

**Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 7, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Held in the Curling Club**

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

**Absent:** Chris Edel, Kim Burron, Andy Krahn

**Call to Order:** Norm Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Matt Hoffman made the motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2021. Seconded by Ryan Holness. Carried.

**Correspondence:**

- Morris & District Centennial Museum as of November 1, 2022 the campground will belong to the vas. A meeting with the museum board, VAS board and town council needs to take place. A breakdown of insurance from Rempel's need to be checked into. Any information about the water leak? When was the last time a new water heater was purchased?
- MAAS – Honourary Life Membership
- MAAS – Convention
- Received a thank you card from Grit and Grace Barrel Racing
- Received a request from Teen Challenge to confirm a date for 2022. September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Old Business:**

- Donna Edel made the motion that trail cameras be purchased for the grounds along with batteries, and SD Cards. The amount not to exceed \$600.00. Andy Krahn seconded the motion. Carried
- Matt Hoffman made the motion to accept the quote from Rempel Insurance for the extra insurance to cover the summer and fall events. Ryan Holness Seconded the motion. Carried
- Andy Krahn made the motion to donate \$300.00 to the Pembina Valley Twisters and \$150.00 to the Morris Curling Club for providing extra security during the Return to Rodeo Event. Matt Hoffman seconded the motion. Carried
- Donna Edel made the motion to hire Carman Settee on a casual basis this fall to help with grass cutting and small maintenance jobs. He would be wage for the hours he works. Mike Bellisle seconded the motion. Carried
- Crystal Legary made the motion to spend \$2000.00 on the haunted barn this year, with the plan being to spend about \$1000.00 on items and the other \$1000.00 for potential extras. This would come out of the \$4000.00 education grant. Donna Edel seconded. Carried

**New Business:** Brian Wiebe suggested that the VAS have a united front for 2022 for our events. We need to follow all government guidelines. We would have to fence in our grounds for all vaccinated event. We need to send in all our proposals to public health early and move forward. Proposals need to be made in a smaller committee.

It was suggested to bring to the AGM that an amendment be made to possibly add more board members. Maybe bring it up to 15 board members increase it to 3 seats with full voting rights. A motion would have to be made at the AGM to eliminate the wording from the policy and procedure regarding board qualifications. An email will need to be sent out to the entire membership advising the addition of 3 board members two weeks prior to the AGM.

Jablonski Quote: Brian Wiebe made a motion to hire Jablonski's to come in and repair the 3 barns, south orange building, replace door lock on the fair office with us supplying the door lock, and man door on the north orange building.. Seconded by Crystal Legary. Carried.

AGM: December 2, 2021 @ possible location at the curling club. Cash bar

**Financial:** We have some huge expenses coming up, for example grand stand, it might be wise to allocate money for infrastructure. We need to check on the rules in regards to Not for Profit Organizations for opening a savings account.

**Personnel:**

**Rodeo:** See Report. Should we seriously consider what the advantage is to running a 4 day show? Can it be scaled down to a 3 day event? Is it possible to still do a Heartland Show by keeping some sponsorship?

**Marketing:** Melissa Marion has applied for another grant for the grandstand. Crystal Legary volunteered to help Matt Hoffman with social media posts.

**Membership:** Volunteer of the year: Jeff Edel

Red Hat Members:

Lifetime member:

**Fair:** The barns need to be closed off to help eliminate the bird issue.

**Operations:**

- Haunted Barn expenses right now just over \$600. Still looking for volunteers for the nights of events.

**Rumble in the Valley:** June 10 & 11, 2022

**Grants:** Building Sustainable Communities Grant will be done and hoping to apply for another one.

Cristine will forward anyone the project list that requests access to the document.

**General Office:**

**President:** Norm Gauthier intends to step down at the AGM and would allow his name to stand for a one year term as past president.

Brian Wiebe made the motion to approve all reports. Seconded by Matt Hoffman. Carried.

**Next meeting:** AGM December 2, 2021

**Adjournment:** Stan Siemens made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. Seconded by Ryan Holness. Carried