

Sanders County Fair Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2023  
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Call to Order 6:00 p.m. by Randy Woods

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

Absent: Kim McMahon

Also present: Ed Moreth, John Holland, Dan Rowan

**Approval of Minutes from November Meeting** – motion made by Brian - seconded by Jim to approve the minutes 3-0 pass.

Randy Woods called for public comments on non-agenda items- No public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Blackfoot internet – Board approved to return to Blackfoot for telephone and internet. Board discussed this as the County uses Blackfoot and that it would be beneficial for the fair to return to them as it is hard wired to the office and we will have fiber eventually. Brian moved to approve and Jim second – passed.
- B. Circuit Finals – Randy and Melissa are headed to Great Falls for the finals. Board has sponsored the hospitality room, as well as jackets for the bull riders. There is a meet and greet on Friday for all the Montana rodeo committees that Melissa will attend, as Randy cannot be there until later that evening. Melissa will be meeting with the president and treasurer for the MT Circuit and discuss promoting Plains Rodeo and helping other committees.
- C. Battle of the Scholars sponsorship. Powder River has asked that we sponsor this school for upcoming saddle bronc and bareback riders. The sponsorship is \$500 and John will promote our rodeo to the upcoming riders. Brian moved to approve this sponsorship and Ted 2<sup>nd</sup> – passed unanimously.
- D. Fair Credit card limit raised year around. The fair credit card needs to be raised to 4K all year and 6K during fair. The fair is finding more and more business that require payment at time of services versus waiting for a claim form. Board has requested the limit be set at \$4k and bumped to \$6K during fair. Jim moved to approve increasing the credit card limit and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian – motioned passed.
- E. Officer Elections will be scheduled for the March meeting.
- F. 4H report – Juli was absent and did not call in for this meeting.
- G. Fair Manager's report – many of the sponsors have signed renewed contracts. Looks like Whitefish Credit Union will be a new sponsor this year as well. Also have Murdoch's, Boot Barn and Epic Steel on the list as potential new sponsors. Since the credit card is maxed and leaving for Circuit Finals Tony will pay for the room on his credit card for the two rooms we have reserved. We have been asked by several rodeos to attend their rodeos and help including Vernal, UT, Newport, WA, Reno Rodeo and Pendleton Roundup. We have already committed to helping in Newport, WA. Board will need to determine which we will be attending. Melissa believes several in Montana would be beneficial including Red Lodge, Augusta, Wolf Point and Helena. Contracts are also in the works to go out but taking a bit

longer without an admin at this time. As soon as internet is up and running we will scan the seating chart to our new ticketing company. Demo contract is ready to send to Tim with the only change of moving some bleachers in front of the timed event chutes for the drivers and pit crew. The bleachers will only be available for individuals 18 years or older. We will do a multiyear contract this year with Tim. Tech will be Sunday per Tim. Fairground is booked for June 2-3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 with RSC Racecraft again and July 14-16<sup>th</sup> 2023 with Monster Trucks with Ricky and Vicki. Waiting to hear from Top Dawg in regards to motocross. In regards to motocross their fee will be increased to \$4500 to include camping and we will not be present to help unless they pay extra. This alleviates attempting to collect camping fees from their riders so they can keep their camping fees and just pay the fair a lump sum to compensate for the campers.

#### **FINANCIALS**

- A. Claims motion to approve by Brian and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted.
- B. Review of the financial report – approved Brian and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim

ADJOURNMENT 7:33 adjourn Randy motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian

*Melissa Cady*

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