

**FORT ASSINIBOINE and DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Fortin, James Aitken, Jen Christianson, Felicia Bilau, Lori Thompson, Jenni Williams, Devin Williams, Linda Vaudan

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Penny Bohn, Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Jessika Savoie  
Danny Williams  
Ashley Marcellus  
Zach Marcellus

**CALL TO ORDER:**

J. Christianson, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

J. Christianson added 7.1 Work Bees to the agenda. F. Bilau moved to accept the revised agenda and D. Fortin seconded that the March 11, 2024 agenda be accepted as revised. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

J. Williams moved and D. Williams seconded that the February 12, 2024 regular Board meeting minutes be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT:**

The Bookkeeper's February 29, 2024 report was reviewed. P. Bohn moved that the Bookkeepers February 29, 2024 report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**FMM REPORT:**

Zach and Ashley Marcellus started February 26, 2024 as the new FMM and were trained by P. Price. Task include curling rink floor paint, drywall repairs and painting upstairs lobby, prepping for Nic Bourgeois Memorial Tournament, restocking First Aid kits. Quote from Barrhead Glass for \$308.44 to repair glass in hockey rink lobby. Approved to this maximum. Will look for other quotes as well. Approval received for purchases of a coat rack for upstairs lobby \$250.00, large clock for hockey rink wall \$100.00, pressure washer from Costco \$169.99. Will get quotes for cordless vacuum for dressing rooms and stairs and an air compressor. Will purchase pins for door hinges to keep doors from hitting the wall @ \$16.00 each. Lock to be flipped to Preschool to be able to prevent access. Loni Braucht will spray if we buy the chemical.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CASINO** is scheduled for April 18 & 19, 2024. Still looking for volunteers. Discussion regarding a request to move to a closer casino than Fort McMurray.

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**County Ball** There will be 1 team each for T-Ball and Mites. Hoping to get 2 teams for Squirts. Registration ends March 15<sup>th</sup>. Jenni would like a list of e-transfers for registrations. Next step will be to draw up rosters and hand out jerseys and equipment. Approved to purchase balls and T-Ball stand \$50.00, back catcher mask \$100-150, Mite's bat and coaches' package, Squirts bat. Will price these items at Canadian Tire and Swan Hills Hardware. Helmets will be sold to parents with costs varying between \$5.00 and \$20.00 based on state of each helmet. Now mandatory for kids to have their own helmet. Next County Ball meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup>. Ball can start after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ATB Financial** – J. Christianson moved to change to TD Canada Trust as they have better security and banking fees due to issues with ATB. CARRIED

**Travel Voucher Raffle** was sold out in 50 hours with \$5000.00 earned for Zamboni shed. Looking at 20 x 24 3 wall garage package for this. Looking to add hot water to this as current system will not handle to load. A+ Heating has quoted \$6100.00 for whole building. D. Williams suggested a hot water on demand for this. Will look into. Will do another raffle in April and possibly another one before Hoedown. J. Williams stated that AGLC does not allow the sale of raffle tickets on social media.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/E-MAILS:**

No correspondence

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Work Bees** After discussion, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm was chosen to paint bleachers and grandstands and clean between the curling rink and shed, prune trees and pickup garbage. Volunteers are needed.

**Firesmart** ½ hour presentation and BBQ to be held April 6<sup>th</sup> at Walsh Park. Will receive \$500.00.

**FCSS** has signage coming for their hours. A lady came to preschool upset that FCSS was already closed as they had left early.

**Curling update** Startec is getting a quote to repair the curling club plant. Issues with repairing the piping in the concrete. Suggested new uses for space are bowling alley and floor curling

#### **HOEDOWN:**

Looking into proposed band or DJ for dance entertainment. Band is \$4300.00 plus GST and 4 hotel rooms or DJ Services are \$2,600 plus GST and require 2 rooms. Will advertise for the dance. Camping to be available @ \$10.00/night. Reliable Catering has a Shasta trailer (portable bar) they would like to bring to show off.

Lots of ideas posted online for this year's theme. Decision to be made soon. Sponsor packages, with different options this year, to be sent out soon. 5 new sponsors lined up.

J. Williams attended WRA meeting February 17, 2024. It was suggested to increase entries and payouts. Will check into criteria to make best decision.

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J. Christianson found metal rockets for donations for fireworks. Will revamp to be able to get the money out of them. Rebook same fireworks as last year at \$7000.00.

**EVENTS:**

**Mother's Day Market** was suggested and is booked for May 11<sup>th</sup>. Reliable Catering will do chili and sandwich lunch for \$16.00. Will make posters to advertise. Cost is \$20.00/table.

**Farmer's Market** will start May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Workshops** discussed were Bannock, dreamcatchers, moccasins through Robin Berard. Outdoor Ed with Dale and Colleen Kiselick.

**Ladies hockey tournament possibly next February.** Approximated 12 teams in the area would likely come.

**Volunteer Appreciation Supper** will be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> to accommodate farmers schedules. Budget of \$1000.00 for entertainment. Caterer approximately \$25.00/plate. Will start advertising after next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

J. Christianson adjourned the March 11, 2024 meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary/Bookkeeper