

Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors Meeting
May 6, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Held on the Stampede Grounds

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

Absent:

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Ryan Holness made the motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2021. Seconded by Chris Edel. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Michelle Mills requested a letter of support from the Valley Ag Society outlining their importance to us to run our event. Cristine Edel and Norm Gauthier will send out the letter.

Old Business:

- Donna Edel made a motion that the VAS cancel Rumble in the Valley and the Manitoba Stampede & Exhibition for the summer of 2021 due to COVID 19. Mike Bellisle seconded the motion. Carried
- Donna Edel made the motion that we include new pricing for our beer garden short term (Covid) rental for 2021. \$100.⁰⁰ for the first 3 hours and \$35.⁰⁰ for each additional hour to a maximum of 6 hours. Mike Bellisle seconded the motion. Carried
- The Morris & District Skating Club requested the use of the grandstand for dry land practices. Donna Edel made the motion to allow them the use of the grandstand and concrete in front. Donna would provide a key to enter the area. Mike Bellisle seconded the motion. Carried
- Mike Bellisle made a motion to rent the Arena and infield to The Manitoba Mounted Shooting Association on July 10th and 11th, 2021 for \$150.⁰⁰ per day. Donna Edel seconded the motion. Carried
- Donna Edel made the motion to ask Kim Burron to fill the vacant seat on the VAS Board of Directors as head of Gathering of Nations. Her term will be one year or until our next AGM. If Kim Burron would like to extend her term she will have to allow her name to stand for a vote to complete the remaining year of the position. Mike Bellisle seconded the motion. Carried

New Business: none

President: Grants – directors need to be providing direction to Cristine. There has been missed grants. We were approved for the change room for the Gathering of Nations July 31, 2021 deadline. Cristine and Brian will measure out the area needed to get quotes early next week. (\$1000)
Building Sustainable Grant: Orange Buildings – Wiebe's Steel
Please communicate with Cristine it is very important!

Financial: Total of all bank accounts is at \$131,897.55. Liability: \$79,939.94.
David Schmidt renewed our directors insurance

Personnel: We have been approved for our summer grounds keeper. Cristine will be doing the hiring and if any jobs needs to be done will go through her alone.

Rodeo: nothing

Marketing: see report

Membership: nothing

Fair: Need to seal up the dairy barn the pigeons are making a mess.

Operations: Farmers Market dates have been set. Waiting for health inspector to return call to receive our licence.

Rumble in the Valley: Brian spoke to Wiebe's Structure. Proposed a 3 year partnership for \$35000. Waiting to hear back.
They are ready to start work. Brian Wiebe will contact regarding a date to start the North Orange Building. Cristine Edel said that storage should be out of the north orange by May 15, 2021.

Grant:

General Office: Busy getting storage out of the building. Tractors need to be serviced before we start mowing.

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

Next meeting: TBA

Adjournment: Stan Siemens made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Seconded by Chris Edel. Carried.