

**Proposed Minutes MetraPark Advisory Board Meeting  
March 26, 2024**

**ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:** President Mike Mayott, Charlie Loveridge, Evan Decker, Steve Hurd, Dana Bishop, Woody Woods, Joy Culver, Lyle Hill, Kevan Bryan, John Ostlund, Mark Morse

**ABSENT:** Pam Ask, Don Jones, Dave Williams, Brian Brown

**OTHERS:** MetraPark Staff: Darcie Tempel, Cody Reitz, David Roth, Robert Romito, Mike Groscop, Lynn Miller, Kelly Campbell, Shannon Conklin (CMS), Deb Christensen (recording)

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Mike Mayott called the meeting to order and greeted everyone in attendance.

**MINUTES**

There was a motion made to dispense reading of the minutes by Steve Hurd and seconded by Charlie Loveridge. A motion was made by Steve Hurd to approve the minutes for February. It was seconded by Dana Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.

**VSG Status-** Kevan Bryan gave a report on the VSG contract and recent visits. He reported that they have been very instrumental in recent changes. They will be working on Skybox contracts and Food & Beverage contracts that expire in June. He provided a handout titled VSG Project Update – March 22, 2024

**MANAGERS REPORTS**

Monthly reports are in the packets.

**Stoney** – was out of the office for the week. He is at Mid-West Fairs.

**Tim** – was out of the office for the week. He is at Mid-West Fairs

**Cody** –reported on the progress of booking new shows for 2024. A probable sell out (full house) show in September that will be announced in April. Possibly another big show a couple days before. Darcie provided updates on sponsorship efforts for MontanaFair 2024. They are up to \$113,700 for sponsorships for the fair. They were commended for a great job. He was asked if OVG were bookings any of these shows. Cody reported no. We already have the bid packets for next years MHSA.

**Kelly** – Report was in the packet. Kelly announced that Randy Pardis is retiring after

being here for 47 years and 3 months. He is the longest employee for the county. If anybody wants to donate, they can bring a donation to accounting. They are buying him a visa gift card.

**Mike G** – Report in the packet.

**David** – Passed around ticketing sales report to group.

**Jeff** – Report in the packet. Jeff is on vacation.

**Shannon**– Shannon reported that their number are up to 30 so everything is going well.

**Events Committee** – The committee was taxed with working on ideas for loading in crowds especially during inclement weather. Check with other vendors to see how they handle ADA load in. They were asked to find out about gun issues with off duty police.

**Finance Committee** – Charlie forwarded the minutes from the March 20 meeting via text.

**Fair Committee** -there was no meeting in March.

**Advisory Board Comments** – Mike asked that a thank you card be sent to the MHSA for letting us host their events.

The board had several suggestions on load in and merchandise sales.

**County Commissioners** – No comments from the county commissioners