

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 6:03 pm by Randy Woods

Present: Randy Woods, Jim Newman, Kim McMahon, Brian Crain, Ted Forkum, Melissa Cady

Also Present: Hailey Coe, Juli Thurston, Ed Moreth

Approval of September 14, 2022 meeting minutes – Motion made by Kim, seconded by Ted 5-0 pass

NON-AGENDA:

Randy Woods asked for public participation in Non-Agenda items. Karen Dwyer emailed a list of suggestions mainly pertaining to the Open Class Competition; a copy was given to the board members, Melissa, and Hailey. Kim also mentioned a few recommendations that she has heard from people including a water bottle fill station and a cigarette butt dispenser in the smoking section. Judy Triboulet also sent a letter with suggestions to improve the Arts, Crafts, & Photography side of the home ec barn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Melissa has been looking into being a jacket sponsor for the Montana Circuit Finals; the jackets would go to the bull riders performing. For \$900 we would sponsor six jackets for event winners and receive two tickets to one performance; for \$1800 we would sponsor twelve jackets and receive two tickets to all three nights of rodeo performances. Randy and Melissa both mentioned that at last year's Circuit Finals the announcer mentioned the Sanders County Fair a ton and that this will just get our name out there to the riders even more.

Kim moved to approve sponsorship of 12 jackets at the Montana Circuit Finals for \$1800; seconded by Ted 5-0 pass

The board did a brief fair recap. Even with paying the promoters and the raised purses, overall profit was up almost \$50,000 from last year's.

Juli Thurston gave the 4H report. The livestock committee likes the idea of switching their free rodeo tickets to Thursday night; the only issue is the swine kids, so maybe they can go Friday and the other kids go Thursday. They would like to see about the possibility of doing a "Parade of Champions" during the Saturday night rodeo; Randy said it might be possible to do before the performance but we would have to talk to the stock contractor because of the 2 hour time limit that PRCA has in place. Juli mentioned that they would like to replace the wooden bleachers with a cement slab and metal bleachers. They have been getting bids for replacing the tin on the swine barns. The sinks in the girls 4H bathroom need to be replaced and the faucets don't work very well.

Melissa Cady gave the fair manager's report. We should be included in the 100 Days of Rodeo next year on the Cowboy Channel. They have already signed for next year and so has Cinch. The sand has been delivered and she's been working the arena. The black widow needs new teeth ordered. Melissa and Hailey had a zoom meeting with a potential new ticketing service called Rodeo Tickets/Stride; they have a bunch of included marketing tools and are almost the same price as 168tickets. Melissa is going to reach out to the fair foundation to see about getting new on demand hot water heaters in the middle concessions.

Brian moved to approve the claims, seconded by Kim 5-0 pass

Kim moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Brian 5-0 pass

Kim moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm, seconded by Jim 5-0 pass