

Sanders County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021
Fair Pavilion, 30 River Rd, Plains MT

Called to order at 7:07 pm by Randy Woods

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

Also Present: Hailey Coe, Ron Kazmierczak, Tom Rummel, Mason Cottrell, Benjamin Woods, Ron Kilbury, Chad Kavanaugh, Jim Krogman, Bob Thornhill, Sophia LaFriniere, Karen Dwyer, Juli Thurston

Approval of May 19, 2021 meeting minutes – Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Ted 4-0 pass

NON-AGENDA:

Randy Woods asked for public participation in Non-Agenda items. Knights of Columbus will be doing the bingo booth again in the same area. They have their own chairs and tables so they will not need to use any of the Fairs. Melissa told them that it would be best to have everything set up Wednesday morning because Thursday the gate will be locked. Ron Kilbury, Commander of the VFW Post, would like more information on possibly running one of the food booths. He would also like Shawn Sorenson to reach out to him with more details about the health department's requirements and guidelines for food vendors during fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Melissa asked the board if they will be here to help during the Monster Truck event; Ted will be here Friday, Brian and Randy will be here both nights.

Mason Cottrell from Search & Rescue requested that we get the miscellaneous signs hung up earlier to help reduce any confusion. They were curious as to if there were any camping spots available for Search & Rescue, Melissa told him to get us a list of people that would be camping so that we can pass it on to the parking crew. Mason asked if members of Search & Rescue would be allowed to carry on the fairgrounds; Randy and Melissa said as long as Tom is okay with it then that's fine. Melissa prefers that if they are open carrying, it is very clear that they are with Search & Rescue.

The cleaning contract has been out for bid through the county and we received no bids on it. The fair board can now hire someone of their choosing.

Randy said that we need more information about the high school rodeo finals and that the fair would be required to put up a \$50,000 prize purse. Juli recommended maybe doing less expensive prizes.

Juli Thurston gave the 4H report. All of the 4H judges are set for fair. They are going to have a meeting to discuss whether or not the renovations that they want done are going to be doable before fair. The county 4H Ambassadors want to put on a dance during fair; possibly Saturday night in the pavilion from 8 to 11/12. Juli still isn't sure what's going on with the horse show; Brian said he will talk to Michele on Tuesday.

Melissa Cady gave the fair manager's report. Somebody broke into the concessionaire's room and may have taken their safe, she has already called Katie and let her know. She put a call in to Mission Valley Security for cameras by the office and dumpster because the dumpster will need to be paid for starting after fair. The papers for the merchant account for the ticketing system have been sent in and should hopefully be finalized by the end of the week. Austin Turner is supposed to be coming to cut down the field for parking. Charlie at the Elks said they might be interested in burger booth 2. Melissa ordered 100 sweatshirts in all different colors and sizes from James Crowder. The weed department had some campers here and so Melissa agreed to exchange their camping spots for them spraying weeds.

Jim motioned to approve the claims, seconded by Brian 4-0 pass

Ted motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Brian 4-0 pass

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm, seconded by Brian 4-0 pass