

Spruce View & District Agricultural Society Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 2022 @ 7 pm

Attendees: Brent Ramsay, Beth Huising, Kinsey Brown, Mitch Hetu, Carmen Aragon, Logan Ebbeson, Whitney Quartly

1. Approval of agenda
2. Motion to approve April 2022 Meeting Minutes by Mitch, 2nd by Logan
3. President's Report
 - Sent out via Email prior to meeting, additional items discussed:
 - Canada Day Parade - likely not happening, permit has to be obtained in order to close Highway 54, it is too costly.
 - Lion's club will be doing a pancake breakfast and fireworks for Canada Day.
 - Canada Day Committee - they are a non profit organization, need 5 board members. If anyone is interested in joining their board they can contact Brent or Sandy.
 - Rates committee did not meet this month
 - Minor Hockey AGM - Brent attended. MH is planning to host their "Welcome back BBQ: in the fall at the arena.
 - AB Government - making changes to what AGLC funding can be used for as well as reducing reporting requirements.
4. Financial Report - Brent on behalf of Lindsay
 - General Account \$77,297.80
 - Casino Account \$24,817.15
 - Year end is coming up: May 31
 - Ag society is anticipating a \$5,000 loss for the fiscal year.
 - Lindsay to draft a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - Ag society lost revenues this year due to Covid restrictions limiting hockey rentals, gymkhana and other private rentals.
 - With Covid restrictions now lifted the Ag society will be focusing on fundraising.
 - Gymkhana - Whitney/Lindsay
 - Gymkhana has established a new board.
 - rental rate to be determined by rates committee, Gymkhana to likely do "half day" rentals. No Ag Fees to be charged.
 - New Accountant - Lindsay has been in touch with a new accountant to try to reduce this cost to the Ag Society.

- Waste Management Contract - Ag society received notice that the waste removal contract was cancelled, however no one from the ag society requested this. Lindsay to Follow up.
- Motion to adopt financials by Whitney, 2nd by Mitch.

5. Director Reports

- Facility Rentals - Beth
 - April - 1 rental
- Communications - Whitney
 - Working on some updates on the website.
- Rates Committee - Brent, Mitch, Lindsay, Beth, and Logan
 - No meeting in April.

6. User Group Reports

- Minor Hockey
 - Brent attended AGM.
- Figure Skating - Whitney
 - Casino on Friday May 11. All volunteer positions have been filled.
- Gymkhana
 - New president has been appointed - Marie. Whitney also involved in the new board.
 - Gymkhana running for sure this year. Dirt to go in after Grad weekend (June 27)
 - Ag Society to have a plan for bringing the dirt in by the next meeting.

7. Caretaker Report - Carmen

- Carmen to present thank-you gift to Ray for his help.
- Yard - Daine will mow prior to grad.
- July - Work Bee with the Hockey kids. Carmen plans to have them clean up the ditches, paint the stairwell
- Fire inspection - Door needs to be fixed. Carmen is able to fix the door. Inspector coming back next week.
- Quotes for the new zamboni door are basically the same (swing door vs. overhead door). Quoted at ~\$7k +\$1,600 to fix door threshold. Ag Society plans to apply for Rocky Mountain Equipment Grant to cover this cost. Kinsey to apply to grant, deadline is July 31, 2022.

- Zamboni has been taken down for maintenance. Estimated cost is \$4,136. Repairs include new barrings, sparkplugs, sharpening the blades, hydraulic and oil maintenance. Motion to have repairs done as quotes by Mitch, 2nd Beth.
- Carmen's To-Do List of repairs - hopefully Ag Society can apply for the county capital grant to cover the costs of some of these projects. Carmen to collect quotes for the projects so we are able to apply for grants as they come up.

8. Unfinished Business

- Heifer Raffle - budget is the main concern, it is a large expense up front. Tom working on securing funding from FCC. We could look at other producers, breeders association. Tom not present at meeting, Heifer Raffle to be discussed at next meeting.
- Concession - needs to be cleaned out for season. Brent to Follow up.
- FCSS info night - Janine and Kinsey attended. It was fairly busy. Would like to look into getting some signage for events like this, we didn't have anything to really identify our group. Kinsey to get an idea of costs for signage.
- Bullriding event - Brent has had some communication issues with organizers. Board feels that we do not have enough information to successfully plan and execute the event by August. Motion to cancel Bull Riding for 2022 by Beth, all in favour.
- New Years Cabaret - Ag Society to take over from Flames Hockey. Beth/ Brent to look into musicians to perform.
- Scholarship - Brent to advise school of successful recipient and find out how they would like to present the award.

9. New Business

- FCC Capital/ AgriSpirit Grant - missed deadline, did not have quotes ready to apply.
- County Operating Grant - Kinsey to follow up with Janine/Lindsay to apply.
- Highway Clean Up Fundraiser - Beth - Ag society could sign up, get paid by kilometers cleaned. Beth to gather more info and coordinate for next spring.
- Parking Lot - Mitch - project we should keep in mind and gather quotes for so we can apply for grants potentially.

10. Meeting Adjourned 9:11 pm

11. Next Meeting June 9 @ 7pm