

Sanders County Fair Commission
Special Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the fair office by Chairman Glen Magera. Commission members present were Chris McGuigan, Bruce Icenogge and Lynn Lanzoni. Roberta Smith participated by telephone conference. Fair Manager Mike Hashisaki and Fair Secretary Ruth Hamilton also were present. Guests were Karen Dwyer and Kathy Miller representing the Relay for Life committee.

There was only one item on the agenda, Relay for Life.

Glen opened the meeting stating the Fair Commission felt it was necessary to meet one-on-one to iron out difficulties which occurred at last year's Relay. Additionally, he stated that the Montana First Church of God council was not going to relinquish their reserved dates for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Mike stated Megan Blood had reserved the fairgrounds for the Relay for the first weekend in August, 2011.

Kathy asked what dates were open this calendar year in July and August. Mike responded that July was full: there was the 4th of July weekend motocross fun races; the Robbins family reunion on July 11, 12 and 13; the HCMA sponsored motocross races on July 19 and 20 as well as the "Women of the Outdoors" event on July 19; and, the King fundraiser on July 26. In July and August, the Church of God has reserved the grounds from July 28 through August 3. The only date available in August for the Relay would be August 8 and 9 as following that, the grounds are closed for two weeks in preparation for the annual fair.

Glen asked Kathy if she wanted to go over the 7 items from Mike's point paper he had developed during last year's Relay. She agreed.

After considerable discussion and comments from all parties, the Fair Commission decided the following requirements must be met by the Relay for Life committee concerning use of the fairgrounds.

- 1) Except for during the actual Relay, the fire lane will remain open and accessible. This ensures customers who are interested in purchasing event tickets for the annual fair will have access to the fair office during normal business hours.
- 2) Amplified sound will be decreased at midnight, as well as loud and boisterous activities, so that if you were walking on the county road around the fairgrounds, you would not be able to hear either the Relay's sound system or associated activities.
- 3) Vehicular traffic is permitted only on the paved driveways. The Relay team will appoint a parking committee to ensure that campers, RVs and trailers used by Relay participants and parked on the grass midways, are

- parked in such a way as to not damage septic and water system. All other motorized vehicles will be parked in the parking lot north of the pavilion.
- 4) All set-up activities will be required to off-load their supplies on the paved drive ways and then use hand carts or “gator-like” vehicles to transport the supplies to the various areas on the fairgrounds.
 - 5) Clean-up activities are under the same restrictions as enumerated in #3 and #4 above.
 - 6) The cost of repairing damages to the fairgrounds infrastructure which occur due to the Relay activities are the responsibility of the Relay For Life Committee.
 - 7) The Relay committee will adhere to all the rules and regulations governing the use of the fairgrounds as promulgated by the Fair Commission. The Fair Manager is charged with enforcing those rules and regulations. He will act directly with the Relay Committee Chairman to ensure the rules and regulations are followed.
 - 8) The Relay chairman will meet with fair management prior to the event to brief management on what is planned during the event.

Kathy requested the Fair Commission adapt their rental agreement document to reflect the above points and provide her a copy of that agreement as soon as possible as she must get permission from the Relay for Life committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved: _____ Date: _____