

Monday, January 22, 2024

PRESENT: Matt Plaisted, Chairman, Wendy Wagner, Eddie Coulter, Justin Koenigsfeld, Derrick DeHaan, Fair Board Members, Jennefer Wheeler Fairgrounds Manager

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Lane Straub

6:30PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Matt Plaisted called the meeting to order.

6:31PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Justin Koenigsfeld motioned to approve the January 22, 2024, Fair Board Agenda. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:31 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Eddie Coulter motioned to approve the December 18, 2023, minutes. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:32 PM MANAGERS REPORT

Jennefer gave the Board the past and present happenings at the Fairgrounds. The light pole is a bit more. There are broken wires also. I also asked them for the bigger light like Commission had asked. Commission is in loop and we will go from there. TetonRidge/The American Rodeo person called and I put information in your folders on this. They looked at our daysheets from our Rodeo and such and were wondering if we would be interested in hosting an event here. Eddie Coulter stated he didn't feel that we could pull off 2 big rodeos so close together. The rest of the Board said they would agree with Eddie. Jennefer will let them know that we don't have the manpower to do so. Circuit Finals was cold. But it went well. We were 1 off 11 that sponsored the Hospitality Room. We again won Large Rodeo of the year. A couple of the contestants spoke about what makes them want to enter rodeos. Baker's name was brought up in most all of the top reasons why. Commission has asked for our recommendations on we want the Bidder to do to remove the old Exhibit Hall. Jennefer will email them all the points we discussed. Also, they are wondering how we felt about the trucks parking. Eddie said that it's been a discussion since he started on the Board. He doesn't feel it's that bad as most all of them move if we have events. Matt talked that if we put up signs are we going to cause more parking. Everyone agreed that it's ok as long as it's not long term. No one felt signs would help or wanted to post them.

6:37 PM EXTENSION REPORT

No one from 4H or Extension appeared for report updates.

6:37 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennefer asked Lane Straub-Straub Heating to come and explain the heat questions and quotes he had made for the Barn. Lane explained the difference between Radiant Heat and Unit Heaters. The radiant ones would cause the rain shower effect and more humidity and there is nothing for them to warm. The Unit heaters would heat around 60ft area. Wendy asked if you add fans would it move heat around more. Lane suggested we find out what the pressure of our gas line is from MDU coming into the barn. Would need to be high pressure piping. Then you could put units around and you will still have some areas that are not warm but it would warm it up more. More discussion and questions were asked and Lane Straub left the meeting.

6:54 PM OLD BUSINESS

6:54PM WINTER EVENT-BULLRIDING FINALS

Eddie said that he talked to Shane and may be better to do the event in October or November. Derrick DeHaan said that he felt we would get better attendance with Broncs. Eddie said not in the barn as it's too narrow and they come out and hit the walls and quit bucking. The Board had heard great things about the Bulls and think it does take time to build on these. Everyone agreed it was a hard weekend but is there going to be a "good" weekend. We have lots of time to think about if we want to host it again.

7:00 PM BY LAWS

Jennefer will resend them to everyone to look over and we can discuss at the next meeting. Justin Koenigsfeld he still has his copy.

7:00 PM 2024 FAIR

Looked over the bid on Freestage Act. Wendy asked about the plushies again also they have another Fair named on the quote and Jennefer will call them and talk to them about the contract. We will put the Purse on the next Agenda.

7:08 PM NEW BUSINESS

FEBRUARY EVENT

Bar/Food Bids-No bids came back. Jennefer will call Wayne about the food part. Wendy will talk to a couple of the bars and Matt will talk to another. Jennefer asked if we were good to do the Silent Auction of the Wooden Carvings from Fair. Matt said he will help bring them up. Also, we will need these floor monitors for his act. Josh Lewis in IT looked up what would be compatible and reasonable for pricing.

Ticket Prices for Event-\$35/person and \$50 for a couple is what we did last time.

Eddie Coulter motioned to approve to have Josh Lewis IT buy the monitors for the Event and the ticket prices. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Matt asked if there was anything else we needed to discuss. Matt asked for a motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 20, 2024, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office

7:21 PM Justin Koenigsfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

ADJOURN:
s/ Matt Plaisted, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager