**MRLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**7/12/2022**

The board of directors for Marias River Livestock Association met on Zoom at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. President, Dean Lerum, called the meeting to order. In attendance were: Bob Thompson, Butch Gillespie, Doreen Gillespie, Diana Thompson, Dean Lerum and Carrie Lerum.

Approval of minutes and treasurer’s report was tabled until the next meeting. Carrie read a thank you from the Montana Range Days committee.

Dean reported that the Mid-Year Membership meeting that was held during Montana Range Days on June 21, 2022 at the 4-H Exhibit building went very well. The beef brisket dinner prepared by TLC Catering was delicious. The leftover beef was frozen and will be used for the Nanna Flesch Memorial Scholarship dinner during the Marias Fair. Vicki Olson was an excellent speaker. She talked about what the state Public Lands board is working on and she talked about the American Prairie Reserve. It was very informative.

Carrie reported that the Nanna Flesch Memorial Scholarship dinner fundraiser will be Sunday, July 24th. We will start serving food from 11:00 a.m. until around 1 p.m. at the FFA Bingo building at the Marias Fairgrounds. Robyn will served beef brisket sandwiches, with potato salad, chips and water. It will be a free-will donation meal. All the proceeds go towards starting a scholarship in Nanna Flesch’s name. The goal is to have 4-H’ers apply to receive funds that they can use towards purchasing an animal to show at the Marias Fair. Butch and Doreen will help serve food from 11-12 and Bob and Diana will serve from 12-1.

Bob Thompson reported on the Seewald barn sign. He purchased a 4 x 8 ft. piece of plywood and painted it glossy white. Then he took it to Barbie Avlestad who will prepare a vinyl sheet of the MRLA logo and apply it to the plywood. Barbie thinks it will be done in a day or two. Dean offered to hang the sign up when it is done.

Carrie reported that there are fifteen contestants signed up for the MRLA Beef Breeding Contest. Lindsey will be interviewing the 4-Hers on Wednesday. Carrie will assist her as needed. There are seven 4-Hers signed up for the MRLA Sheep Public Speaking Contest for the Marias Fair. Carrie and her son Lane Lerum will judge that contest.

Please contact Chris Kimmet if you’d like to order MRLA t-shirts. Carrie will have MRLA hats for the board members at the fair. Chris and Dean volunteered to ride in the barrel pick-up to announce the winners during Saturday night’s rodeo.

Maureen reported that she has set up a Hay and Cattle Forum on our website. It is available for people to post if they are buying or selling hay and cattle. You need to register as a contact on the website but you don’t have to be a member to participate in the forum.

Carrie reported that she has found a decorations chairperson for the Rib Tickler dinner. Her name is Katy Leck and she is from Galata, MT. The theme is “Celebrating Cowgirls”.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 9th at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Lerum, Secretary/Treasurer