

**Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Held on the Stampede Grounds**

**Present:** Norm Gauthier, Donna Edel, Mike Bellisle, Chris Hamblin, Crystal Legary, Brian Wiebe, Ryan Holness, Cristine Edel (left 8:12 pm)

**Absent:** Chris Edel, Andy Krahn, Stan Siemens, Kim Burron, Matt Hoffman

**Call to Order:** Norm Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:19PM.

**Approval of Agenda:** Brian Wiebe made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Chris Hamblin. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mike Bellisle made the motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2021. Seconded by Ryan Holness. Carried.

**Correspondence:**

**Old Business:**

- Mike Bellisle made the motion to accept a quote from Xtreme Medic Services in the amount of \$1,660.78 for the Heartland Rodeo. Donna Edel seconded the motion. Carried
- Chris Hamblin made the motion that the Valley Agricultural Society proceed with the Grandstand Upgrades and accessibility project. Donna Edel seconded the motion. Carried
- Brian Wiebe made the motion that VAS approve the repair of the rafters, to the north orange building, at a cost of approximately \$6800-\$7800. Andy Krahn seconded the motion. Carried

**New Business:**

**Grants:** Ag. Society Initiative due August 20, 2021 what do we want to add to this farmers market? Yes Halloween Barn? Yes Heartland Rodeo? Yes

MAF 150 Report was submitted

**General Office:** Luke from Hylife requested use of our grounds on September 3, 2021 to run a food truck. They will be cooking a meal for their employees and delivering it to them from the grounds. They will use their own generator. This is a "private event".

Melissa Marion asked to use our grounds as overflow parking for the arena. She was told that the asphalt in front of the grandstand can be used.

The ladies barrel racing have requested all stall inquiries go to Cristine Edel

Stall rentals are \$10/day in the back barns (first come first serve)

No panels

No shavings

No camping fees/no power

August 27, 2021 Logan Wiebe will be taking the afternoon off and work off his hours the following Monday morning.

The buildings owned by Easy Street Landscaping need to be moved to the light horse barn. Ryan Holness will talk to Tammy Recksiedler to ask permission to be moved. The fans need to be moved away from the walls with fork lift/tractor.

Instead of washing the barn Logan will wire sweep the walls before painting.

Weed Eaters are still broken. Brian Wiebe will check with Enns Brothers and get a spring and a new head and will fix it for Logan.

We need to rewire/fix the security cameras as of right now we don't have security cameras in the beer gardens.

Picnic table rentals for a wedding this weekend.

Farmers Market: we need a plan for the vendors and set up

Storage: already getting calls. Cristine is not feeling comfortable putting boats etc. into our buildings until they are fixed.

We need to call a work party to fix the orange building wall and doors after the buildings have been looked at and materials lined up. A ratchet strap is holding the wall together. Also the Dairy Barn needs to be bird proofed.

**President:** Norm will be meeting with Crystal tomorrow evening to discuss operations for the September event. Security, tickets, food trucks, bands  
Ryan Holness will be in charge of the beer gardens and order the alcohol for the weekend.

Cristine needs direction, she is frustrated.

Lou Ericson mentioned that Morris & Area Museum is not prepared to do maintenance and bookings for the campground next year.

**Financial:** continuing to hold a healthy budget

Accounts payable up to date

Loan repayment 2022

Orange Buildings listed under maintenance on the spread sheet

Grant: was due July 24, 2021 and will be submitted just waiting for letters of support. Ball Park estimate for wheel chair accessibility \$50,000.<sup>00</sup>.

**Personnel:**

**Rodeo:** Mike Bellisle made the motion to host the Heartland Rodeo September 18 & 19, 2021. Brian Wiebe seconded. Carried

Saturday: Barrel Racing 9 – 2, Rodeo 3 - 6

Sunday: Barrel Racing 9 – 1, Rodeo 2 – 4:30

**Marketing:** As per Matt's email do we want radio ads for the rodeo? Do paid social media slots instead of radio.

Do a Press Release

**Membership:**

**Fair:**

**Operations:** Ticketing: we will do our own tickets for the September event \$10.00/person

Farmer's Market good community acceptance.

Crystal Legary made a motion to hire Penner's Waste to supply the VAS with Washroom facilities for September event. Norm Gauthier will contact both Rene's and Penner's. Ryan Holness seconded. Carried.

Green Team: Carmen Settee has expressed interest in helping with Green Team.

Crystal Legary will talk to the Stampede Inn regarding 2 room rentals.

**Rumble in the Valley:**

**Grant:**

Brian Wiebe made the motion to approve reports. Seconded by Mike Bellisle. Carried

**Next meeting:** September 2, 2021 beer gardens  
AGM tentatively November 25, 2021

**Adjournment:** Ryan Holness made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Seconded by Crystal Legary. Carried