mag chloride works well and to have it applied again. Dana shared with the Fair Board that the ad revenue was approximately \$7,650.00 and the arena sign revenue was approximately \$5,265.00.

9. Waterline: No action

10. Fair:

- a. The 2020 Fair Dates were discussed. Heather moved to set the 2020 dates as August 12-16. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed.
- b. Miscellaneous: Heather will be working on an open class sheep display and will get the information for the fair book back to us. Chad is talking to Ken Overcast and will get back to Board on whether he can entertain and/or have a church service at the fair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson