

**FORT ASSINIBOINE and DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Aitken, Jen Christianson, Dawn Fortin, Felicia Bilau, Jenni Williams, and Linda Vaudan

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Renfert, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Julie DeGroot, FMM (left @ 7:40 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER:

J. Christianson, President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ADD: CORRESPONDENCE/E-MAILS:
6.3 COUNTY BALL

NEW BUSINESS:

7.4 FCSS
7.5 HOCKEY RINK SPONSORS
7.6 RODEO ARENA
7.7 SURPLUS ITEMS
7.8 WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

REPLACE: HOEDOWN

8.1 SPONSORS with KIDS KORNER

F. Bilau moved and L. Vaudan seconded that the January 8, 2024 agenda be accepted as amended. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Williams moved and J. Christianson seconded that the December 11, 2023 regular Board meeting minutes be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT:

The Bookkeeper's December 2023 report was reviewed. L. Renfert moved that the Bookkeepers December 2023 report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

FMM REPORT:

J. DeGroot provided a verbal report with respect to the FMM activities. The curling rink ice plant is down and the ice has gone out. Hockey is going well.

OLD BUSINESS:

CASINO is scheduled for April 18 & 19, 2024. J. Christianson reported that 9 volunteers were required for the event and the Casino paperwork deadline is February 15th.

Chairman's Initials ____
Secretary/Bookkeeper's Initials ____

Fundraiser Raffle Box was discussed. J. Christianson reported that Raffle Box costs were 7% of ticket sales and 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction. It was agreed that tickets would be \$5.00 each with payouts of \$250, \$500, \$750 and \$1,000.00
Gateway Mechanical Services invoice is still outstanding and is waiting on Gateway to return J. Christianson's call before payment is issued.

CORRESPONDENCE/E-MAILS:

AAAS Announcements and Updates were circulated for review.

ASIRP Funding is closed. J. Christianson provided an update on the grant.

Hypnotist Jesse Lewis sent an email looking for bookings in 2024.

Nutrient Management Webinar is being hosted by Leduc County and can earn continuing education credits.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peavey Industries – AAAS Grant was submitted for arena lounge upgrades. Notification was received that the Ag. Society was successful and will receive \$2,500 to put towards the project and Peavey Industries' logo will be on display.

Arena Lounge Hot Water Tank was discussed.

Secretary/Bookkeeper Resignation reported the last day of work is February 29, 2024. Advertising will take place giving candidates until February 16, 2024 to apply. The current position will be reworked to include the Event Coordinator position.

County Ball program is holding an emergency meeting January 17, 2024 at the Barrhead County office to discuss the 2024 program. J. Christianson will be attending on behalf of the Ag. Society and will report back at the next meeting.

ATB Financial was discussed and asked to be placed on the next meeting agenda to discuss further.

Accountants will be discussed further at the next meeting.

FCSS will rent the room available if it is brought up to a useable standard. D. Fortin moved and J. Aiken seconded that the Ag. Society fix the room for FCSS and those costs be paid from the Casino account.

Sponsors Advertising in the hockey arena was discussed and J. Christianson was getting quotes from diversified. J. Williams stated the Ag. Society had to keep in mind the facility was also a wedding venue.

Rodeo Arena infrastructure repairs were discussed and agreed it has to be addressed to eliminate animal injury before the Junior Rodeo starts up and the Hamlet Hoedown.

Surplus Items were discussed. J. Christianson stated that no bids had been received to date. J. Williams indicated that there was interest shown in the piano.

Wheelchair Access in and around the facility was discussed. The facility's stairs proved an obstacle for walkers, wheelchairs and scooters. J. Christianson moved and L. Vaudan seconded that a portable folding ramp be purchased for the steps between the two buildings. CARRIED.

EVENTS:

J. Christianson reported that the inflatable company that provided for Kids Korner had a special on their rentals if booked in January. Those with children were asked to check the website and report to J. Christianson ideas for Kids Korner in August.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Christianson adjourned the January 8, 2024 meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary/Bookkeeper