

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Fortin, James Aitken, Jen Christianson, Lori Thompson, Kelsey Thompson, Devin Williams, Linda Vaudan, Jennifer Wood

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Penny Bohn, Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Jasmine Ducharme  
Danny Williams  
Ashley Marcellus  
Zach Marcellus

**CALL TO ORDER:**

J. Christianson, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

J. Christianson added 7.3 County ball equipment and 7.4 Barry Roth probation request to the agenda. L. Thompson moved to accept the revised agenda and L. Vaudan seconded that the April 8, 2024 agenda be accepted as revised. CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

L. Thompson moved and J. Aitken seconded that the March 11, 2024 regular Board meeting minutes be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT:**

The Bookkeeper's March 31, 2024 report was reviewed. P. Bohn moved that the Bookkeepers March 31, 2024 report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**FMM REPORT:**

Zach and Ashley Marcellus presented the FMM report for March 31-2024. Curling rink floor cleanup has been completed; upstairs lobby completed drywall repairs, painting, installed coat rack and door into kitchen; cleaned out dressing rooms; restocked first aid kits; removed ice from rink; purchased air compressor and pressure washer; ordered replacement glass for hockey rink lobby.

New tasks: finish hockey rink paint removal; book Loni Braucht for weed control – looking for chemical and pricing for weeds. Loni wants to spray dandelions in Sept. He will only charge for price of chemical; prepping for baseball; oil changes on the equipment; Northern Flora will pick up flowerpots; change lights in hockey rink and repair curling rink light.

Ideas for future: cordless vacuum for dressing rooms and stairs; drop in sports night at hockey rink (basketball, volleyball, pickleball, floor hockey); tractor attachment – stall scraper for paint removal; 96" stall scraper attachment straight \$2650.00 or \$3200.00 angled.

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**CASINO** is scheduled for April 18 & 19, 2024. Need more volunteers. Minimum 9 -10 people. 6 have committed so far.

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

A used **front door accessibility lift** was purchased off Facebook Marketplace for \$1500.00

The quote for the **hockey rink lift** was \$71,000.00 plus renovation costs. Will check into grants for this.

J. Christianson suggested placing a **logo decal** on the west hockey rink door for highway visibility at a cost of \$1700.00.

Waiting for a quote to remove the **rubber matting in the hockey rink** lobby and dressing rooms and under benches. Look into grants for bigger items.

**Curling rink update** - still waiting on quote for plant repairs. Startec indicated that \$15,000 - \$20,000 may limp it through for a few more years. Discussion was held in regards to asking the Curling Club to come up with a proposal. What are their plans? Utilities need to be paid. We cannot just take it away from them.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fun hockey** is asking for new fees for fall ice rentals. They are trying to preplan. Current Fun Hockey rates are \$85.00 and regular fees are \$125.00.

**L. Thompson moved to leave rates as is for Fun Hockey and D. Williams seconded. CARRIED**

**Community Events sign** – found sign at County 4' high by 8' wide. D. Williams suggested that the County would put up the new sign if a group took it on to change the lettering. Devin will get more information.

Could get FCSS grant for \$5,000 - \$7,000 for a new sign.

**County ball equipment** – 2 mites teams but only 1 ball bag. Need to purchase another one. Approximately \$500.00 from Casino funds for this. 2 t-ball teams, 1 squirts team. There is a County Ball meeting tonight that J. Williams and J. Savoie are attending. They will request that the County Ball pay for balls and flour to tournaments.

**J. Aitken moved and L. Thompson seconded to buy the necessary equipment. CARRIED.**

**Community Service** requested by B. Roth to pay off \$9000.00 in fines. Roth has had past issues in the area including theft.

**All in favor to deny the request for community service. CARRIED**

**Barrhead Slo-Pitch** wants to use our diamonds for their league. 1 or 2 nights, possibly Tuesdays or Thursday. \$125.00/team for the season.

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## HOEDOWN:

Sponsors - Looking for more sponsors. Packages are available. N7 Energy and TC Energy have indicated that they cannot provide support this year. Last year they sponsored \$3500.00 and \$2500.00 respectively. MCSNet and Fortis have sponsored \$1000.00 each. Loni Braucht is donating his services for weed control.

Allan will put on pancake breakfast. Still have supplies from last year for pancake breakfast.

Inflatables are booked and also looking for more ideas for Kids Korner. Have announcer for Llama racing. Need to order wristbands. Fas Gas/Linda's are on board for supplying liquor. David Jukebox Lee Bank is booked.

Letters will go out this week to the dignitaries.

Looking for afternoon entertainment – IDEAS?

Suggested to have music in the beer gardens area.

Looking for 3 or 4 wooden spools.

Need to put signs on fence to "STAY DOWN".

Bigger tent required for beer gardens.

Fireworks are booked.

## EVENTS:

**Mother's Day Market** is booked for May 11<sup>th</sup>. 9 tables booked so far at \$20.00 each. Reliable Catering will do chili and sandwich lunch for \$16.00.

**Travel Voucher Raffle** proposed for April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at noon. 250 tickets for \$5000.00 voucher at \$40.00/ticket. Can call/message Jen or comment on Facebook post for tickets. Possibly do another raffle in November/December.

**Recreation grant** requested from County for \$4500.00. Approval should be received next week. Swimming and Outdoor Ed 2 day camp

## ADJOURNMENT:

J. Christianson adjourned the April 8, 2024 meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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Chairman

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