

## Greater Grand Forks Fair board meeting by Zoom 11-11-2020

Present: Terry, Bill, Dennis, Kenny, Pam, Mark, Connie, Darren, Derek, Diane, and Jeanie

Guests: MaKayla Fleming, Tom Ford, Haley Wamstad

Terry called the meeting to order.

The representatives from Grand Forks County appeared at the meeting to discuss the grandstands and any other issues. One of the questions that has come up is about requirements for meeting notices. Fair board meetings are considered to be public meetings. Advance notice of meeting time and date is required. The notice has to be posted in a variety of ways including at the main office of the organization and at the actual meeting location if that is in a separate place. Special meetings need a much more detailed agenda than regularly scheduled meetings. Minutes and agendas also need to be posted. Haley will also go through our bylaws and review them for us.

Tom appeared to discuss issues in the grandstands. A few repairs were recommended for 2020. The steel beam was repaired. Epoxy has been ordered to fix some concrete. The County Commission is interested in how plans are progressing to continue the repairs that were identified a few years ago. Dennis talked about some of the projects that we have done at the grandstands in the past. He suggested getting a second opinion on the project. Tom suggested holding a joint meeting with the County Commission and the Fair board to discuss the project, possibly after a second opinion is completed. Tom and Terry will look at meeting dates.

Mark had emailed meeting minutes from the October meeting to board members earlier in the day. Darren made a motion to approve. Bill seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Terry gave a brief financial report. Have approximately \$120,000 in the checking account. All bills that have been received are paid. Terry will be taking paperwork to the bank in the morning to get the PPP grant for the pandemic forgiven. Bill made a motion to accept the financial report and approve for filing. Connie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Keith gave a report on the grounds. The buildings are almost full for storage. Keith and Dennis are working on a plumbing issue under the grandstand and fixing the concrete piling.

Pam has set tentative dates for barrel run series.

Mark had information on a group of bands that are available for Saturday at the Fair. A couple of questions were asked about Jacked Up and Casey Muessigmann. Mark will get the questions answered and bring information back to the next meeting.

Dennis and Pam asked Diane for some clarification on who is paying for inspections on the grandstands. The County has paid for the inspections up to this point. Diane was looking for the costs of the inspections so far. She believes that the original inspection was approximately \$12,700. The annual inspection this year was approximately \$2,100. The Fair would be responsible for paying for a second opinion. The Fair is also responsible for having annual inspections done on the grandstand going forward.

The State of North Dakota has opened up some more grants to cover expenses for Covid issues. Darren will be listening to a conference call on November 17<sup>th</sup> to get more information to see if some of the projects we would like to do, including touchless fixtures in the bathrooms, would be eligible.

Jeanie asked to board for some input on new committees. Because of the length of the meeting that issue was tabled until December.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darren seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next regular meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.