

**Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 23, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Held at the RM of Morris Office**

**Present:** Brian Wiebe, Norm Gauthier, Chris Edel, Chris Hamblin, Donna Edel, Matt Hoffman, Ryan Holness, Tim Lewis, Stan Siemens, Kaylyn Edel, Cristine Edel

**Absent:** Andy Krahn, Mike Bellisle

**Call to Order:** Brian Wiebe called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chris Edel made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ryan Holness. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Norm Gauthier made the motion to approve the minutes from July 7, 2022. Seconded by Matt Hoffman. Carried.

**Correspondence:**

Kevin Gamble from Phoenix Security Fundraiser for Ukraine. Would like the VAS to consider the use of our facility (in kind donation) September 23, 2022 6:00PM – 2:00AM.

Tim Lewis made the motion to accept their offer. Seconded by Donna Edel. Carried.

CPRA Assistant GM, Denny Phipps, had a great time and thanked us for our hospitality.

**Old Business:**

- Norm Gauthier: Select Shows will charge us \$18 for the single day and \$32.50 for the 3 day pre-sale wristbands. That being said:  
I would like to make a motion to sell the pre-sale wristbands at Rempel's at a cost of \$25 for the single day wristband and \$60 for the 3-day wristband.  
Donna Edel Seconded. Carried
- Matt Hoffman made the motion to spend up to \$250.00 for 15 pizzas from Bills Pizza as well as up to \$100.00 for salads from Bigway for the volunteer supper on July 24 at 7pm. Seconded by Andy Krahn. Carried
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- Mike Bellisle put forward a motion to purchase the following from Fehrway Feeds. The panels, gates & #9 wire are for reworked timed event pens with the #9 wire required for track pipe install/secure.

20 – 10' light panels (the same as the Fair side uses) @ \$168.00 each = \$3,360.00

4 – 10' walk through gates @ \$294.00 each = \$1,176.00

2 – skirted bale feeder = no cost to the VAS as sponsored value added

I'm not sure what the cost of a roll of #9 galvanized is worth but we need it and I do not have enough at home to do the job.

I will add, Dave is trying to produce 1-2 more walk through gates for us by Friday as we can use 1 more in the reworked timed event pens and we really need 1 more on the timed event end to make another pen for team roping steers. So, the amount to spend may increase by  $\$294.00 \times 2 = \$588.00$ . We have a few straggler panels on the rodeo side that are the same thing we can use plus a number already in use so we can build the pens properly – we will make do with what we have one way or the other.

The total purchase would be between \$4,536.00 & \$5,124.00 plus applicable taxes and the cost of a roll of #9 wire.

Norm Gauthier Seconded. Carried

### **New Business:**

Quotes for the North orange building:

MuddRuckers: \$1,8375.<sup>00</sup>

Sentry: \$3,4364.<sup>06</sup>

Plan for now is to table

Campground: there is someone camping there for at least 3 weeks and hasn't paid. The RCMP have been contacted and would like to get them evicted.

Ryan Holness spoke with Jacque from Home Hardware to have the paper towel and toilet paper dispensers to go through Home Hardware we would just have to buy the supplies from them.

Brian Wiebe met with Cindy Kowalski about grants. Brian Wiebe would like to put in permanent bathrooms. The South Orange would be the best place to have them. Rough pricing is about \$75,000 - \$100,000. Would fit under the Sports and Culture Grant.

Larger sweet grass stage

Roof for the fair grandstand

We are allowed to apply for every level under the new Grant announced by the Provincial Government. 50% grant allowing in kind.

**President:** Thank you to everyone for a job well done!

Attendance: 30,000 approx.

Kick-Off Feedback: Coordinators were very happy with how it all went

Great feedback from volunteers

Heartland Rodeo finals will not be done on our grounds

Concrete blocks would be nice to use for the demolition derby to protect the fence.

Flags at the main entrance and by the Jumbotron need to be removed. Ryan

Holness will talk to Steve Peters.

Our VIP patio needs to be better utilized to have food and beer services.

We need to advertise our logo more on our grounds.

Potential law suit: An older gentleman tripped and fell. Nothing broken, they didn't leave the show. Tracey and Hunter went to mark the spot to make sure it doesn't happen again. Possibly looking for compensation. Haven't heard back to know what will happen.

Norm Gauthier made the motion to appoint Liz Hoffman and Alex McCarthy for the next three months. Seconded by Tim Lewis. Carried

**Financial:** Lots of issues...we need a better system in place for accounting in the future.

Storage: Ryan Holness made a motion to increase our storage fees 10% this year. With a possible annual increase. Seconded by Stan Siemens. Carried

As well as to make an amendment to their contract that all vehicles/campers etc. to be out by May 15<sup>th</sup>. \$50 weekly charge to be added to items that are not removed by May 15, 2023.

Chris Hamblin made a motion that Brian Wiebe, Norm Gauthier, Mike Bellisle, Chris Hamblin, Donna Edel to have signing authority at the Access Credit Union. Any other pre-existing names should be removed. Seconded by Matt Hoffman. Carried.

**Mike Bellisle:**

**Norm Gauthier:** Gathering of Nations went really well. All involved were very happy and willing to come again next year.

Select Show Payment sent us a check for \$11,000

The minor damages that were done on the asphalt they are willing to help cover some of the cost for the damages.

One minor complaint for the mistake made by the kick off committee.

Halloween Haunted Barn: Kaylyn Edel will be the director "in charge" and will call a meeting

**Chris Edel:** No track complaints. The only issue would be the back gate to the track is too hard. We need to try to eliminate crossing the track.

**Ryan Holness:** Changes in the beer gardens are coming! Tokens will not be sold at the counter, move it to the gazebo. Different sections for specialty drinks. Trying to relieve the congestion in front of the bar.

Charlies Place and Poersch Patio needs a place to keep more alcohol. Try to keep them more self-sufficient.

Green Team: The kids did an excellent job! We need at least 2 bins for garbage for stampede. Would like to also purchase more pickers and supplies for the green team.

**Andy Krahn:**

**Matthew Hoffman:** The fair went really well. All competitors were very happy and willing to come back again next year.

Mounted shooting brought in a lot of people to watch. They want to come back again next year as well.

Dairy show and Pony show wants to come back.

Poultry Show possibility

Leaks in the water lines in Dairy barn. Lines need to be replaced.

A second PA system is needed. Then there is one for each arena.

TCB was in on Friday – they are very interested in coming back next year.

Princess Auto was sent a proposal to sponsor a trailer for the green team.

**Donna Edel:** BBQ's went well and Robyn and Tim Collette are willing to come back again next year to help.

**Tim Lewis:** Went to Don Peterson's funeral

Took the animal protection people around and they were very happy with how the animals were taken care of.

The Jumbotron needs to be moved to a different spot.

The gates that were removed will be used for a roof for the calf pen.

Possible additional event added to the rodeo.

Was concerned with our low numbers for saddle bronc and bare back but our numbers were very good compared to a few other rodeo.

**Kaylyn Edel:** Cassandra Siemens would like to take on the kids corral and Heather Hamblin is willing to continue the kids school/art work next year.

Would be very good to move the stage out of the beer gardens. It is way too loud and congested for in the bar area.

Would be good to start up committee meetings for this coming year so everyone is on the same page.

**Stan Siemens:** Farmers Market there are 3 left.

**General Office:** Rental on September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Teen Challenge: can someone talk to Wes to have a firetruck available?

Dairy barn is ready for storage

Teepee poles needs to be put in the dairy barn

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

**Next meeting:** October 6, 2022

**Adjournment** Chris Edel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 pm. Seconded by Ryan Holness. Carried