

Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
Held in the Curling Club

Present: Brian Wiebe, Mike Bellisle, Norm Gauthier, Chris Hamblin, Donna Edel, Crystal Legary, Ryan Holness, Matt Hoffman, Tim Lewis, Stan Siemens, Cristine Edel

Absent: Andy Krahn, Chris Edel, Heather Ross

Call to Order: Brian Wiebe called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Norm Gauthier made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Matt Hoffman. Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Bellisle made the motion to approve the minutes from October 7, 2021. Seconded by Crystal Legary. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Nominations for CPRA reps
- Winter Carnival Cancer Care Fundraiser; Brian Wiebe will ask James and Dale Buhler if interested in doing sugar shack again. Also the Rec. Directors is asking for the use of the grounds for horse drawn rides.

Old Business:

- The VAS was asked by the Town of Morris for the use of the grounds for an outdoor skating rink and toboggan hill as has been done in previous years. Ryan Holness made the motion to approve the request. Crystal Legary seconded the motion. Brian Wiebe abstained from the vote. Carried
- 125th Celebration had to cancel due to Covid do we want to think of ideas to help celebrate and promote. We have 125 coins that have been purchased. We need to talk to our public health officers to see what can be allowed. Proposals need to be drawn up for all events.
- Morris & District Centennial Museum no meeting scheduled as of yet. Thoughts and ideas were given as to what we can do: possible work together with the town, public works, using our grounds crew to cut grass, bathrooms and showers. Possibly use the green team during events, or asking the port a potty service to check on showers and bathroom. Norm Gauthier and Brian Wiebe will work on a proposal to bring to the town and museum board. Norm Gauthier will talk to Carman.
- Melissa Marion helped apply for the Building Sustainable Communities Grant. Submitted this week.

President: Looking forward to a great year

Financial: Cristine Edel and Chris Hamblin have started work on the budget for this year. There is a lot of work to do. The report has been submitted for our operating grant.

Is this the year we go down to a 3 day event instead of a 4 day event? Do we help with the kick off? Can we use the kick off as 125th celebration? Steak BBQ? Street Dance? Work together with the chamber?

New Business:

- Heather Ross resigned her board position effective immediately as she accepted a job offer in Calgary. Norm Gauthier made the motion to accept her resignation. Tim Lewis seconded. Carried.
- Crystal Legary made the motion to accept Kaylyn Edel as director at large. Seconded by Ryan Holness. Carried.
- Discussion was had regarding a plaque in honour of Don Harder. Ideas were shared on placement. Tabled

Board Responsibilities: Board as a whole will be responsible for the following:

Sponsorship
Fundraising
Fencing
Infrastructure Maintenance
Equipment Maintenance

Brian Wiebe President

Rumble in the Valley	School Art Display
Main Stage Entertainment	Fair Displays
Equipment Lineup	RTV/Gator Lineup
Public Relations / Media Interviews	Programs
Ticket Booth	

Mike Bellisle Vice President

Head of Personnel	Advertising
Public Relations / Media Interviews	Rodeo Contracts
CPRA	Barrel Racers

Norm Gauthier Past President

Personnel	Security
Midway	Main Stage Entertainment
Public Relations / Media Interviews	Ticket Booth

Chris Hamblin Finances

50/50 and Raffles

Ryan Holness

Personnel	Beer Gardens
Charlie's Place	Poersch Patio
LGCA Licence	Security
Green Team	Main Stage Entertainment

Chris Edel

Equipment Lineup
Track

RTV/Gator Lineup
Arenas (Rodeo & Fair)

Andy Krahn

Ag-Tivity Ranch
Indoor Concessions

Outdoor Concessions
Children's Entertainment

Crystal Legary

Farmer's Market Vendors
Fair Displays
Social Media

School Art Display
Grandstand Scanners

Matt Hoffman

Outdoor Concessions
Parade
Show Ring Events
Heavy Horse Barn Contracts
Website

Indoor Concessions
Team Penning
Light Horse Barn Contracts
Petting Zoo

Donna Edel

Midway
VAS Store Merchandise
Cowboy BBQ
Puller's BBQ
Pony Chuckwagon
Mutton Bustin

Main Stage Entertainment
Chuckwagon BBQ
Dignitary Lunch
Corporate Hosting
Grand Entry

Tim Lewis

Public Relations / Media Interviews
CPRA

Rodeo Contracts
Barrel Racers

Stan Siemens

Farmer's Market Vendors

Air Port Pickups/Drop-offs

Kaylyn Edel - Director at Large

Office

Volunteers

Areas not designated:

- Sweet Grass Stage
- Vendors
- G.O.N. Pavilion
- Tee Pees
- Opening & Closing Ceremony
- Charity of Choice Liaison

- Promotions
- Grant Research & Writing
- Membership

Personnel Committee: Mike Bellisle, Norm Gauthier, Ryan Holness, Brian Wiebe
So far we have received two applicants for the position in the office.

Ryan Holness made the motion to approve all reports. Seconded by Crystal Legary.
Carried.

Signing Authority: Norm Gauthier made the motion to remove Andy Krahn as a signing authority and to add Mike Bellisle and Brian Wiebe. Crystal Legary seconded. Carried

Next meeting: February 3, 2022 at Curling Club (possible location)

Adjournment: Stan Siemens made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm.
Seconded by Ryan Holness. Carried

Submitted by Donna Edel