

The Marias Fair Ag Committee met on Monday April 24, 2017 at Marias River Electric Board Room in Shelby, MT. The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Barbie. In attendance were: Carrie Lerum, Carol Fulbright, Kathlene Shumway, Randi Samsal, Kathleen Barbie, and Ula Omdahl.

The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved by acclamation.

The treasurer's report was that we have \$1514.62. The books were received from Deb Friesen the week before the meeting. We discussed what the use of our finances, that they are used to pay for cat and dog judges for fair and a portion of rabbit and poultry judges.

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

We discussed changes to the by-laws. Carrie moved to the update, Carol seconded and the motion passed. These were the updates that were discussed at the last meeting, including changing the county extension base and voting delegates.

Ula moved and Carol seconded that dog vaccination records will be collected by July 15 (clean-up day). Kathleen B. will check on status and make sure a hard copy will go to the extension office.

Carol is in process of finding and completing judging standards and expectations for judges. Kathlene S. shared some information she has. Questions were asked about potential copyright on the information. Carol will check on permission to copy and share.

Dates were discussed for showmanship clinic. Possibilities were June 7, 8, or 9 with the 8th being preferred. (Update, the 8th worked). Someone will check with Kim Suta about which date works best. The workshop will be at the Exhibit Building at 5:00. We decided that we would have half hour rotations with a teaser about Pocket Pets with Kim Suta. We will ask Kim to organize/registration/plan the workshop. There will be an e-mail vote on food when numbers are in. Registration will be due May 31 with a \$5 registration fee that will include the meal. Each committee member should bring a dozen bars or cookies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Feedback about show advertisements at the fair has been good. The agents and admins have handled this in the past. Holly will be asked to pass this information on to Kathy.

Cat vaccinations were discussed for fair entries. Kathleen B. will check into this for next year and explore the possibility of expanding project displays, etc. for cat projects.

Loot bag items for dog and cat can be dropped off by clean-up day.

Clean up day was discussed. Cell numbers and e-mail addresses were shared. Kathleen B. will ask Kari about cleaning supplies. Carrie will ask Dean about using their power washer.

Herdsmanship judges were explored. Some possibilities that will be asked are Tawna Hanson and Stephanie Leach for poultry and rabbit.

We will meet at the showmanship clinic if a meeting is deemed necessary.

The next meeting will be October 30 at 6:00 at Marias River Electric.

Respectfully submitted,

Ula Omdahl

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