

RLRAS Board Meeting

Monday March 13, 2023

Attendees

Lotus Plamondon
Russell Huffman
Crystal Tizzard
Carmen Elliott
Jeanette Pomerleau
Stacy Witwicky

Regrets

Jane Weeks
Alanna Wowk

Guests

Darlene Beniuk
Tim Carson
Laurel Huffman
Elaine Landstrom
Clarence Gladue
Anita Dunham
Dale Lavalle
Mandy Gladue

Darlene Kotylak
Chris Kotylak
Ken Dunlop
Billy Smith
Mary Tizzard
Dave Tizzard
Darlene Kotylak
Tony Kumpula

Bob Tizzard
Rochelle Kumpula
Woody Kumpula
Kale Kumpula
Dale Glover
Erikka Kumpula
Kendra Roberta

Agenda

Call to Order
Lotus called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Minutes from previous meeting

Lotus accepted the minutes from previous meeting Carmen seconded.

Motion carried

Financials

Carmen accepted financials Stacy Seconded.

Motion carried.

Reading from the Rural Women's Conference

Suggestion was made by Jeanette to sponsor as we have in the past, discussion was had, Tim Carson from Triple A stated that we could potentially have up to 22% of the sponsorship reimbursed. This discussion was tabled to next meeting.

Kitchen Licensing

Crystal T gave an update, stating that everything is in place, we are to have the guard in place separating the kitchen from the rest of the hall, Crystal has done up a cleaning schedule to be followed with room for adjustments as needed and all has been approved.

Arena Rules

Two additions were made.

#22. Max 2 hour booking per user

#23. Booking members are responsible for ensuring drop in fees are paid & waivers have been signed and to ensure that any guests sign in/out and adhere to all the rules.

Russell Motioned to accept these amendments, Carmen seconded.

Motion carried

Arena Membership

Change made to Annual Student membership from 13-18yrs to 13-17yrs \$100

Change to Annual Family membership Additional youth from 13-18yrs to 13-17yrs \$40

Change made to Seasonal Family membership Additional youth from 13-18yrs to 13-17yrs \$40

Addition made to include an additional cost of \$50 for use of cattle/roping chutes.

Russell motioned to accept these changes, Carmen seconded.

Motion carried.

Building Leaks

What are the problems and estimated cost of repair? There is an emergency fund available through the Lac La Biche. We will be putting in a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council of Lac La Biche County for a time to appear and present pictures and costs of repair. Darrel and Gary will be coming out on Monday, March 20th @ 7pm to take a look at the damages.

Maintenance Person

What would be the scope of work? Table for next month's meeting.

Rearranging Panels

Table to next meeting

Bathrooms

Install trim, door casings and floors. Completion will be paid with the remainder of the grant received from the Lac La Biche County as well as the remainder of the FCC grant, however there will be a deficit for approximately five to eight thousand dollars for completion.

Jeanette motioned to approve, Carmen seconded.

Motion carried.

Events

Weekly Heel-o-Matic nights

These events are not being held due to shortage of available volunteers.

Sorting events

This event was a success and raised approximately \$1200 to help cover some of the cost of the panels in the arena. We look forward to the next event to be held on March 26.

2nd Annual Bean Bag Tournament

June 17th \$40/team. There will be concession and beer gardens, proposed Sand Dance to follow was tabled to next meeting.

Father's Day pancake breakfast to be held the following morning.

Triple A Conference information

Elaine attended and found the entire conference very informative and brought back a lot of very helpful information including available grants up to 70 thousand dollars for playgrounds which she has taken upon herself to apply for.

Proposals

Crystal Tizzard brought forward a roping proposal to be considered which included fundraising ideas. This was tabled for discussion at the next meeting as there were many questions as well as additional information to gather.

Cost VS Return

Possible government grants available for feed and water systems.

Cattle Care and Maintenance responsibilities

Liability issues to the RLRAS

Clean up and maintenance costs and responsibilities

Cost of Side by Side for proposed raffle fund raiser

Quotes for drilling and installation of the watering system

County Grant Presentation update

Thank you Alanna for preparing the power point presentation. This presentation was well received and if approved will be used for operations and groomer, etc.

Coop Grant proposal update

This grant has been completed, Thank you Crystal T. These funds are to be used for the kitchen.

Fundraisers

50/50 and Quilt Raffle to raise funds for completion of the large hall

Lotus and Stacy to put together more information and take charge of this project

Tabled for next meeting

Sub-account

Opening a Sub-account to hold funds to be used to apply for matching grants and main hall expenses/emergency fund with Lotus Plamondon, Jeanette Pomerleau, and Crystal Tizzard to have signing authority. Russell motioned to approve, Carmen seconded.

Motion carried

Appointing of a New Board Membership

Elaine Landstrom volunteered for the position, she has continued to volunteer to improve the community hall and help us complete our projects, taking time out to attend conferences and seek out and apply for various grants.

Russell motioned to approve her as a new board member, Carmen seconded

Motion carried.

List of available grants and deadlines

Crystal T has volunteered to put together a list of available grants and deadlines for same.

Are there possible grants for gravel or Overhead Heating/Landscaping/Beautification.

Panels

A suggestion has been made for the possible sale of the existing panel system being leased from

Mirand Industries at \$13,500 per year over a period of 6 years, leaving 4 years remaining including this years payment to be made in April.

The panels have a current resale value of roughly between \$65000 to \$78000.

Dale and Kendra would like to keep the panels stating they are the safest option for the cattle. They have been encouraged to give us their feedback on possible systems that can be purchased with the profit from the sale.

Lotus and Stacy have been looking at the possibilities for other panel systems which can be purchased out right with the proceeds from the sale of the other panels with the option to add to those panels as additional funds become available.

Elaine has stated that her issue is that the panels to date have not been paying for themselves.

Jeanette was asked to put together something showing the separate incomes from the arena and panel system as well as the operating costs of the arena.

Crystal has stated that if we cannot have cattle in the arena we cannot have roping or sorting.

Laurel is asking where the responsibilities and liabilities lie with regards to the care and upkeep for the cattle.

In the end it is a question of what do we want to see accomplished? Do we want a fully functional Ag. Society.

Bobby stated it would be a shame to sell panels, argument ensued. There is a need for an overall plan to resolve costly issues.

The conversation has been tabled for the next meeting.

Paint Night

Thank you to Jane for organizing this event, we have had excellent feed back and people would like to see another such event very soon.

First Aide course held at the hall

Tim Carson has stated that there is a grant available through Triple A for those programs. Stacy will get more information and bring it to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:45