

Sanders County Fair Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2021  
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 7:03 pm by Randy Woods

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

Also Present: Hailey Coe, Ed Moreth, Ron Warren, Deb Warren

**Approval of June 16, 2021 meeting minutes – Motion made by Ted, Seconded by Brian 5-0 pass**

**NON-AGENDA:**

Randy asked for public participation in Non-Agenda items. There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Juli Thurston gave the 4H report via phone. The horse show will be happening on Thursday of fair. There are 8-10 kids that will be showing so there will be horses in the barn during fair time.

Kim spoke with the Board of Health and they reviewed the “Infectious Disease Plan” last Tuesday. Jennifer Eckberg, the commissioner’s assistant, said that in regards to limiting the seating in the grandstands the answer is no, fill it up. We need to have a point of contact that can notify the appropriate personnel if any sort of infectious-disease related incident were to take place. Under the screening section it states that workers with confirmed Covid19 infection, known exposure, Covid19 symptoms, etc. “should not” participate in the fair; Shawn Sorenson said that we should not be giving them an option, so that needs to be changed to “will not”.

Randy mentioned that if people are feeling any sort of sickness they should not be participating, it should not be limited to just Covid19 related illness. The plexiglass has been ordered but is on backorder, if it doesn’t get here in time we at least have the lattice hung up.

Top Dawg Arena Cross wants to put on a motocross event the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August. It would be the same sort of deal as the monster trucks with us securing the food vendors and receiving 20% of their profit and Top Dawg paying a flat fee to rent out the arena for the weekend. Ted asked if they will return the arena to the same condition that it is in now, Melissa reassured him that they will or else their \$3000 deposit will not be returned. She spoke to Mark at the Kalispell fairgrounds and he said that they did a good job cleaning the arena back up. They want to sign a five year lease; the board needs more time to think about the logistics and all of the details that need to get sorted out to make that happen.

Randy discussed some details about the demolition derby. The drivers will be coming in early and to keep them separated from the rodeo crew, they will be camping in the south field until Sunday morning and then they can move over to the pit area.

Melissa Cady gave the fair manager's report. Montana Rail Link is considering donating some Eco blocks for the demolition derby. Tim and Tyler did a walk through and they need ten 50 gallon barrels to put their safety lights on for the derby. They would also like to use Stirrin' Dirts radios for their safety crew which will be \$200; she gave them the okay on that. There are several people doing projects on the grounds for their community service hours. The Scandinavian Baking Company will be coming for the fair but they need a stove put in to the long concessions. The marines cannot come, so Melissa reached out to a couple of other nonprofits to potentially fill the burger booth. She reached out to Tom Feller at Justin Boots to see if we can use their mutton busting gear. Mission Valley Security should be coming within the next week to put cameras in facing the fair office and the dumpster. Melissa will be going to Ronan Motors next week to take Kelly and her husband to lunch to retrieve their sponsorship money.

Randy and Melissa had a fair budget meeting with the county commissioners to get everything settled before fair.

**Kim motioned to approve the claims, seconded by Jim 5-0 pass**

**Kim motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Jim 5-0 pass**

**Kim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Jim 5-0 pass**