

Arena Board

October 2, 2019

Present: Katie Smith, Janice Klein, Ken Day, Walt Rosemann, Karen Larsen, Doug Vawdrey, Alan Kirton
Dan Portwood, Buzz Goodrich, Chance Hunter, Wayland McGary

Minutes from the August 28 meeting were read and approved. The September meeting was cancelled due to insufficient board members in attendance.

David Dobson, City Manager, came to visit with us. He represents the city council. The purpose of his visit was to discuss the Moto-cross challenge. The city wants to know why we are not in favor of putting on this event again. He asked for board member input.

Board members responded with the following questions and information.

1. There is too much damage to the arena with the moto-cross. The entire meeting of June 26 was spent discussing this.
2. The council wants us to use the arena and provide numerous activities. However, if the council designates all of our budget to the moto-cross, how will we pay for any others?
3. Until we know for sure that we have the authorized money, we cannot look into other activities because most events require a 120 window to organize. After we choose an activity, present it to the council, get their approval and establish the funds, organize the activity and promote it, it would be inside the 120 window. Does the city want us to begin a concentrated effort on this?
4. The city does not have an accurate accounting of what the moto-cross costs. Have they incorporated the cost to rehab the arena after the event? Every year, it takes a lot of manpower, time and money to fix everything that was damaged.
5. Rhett, from Parks and Recreation, told us that employees from his department will not be able to be as involved or spend as much time on this event in the future.
6. We understand that someone told the council that this board does not want to do other events. This is not true. We have discussed numerous other things including: concerts, bull fighting, a renaissance fair, jousting event and barrel racing.
7. The board has voted twice to not pursue this event and, yet, we are told to go ahead with it. Is our input important?

David Dobson said he will advise the council that the board would like to meet with them, all board members who can attend.

Katie requests that the event take place before the rodeo. She has secured funding to bring in a rock picker and new dirt and the arena floor needs to be in good condition before the rodeo. (Rodeo is July 9, 10, 11)

Anyone who has something to put on the agenda for each meeting should have the information to Chance on or before the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

Tanner Valcario came to talk to us about the concert he could make available to us.

1. He has talked to the fire marshall and was told that 6,300 people could be approved.