

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 7:00 pm by Randy Woods

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

Also Present: Hailey Coe, Don Burrell, Karen Dwyer, Juli Thurston

Approval of July 21, 2021 meeting minutes and August 20, 2021 emergency meeting minutes – Motion made by Kim, Seconded by Jim 4-0 pass

NON-AGENDA:

Randy Woods asked for public participation in Non-Agenda items. Don Burrell asked where they can park the food club reefer, Melissa told him they can put it on the inside of the fence where Charlie Grey's longhorns used to be. Katie needs a parking spot, Randy said she can have his spot along the fence by the pavilion.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed job designations for during fair. Ted will take over mutton busting and is willing to help with anything else in the arena, Kim will be the 4H contact, Randy will be the demo/carnival contact, Melissa will be the rodeo/carnival contact, Jim will be the open class/commercial vendor contact, and Brian will be the food vendor contact. The board will have meetings at 8:30 every morning to discuss and make sure everything is running smoothly.

Kim finalized the infectious disease plan based on the comments received. She put together a task list which includes appointing a point of contact if people have concerns; it will be the fair office number, Hailey will filter the concerns and pass them along to Randy or Melissa. Kim has a number of signs that need to be made up to help remind people to do their best to social distance, wash their hands, etc.

There will be a jersey rail in place in an attempt to keep people from driving through the 4H camping area and Kim will be given a key to that gate during fair.

The demo drivers will be camping in the south field; the county put in a gate so they can go straight from that field into the teching area. The fire department is limited to crew members only as a part of the safety team, they cannot bring their families into the pit area as a safety precaution. Tim and Tyler will be here Thursday; Johnny and the Stirrin' Dirt team will be arriving Friday with the lift and the rest of their equipment.

Juli Thurston gave the 4H report. Fair readiness day is this Saturday. The ambassadors are hosting the dance in the pavilion on Saturday night of fair, it is open to the public and free but

they will accept donations. The arena needs worked for the horse show and they would like to use the PA system.

Melissa Cady gave the fair manager's report. She had to order a couple more microphones for the PA system because ours went missing. The mutton busting chute will be arriving tomorrow. All sponsors have agreed to do what was asked of them. Coors is paying for all of the rodeo and demo food, Pepsi is donating all of the drinks for the rodeo and the demo. Pepsi is bringing a cooler for us as well as five or six other coolers for some food vendors. The fair will be donating money to Chris and Karen Mull's church to use their tent for the hospitality tent. Steve from Ironhorse will be bringing three tow trucks and some shirts to throw into the crowd as well as shirts for the demo driver raffle; they're only asking for \$300 to come. The main door on the pavilion is broken, it doesn't lock. The motocross people loved it here and are looking forward to returning next year, Melissa asked them to look at planning it in July so it's not as close to fair and so that we have more time to book food vendors and promote it better. The carnival rides have been arriving, there will be 16 total. Derek Vonheeder did the stairs coming off of the catwalk and the rodeo secretary's table; he is also going to help with the gate for the demo drivers after fair. Melissa and Randy have been talking and would like to look into setting up a merchandise booth for the fair sweatshirts and demo t-shirts next year. The Paradise Methodist Church cannot find enough help so there will be no fry bread booth. Dan Claridge will be bringing the logs either Monday or Tuesday. All of the bucking chutes have been fixed and oiled and are ready to go. Midway is bringing the skid steer, the telehandler, and two light towers. Josh Smith will be installing 20 amp plugs before fair; he gave Melissa the bid for the LED lights on the barns and is doing some bids on adding more 50 amp plugs as well after fair.

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

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

Ted moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm, seconded by Brian 5-0 pass