

WYHSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Douglas, WY June 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by John Thurston at 8:05. The pledge and prayer were said. The following were in attendance; John Thurston, Travis Carlson, Courtney Reynolds, Jacey Thompson, Owen Wahlert, Terry Miller, Peggy Miller, Marina Hadley, Wendy Balkenbush, Thorpe Thompson, Bodee Wilson, Tyler Erickson, Ira Dickinson, Marc Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Mack Bradley, Elsie Campbell, Shae Bray, Johnathon Lipps, Colter Wise, Stephan Rennells, Reata Beck, Weston Reynolds, Megan Frank, Carey Mackey, Justin Johnson, Chip Merritt, Michelle Frank, Paulette Bray, Sam Beck, Kim Garrett, and Dixie Huxtable.

Minutes: Thorpe Thompson made a motion and Jacey Thompson seconded that we approve the minutes from the June 10, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasure: Kim wants to wait to give a financial report until she gets all the bills from finals taken care of to see where we are. We roughly paid out \$28,000 in scholarships, brought in \$3,000 on the chinks, and paid \$9,000 to the Haskett family for the Tough Enough to Wear Pink. Kim will email financials out when she has them done.

Resignation: Thorpe Thompson let the board know that Frank Thompson resigned from the board. He stated that he was too busy with things at home.

State Finals: State went well over all. A few things we will need to work on for next year: bulls a little to rank, judges being a little disrespectful to the competitor and student directors, do we still want to use PRCA judges, the horses that were bucked should have been to a high school rodeo before, and not enough breakaway calves. We want to have the stock contractor at the Sunday morning meeting to go over things. Lots of discussion on stock and if we are better off to piece our own stock together?!?! Dixie Huxtable made a motion and Thorpe Thompson seconded that we have a committee to go visit with Hank about our concerns. Motion carried. All of the student directors that have to do with stock are on the committee as well as Travis Carlson, Marc Dickinson, Justin Johnson, Chip Merritt, Marina Hadley, and Bodee Wilson. We discussed the team competition and awards. Tyler Erickson made a motion that we no longer do the plaques, instead we do King's certificates and for every 5 teams we will pay another place; Jacey Thompson seconded. Motion carried. We are going to wait and see where we ended up before we reimburse the board their camping at state finals. Marina Hadley made a motion to offer the sound contract to Doug Van Dyken again; Tyler Erickson seconded. Motion carried. Everyone felt the photographer did a great job and we will make sure everyone got their photos before we offer her the contract.

Elections: Marc Dickinson made a motion to nominate Thorpe Thompson for president and Marina Hadley seconded. Motion carried. Marc Dickinson made a motion to cease nominations and Dixie Huxtable seconded. Motion carried. Marc Dickinson made a motion to nominate Marina Hadley to be vice president and Jacey Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Marc Dickinson made a motion to cease nominations and Owen Wahlert seconded. Motion carried. Marc Dickinson made a motion to have Shelly Thompson be secretary for another year and Jacey Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Jacey Thompson made motion to have Kim Garrett and her firm be our treasure and Owen Wahlert seconded. Motion carried. We discussed central entry, Jamie Lyons and the work she does at state. She does a

great job and we want her to continue. Mack Bradley made a motion and TC Hadley seconded that we ask her to continue with what she has done in the past with \$1 per entry and \$1000 for state. Motion carried. We thanked John Thurston for his years of service. It was decided that we want to get John Thurston and Jamie Lyons a team jacket for all of their help and dedication.

Host Committee: Felt things went well. The fairgrounds continues to put more restrictions on them. They took in roughly \$11,000 in gate money. Dixie Huxtable made a motion that we sit down and visit with the host committee before the fall season and visit with them about some of the questions and concerns that the board has that need addressed; Thorpe Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Points: Jacey made a motion that we leave cutting as optional; Justin Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Tyler Erickson made a motion to leave the reined cow horse as optional; Jacey Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Marian made a motion to leave our state finals as a three head average; Tyler Erickson seconded. Motion carried. We will leave the points the same as last year in that you may take your best 12 rodeos into state. After much discussion Courtney Reynolds made a motion to take up to your best 12 rodeos in the cutting and reining as well.

