

Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors Meeting
July 14, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Held on the Stampede Grounds

Present: Norm Gauthier, Donna Edel, Mike Bellisle, Stan Siemens (7:25), Chris Hamblin, Chris Edel, Matt Hoffman, Crystal Legary, Brian Wiebe, Andy Krahn (left at 8:30), Cristine Edel

Absent: Ryan Holness and Kim Burron

Call to Order: Norm Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Approval of Agenda: Andy Krahn made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Chris Edel. Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Brian Wiebe made the motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2021. Seconded by Mike Bellisle. Carried.

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- Matt Hoffman made the motion to proceed with printing and installing a new sign for Charlie's Place. The cost of printing the 3 x 7 sign on 7 year vinyl and having the corners cut with a CNC machine is \$350 plus taxes. This includes us providing a sign to be reused (which I have). We will need to purchase 3 pressure treated 2x4's and some hardware to hang the sign from the bin with, total cost to be less than \$100 for material. Donna Edel seconded the motion. Carried.
- Brian Wiebe received the following request, from the family of Don Harder, requesting use of the grounds next weekend. They will be following outdoor gathering attendance as per the public health order. Brian Wiebe made the motion to approve this request and to also provide our grounds at no cost. Stan Siemens seconded the motion. Carried.

New Business: Grand Stand Inspection Report

Questions to ask: Why are they recommend replacing with wood? Brian Wiebe met with WSS and Ironman Industries Did they do testing below ground level?

IT was suggested for longevity have the base done by running a concrete girder.

What does our insurance say about engineering?

21 beams in definite repair

Ideas were discussed

Cost: Applying for grants? Major fundraisers? Legacy grants?

Discussion was had to possibly rope off the sections that are damaged. We need a final total from WSS.

Brian will get more quotes and we will discuss and move forward.

President: Will do together with the general office report
Kim Burron will look into doing a Gathering of Nations event on our grounds.
Need to plan an event for this fall: possible Indigenous Event and Heartland Rodeo in September?

Financial: Balance as of June 30, 2021 is \$101,085 (this includes loan money that needs to be returned)
Accounts Payable and Receivable is at zero
Applied for 3 more months of wage subsidy (\$2000/month)

Personnel: Logan Wiebe started on July 5, 2021
Would like to work together with the Harder family and the RM of Morris to work out a memorial for Don Harder.

Rodeo: Discussion was had to bring in a Heartland Rodeo Association with a beer gardens in to get our operating grant money.
CFR to take place in November

Marketing: Trans Canada Brewery

Membership: No Report

Fair: Need to seal up the dairy barn before painting the interior to keep the pigeons out.

Operations: Farmers Market July 29 @ 3-7 pm

Rumble in the Valley: 4 pulls only this year

Grant: Cristine called a few people regarding grants. We missed the deadline on a few of them.
We need to complete the Gathering of Nations room before July 31.

General Office:

Work as a team
Barn swallow nests (fall)
Logan needs a list of projects

Chris Edel made the motion to approve reports. Seconded by Chris Hamblin.
Carried.

Next meeting: August 17, 2021

Adjournment: Brian Wiebe made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.
Seconded by Matt Hoffman. Carried.