

Three Forks Rodeo Arena Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting held Monday, July 1, 2024

Our regular meeting was held on this date at the Cook Shack, 95691 MT Hwy 2, Three Forks, MT at 5:32pm.

Present were Adam Miller, Casey Elmore, Mike Lane, Ann Price, Gene Townsend and Ryan Hamilton. Ryan Pestel was excused; Secretary Crystal Turner and Marketing Director Christina Kamps were in attendance.

Financials & Approval of Minutes

Gene Townsend moved to approve the 6/3/2024 minutes, Adam Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adam reviewed the financials. Crystal said there were bills to be entered but she did not have them completed yet, but the Stock Contractor, Trick Riders, Insurance, TV production, all those will be input to be paid so there are checks ready at the Rodeo. Mike Lane moved to approved the financials. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the PA System. Adam has got a quote from Jacob's Audio out of Bozeman for 3 speakers hung on the poles, new wireless mic's with new amp for \$21,600 (that would be sourced from a company called Techno Mad). Adam will continue to work on it but asked that \$15,000 be put in the budget for the Three Forks Rodeo.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Rodeo & Events

Crystal will call Ice House to remind them we will need refilled on Saturday morning. Casey will bring straw bales/hay for around the tent area as seating to hide the stakes. Gene said he would talk to HRDC about their food truck since Mobile Mike's has not committed. Crystal to call H&E Equipment to see if the grade-alls could be brought down the week prior to the rodeo for advertising.

Casey reported he met with the Northwestern Energy engineer and Mike Helzer. The rest of the application, now that they know more detail of our needs, will be \$5,300 and they could start 8/1. (Crystal to get the application and check on the Council's 7/9/24 agenda.) Mike Helzer said we need a 400amp service but have Northwestern Energy stub it for 800amp as we grow.

Adam said he has his money counting volunteers lined up from Opportunity Bank. Crystal is working on the rest of volunteers, less the Cook Shack (Pat Townsend will work on this). Christina is writing an article on Mel Obregewitch for the program. "Freddie gave me some cool pictures we can use. We will do something for the sign board too," she said. Casey told Christina she can extend seating to Freddie in his family's VIP table.

Whobee Hughes will order more sand before the rodeo for the arena. The Bozeman Saddlites want to practice next Wednesday and Thursday pre-rodeo. Casey will let Whobee know so the sand is done.

7/18 after work will be the working meeting and chores at the rodeo grounds. Crystal to coordinate picking up the Chamber's tent and the trailer for the Rodeo Secretaries.

New Business

No August meeting was discussed - then Adam said he would like to discuss the financials so it was agreed to have a dinner meeting at the Sac again. Crystal to make reservations for August 26th. Skip September's meeting.

Gene Townsend moved to adjourn. Mike Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.