Valley County Fair Commission Regular Meeting

February 8th, 2016

501 Court Sq. #17 Glasgow, MT 59230

Members in Attendance: Kevin Ross, Tasha Mix, Bob Hansen, Jerry Arnold, and Adam Powell. Absent Smiley Johnson.

Guest in Attendance: Doris and Dewayne Ozark, Twylla Isakson, Tori Arnold, Rob Brunelle, Connie Boreson, Leslie Simonson, Roubie Younkin, Paul Tweeten.

Chairman Kevin Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Public comment: none at this time.

Commissioners Report: none

4-H: There will be a livestock meeting February 21st at the Courthouse. They are planning to have a showmanship clinic this year at the fairgrounds. Chickens will also be a possibility again this year.

MRM: Rob had emailed the rules changes that were made at their last meeting. They changed the rules for the fair derby to match the rules that Blaine County uses for their derby and made some slight changes to the 80’s and up Derby. Bob moved to accept the rules for all MRM events as presented, Adam 2nd; motion passed.

Rodeo: The Ranch Rodeo will be July 23rd and the Optimist club will be providing the beer gardens. The Kids rodeo will also be held on this day. They will replace the calf scramble with wild pony races. They also would like the Drug Task Force concert to be held after the ranch rodeo and the board agreed this was a good idea. Tasha will contact Jim Sinclair about this. Slack will probably be Wednesday. They also mentioned that the breaker boxes and electrical in the back needs to be looked at. Last year there were lots of problems. The Fair Board will contact someone to look at this.

Concert: Their next meeting will be February 17. They would like to know if the Fair Board will allow camping at the fairgrounds the night of the concert and if we will donate the proceeds from the concessions for that evening. Jerry moved to allow camping at the fairgrounds the night of the concert, Bob 2nd; motion passed. Jerry moved that the Fair Board would keep the proceeds from the concessions, Adam 2nd; motion passed.

Minutes of the January 11th, 2016 Jerry moved to accept the minutes as presented, Adam 2nd; motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Swine Barn: We will have a committee meeting February 21st after the 4-H livestock meeting.

Carnival: nothing new at this time

Charging a fee for grandstand events not fair related. The board decided not to implement a policy on this.

Bob moved to offer the commercial building spaces at no charge for 1 year (just the 2016 fair)past vendors will be offered spaces first and then open it up to other vendors, Adam 2nd; motion passed.

Food Vendors: Jerry moved that all non-profit vendors will be charged a flat rate of $650 per year. All non-profit will be charged 12.5% of their net profit, Adam 2nd; motion passed.

Mayberry rooms: still waiting on payment

NEW BUSINESS:

Connie and Leslie from The Valley County Health Department asked the board for use of the Sheep Barn Wash Rack as a place for holding dogs that need to be quarantined by the county. They will provide their own kennel, feed, water, and clean the kennel. Tasha moved to let the VCHD use the space Adam 2nd. Tasha withdrew her motion. There was lots of discussion on the matter. Jerry moved to let the VCHD use the Sheep Barn Wash Rack at the fairgrounds as long as there were not any functions taking place at the time. Bob 2nd; motion passed.

The Milk River Jamboree would like to have a spot on our Free Stage. They would offer gospel music at no charge to the Fair Board. Jerry moved to have the Milk River Jamboree play Saturday morning the 30th on the Free Stage, Tasha 2nd; motion passed.

Tasha suggested that the Fair Board contract with the Rodeo Committee. The Fair Board would write the Rodeo Committee a check and they would take over all aspects of the rodeo with the exception of securing sponsorships. Tasha moved to start the process by drawing up a contract with the Valley County Attorney, Jerry 2nd; motion passed.

Adam suggested that we have an overall fair sponsor. The sponsor would have a 4’x32’ sign on the commercial building. Jerry moved to charge $2500 per year with a 5 year contract for a 4’x32’ sign as an overall fair sponsor with 1st right to renew at the end of the contract. Bob 2nd; motion passed.

The RMAF district convention will be in Medicine Hat April 8th and 9th 2016. Adam, Jerry and Smiley will be attending.

Jerry moved to add Kevin Ross as a signer and Tasha as information only to the premium account at First Community Bank and the contract account at Valley Bank. Adam 2nd; motion passed.

The Dirty Shame Show will cost $100 per dancer and $1 per mile for travel. Jerry moved to hire the Dirty Shame Dancers up to 8 dancers for Wednesday before the PRCA Rodeo. Tasha 2nd; motion passed.

Public Comment:

Roubie said that the 4-H horse show is potentially going to be July 16th. The board expressed that they would like 4-H to look at their schedule to possibly move it closer to fair week and move it back to the Valley County fair Grounds.

Dewayne Ozark said the Rough stock would be coming in on Sunday July 24th.

Repairs to the Free Stage was also mentioned.

Meeting adjourned a t 8:10pm

Chairman Signature: