

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Aitken, Lori Thompson, Jenni Williams, Jen Christianson, Jessika Savoie

IN ATTENDANCE: Penny Bohn, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Zach and Ashley Marcellus, FMM

CALL TO ORDER:

J. Christianson, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Additions to agenda 7.2 Videography - Marina; 7.3 Splash Park – Jenni Williams. L. Thompson moved and J. Aitkens seconded that the July 8, 2024 agenda be accepted as revised. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Christianson moved and J. Aitken seconded that the June 10, 2024 regular Board meeting minutes be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

BOOKKEEPER’S REPORT:

The Bookkeeper’s June 30, 2024 report was reviewed. P. Bohn moved that the Bookkeepers June 30, 2024 report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

FMM REPORT:

Ashley Marcellus presented the FMM report for June 30, 2024.
July was a busy month with ball games during the week and tournaments on the weekends. Continued maintaining grounds and general upkeep.
North Country Jr Rodeo started and have been prepping the grounds for those events.
Northern Flora brought flowers and planted.
Woodlands County brought a bin over & took 1 load of wood from the area by diamond 3. C-5 brought out manlift. Darren completed electrical work; hockey rink lights (7 in total) and replaced and repaired power pole lights.
We used manlift to also stain the sign out front (was quite faded to grey) and cut down trees between garage and the curling rink.
Picked up weed whacker and glass for the hockey rink window.
Sprayed diamonds, rodeo ring, walking trail and around power poles.
Prepped for the library book sale.
Home hardware update.
Curling Club will continue with repairs to be made to ice plant.

New tasks: Cleaning by the garage and continuing cleaning by diamond 3.
Grandstand bleacher repairs; painting; Handling system updates–Jen and Micheal; Co-op charge account/fuel cardlock.

August Holidays: August 9-11th and August 25-28th

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OLD BUISINESS:

Summer student – 4 more resumes have been received. Jen left a message for Kaylea Hiller with no response. Will try to reach Kaylea again and then offer position to Alyssa Huff to start ASAP.

AAAS: Funds have been received from AAAS in the amount of \$28,023.00. Banking can now be transitioned over to TD Bank from ATB. The ATB will be left open for a few months to accommodate this transition.

Grant: A grant application was submitted for the arena boards which was denied. The cost is approximately \$20,000.00. If this is completed, we will receive bookings for ice time for hockey which will earn rental income.

******J. Williams moved and J. Savoie seconded that we purchase the glass required to fill the empty spaces plus 1 or 2 extra panes. CARRIED.******

CORRESPONDENCE/E-MAILS:

Ag Society Bylaws: The Bylaws have been accepted and approved by Agriculture and Irrigation.

Hannah Lyons: An email was received offering to volunteer for rodeos and jackpots. Opportunity discussed and denied due to liability issues and events not held that require this help.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rental rates: A discussion was held regarding rates for table and chair rentals.

******L. Thompson moved and J. Aitken seconded that rental rates be set at \$10.00/table and \$3.50/chair and old wooden chairs at \$1.00 each. Damage deposit will be \$100.00 for every 10 tables rented. CARRIED.******

Videography – Marina: A request for access to take video during the hoedown was received. After discussion, the request is denied due to liability and FOIP issues.

Splash Park: Jenni Williams on behalf of the Splash Park committee requested use of some land for the construction of a splash park. The committee would pay for construction and the County would take over maintenance once built. Due to water issued, the request was denied after discussion.

HOEDOWN:

Lawn mower races: Zach and Ashley Marcellus on behalf of Lawn mower committee requested free camping passes and entry passes for race sponsors that donate \$300.00 or more. 6 passes would be needed.

******L. Thompson moved and J. Aitken seconded that camping/admission passes be given to race sponsors not already receiving them for donating to the Hoedown. CARRIED.******

Still looking for entertainment for Friday intermission (approximately 15 minutes).

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Suggestions for either an adult relay with inflatable costumes or a tug of war with an electric fence with the prize being a drink card.

*****L. Thompson moved and J. Christianson seconded to purchase inflatable costumes for a relay. **CARRIED.*******

D. Fortin will purchase/sell bandanas again. This will need to be advertised.

A coloring contest will be held for different age groups.

Need to book one more concession.

Sausages for the pancake breakfast will be ordered from Neerlandia Co-op. Other supplies will be checked and ordered as needed.

J. Aitken will order liquor from Neerlandia Co-op.

Buckles are on their way.

Signs will be made showing our email address for Etransfers for camping.

P. Bohn will pick up cash float for the different events.

EVENTS:

Event report: Swimming will be done on Wednesday with 22 kids participating. 10 registered for Outdoor Ed August 20-21 with a maximum of 14.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Christianson adjourned the July 8, 2024 meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary/Bookkeeper

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