Membership Fees: After much discussion Marina Hadley made a motion to keep our Membership Fees the same at \$250 however, we will not do the calendar this year. That \$100 will go to the general fund and be used as needed. Motion carried.

Awards: The student directors are going to try and get the saddle and 4 buckles sponsored for their events. They are encouraged to seek help from the other student members in that event. Dixie made a motion to reimburse Travis Carlson for the chinks that he paid for that we raffled off; Colter Wise seconded. Motion carried. Travis is going to work on getting another set of chinks and having tickets ready for the fall season and look into a commemorative rifle to raffle as well.

Queen: Kate Dickinson came to the board and requested that she be able to be Queen and the breakaway director. Dixie explained that we have never allowed this at it took a vote away from the students. Kate discussed that she didn't feel it was fair to win a contest and be voted into an office by her peers and have to choose. Much discussion occurred. Dixie Huxtable made a motion that no student officer or director may hold more than one office per year. The Queen is separate from this. Marina Hadley seconded. Motion carried.

Shooting Sports: We have a full team of shooters going to Nationals. We discussed paying for the shooters and team shirts. Marina made a motion to pay for team shirts for the shooters if we get them but they have to pay for their coats; Colter Wise seconded. Jessie Gillum said she would start looking for sponsors for the jackets.

Nationals: We have 55 contestants going to Nationals that includes the shooters. Student Delegates will be Jhett Hadley, Jamie Thompson, Jacey Thompson, Owen Wahlert, and the alternate will be Kate Dickinson. Marc Dickinson will be our adult director. Mack Bradley will be the assistant director. Dixie will try to get the team picnic on Saturday at 5:00. Volleyball coaches will be Dee Williams, Tanya Wahlert, and Wendy Balkenbush. Thorpe will check with Stephen Reynolds to see if he could be our shooting sports coach. Wyoming is once again in charge of the goats. Thorpe will visit with John and then figure out an adult that will be in charge of them at Nationals. We also need to get 2 goat holders lined out for each go and the short go. The seniors that attend Nationals need to get the scholarship

application filled out and in by Sunday. Don't worry about Dixie signing it she will get it signed after it is in. The seniors will interview on Wednesday at 1:00. Cinch team picture Monday at 5:30. We need items donated for the Wyoming basket. Kate will work on this. Mack Bradley made a motion that everyone going to Nationals will get the same amount of travel money and silver state will get half; Tyler Erickson seconded. Dixie reported that Nationals has a match program and is a great deal. Marc Dickinson made a motion to but any carry over in that to match; Owen Wahlert seconded. Motion carried.

Fall Rodeos: We need to remind the clubs that the judges they hire have had to have been to a judging seminar. Thorpe will get a list of approved judges on the site.

Jr. High: Mack Bradley gave a brief report for the Jr. High. After discussion it was decided to have Shelly Thompson be the membership secretary and Jamie Lyons do central entry like they do for High School. We need to have a board member on the Jr. High Committee as well.

Signature Cards: Dixie Huxtable made a motion to have the executive board on the High School Signature Card and the executive board as well as the board chairman for the Jr High on their signature card; TC Hadley seconded.

Website: Our website gal is done and Dixie will get ahold of Brian McNamee from Cheyenne to see if he can help us with our website. We feel that if someone gets it set up then Dixie, Shelly, and Jamie can do the updating of it.

Committees:

Jr High: Mack Bradley and Jacey Thompson

Judges / Rules: Mack Bradley, Marc Dickinson, Jacey Thompson

Financial / Budget: Kim Garrett, Bob Vogel, TC Hadley, Dixie Huxtable, Travis Carlson

Awards: All Students, Wendy Balkenbush, Carey Mackey

Animal Welfare and Inspection: Everyone

Youth Advisory: Students, Shelly Thompson, Wendy Balkenbush (The kids are in charge of this and Shelly and Wendy are to just over see!)

Shooting Sports: Stephen Reynolds, Reatta Beck, Weston Reynolds

Queen: Kate Dickinson, Wendy Balkenbush

State Finals: Everyone

Scholarship: Kim Garrett, Travis Carlson, Gerda Dickinson

It was brought to the directors that we need new eye stands.

Our next meeting will be in Wheatland at the first High School Rodeo.

Meeting adjourned.