

February 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 with Pledge being led by Delani Cunningham and Prayer led by Thorpe Thompson. Those present were Gerda Dickinson, Elsie Campbell, Ellie Bard, Kent Manor, Teigen Marchant, Hunter Hayden, Ira Dickinson, Jessyka Smith, Mack Bradley, Delani Cunningham, Lynn Kohr, Jessie Cunningham, Dixie Huxtable, Shelly Thompson, Zack Davis, Wisker Reynolds, JT Nunn, Lexi Wilson, Madison Wolff, Kent Persson, Kirby Hales, and Thorpe Thompson.

Minutes: Bradley made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/5/17 Board Meeting, Nunn seconded. Motion carried.

Financials/Budget: We went over the financials including the JH. It was reported that \$50,000 got moved into a stifle fund. We have a few scholarships that are yet to be claimed and the deadline is coming up. Bard made a motion to accept the financials and Campbell second. Motion carried.

National Director/Mid-Winter Meeting: Dixie reported mid-winter meeting went very well and that she was very glad that it was over! Had an issue with the hotel and the black of rooms that were reserved. She had to pay over \$6500 for the Presidents reception. She asked if we would be willing to donate an additional \$2000 for a total of \$5,000. Bradley made a motion to do this as she does an outstanding job and gives so much to the association/ Kohr seconded. Motion carried. Sent all spring rodeo packets. Had a few rule changes that she will get out to everyone as a few of them will be ground rules for the remainder of the year. Discussed the information that Dixie and Thorpe had on the ELD/CDL mandate. The Cutting and Reined Cowhorse for this month have been cancelled due to the EHV outbreak. We will be very close to having enough reined cowhorse. We will need to keep it at State Finals due to the number of competitions.

Student President: Reported mid-winter was great lots of fun and learned a lot. She hopes more students will go in the future! She feels all the directors are on track for sponsorship. They want Shelly to go ahead and get the jean jackets ordered.

Queen/Queen Coordinator: Wanted to remind everyone that the horsemanship is about being able to ride whatever horse you have well. It does not need to be a reined cowhorse horse. Gerda would like to include in the queen application this year that each girl will need a couple references. The board is not sure about this idea and we need to think about it and make sure it is the direction we all feel is right before it is implemented. They are going to be doing several seminars this spring that they are excited about. Gerda has 3 of the 6 judges confirmed. They will be doing a fundraiser at the Rock Springs Rodeo that will be a clothing swap. 2/3 of the profits will go to the Queen program with the other 1/3 going to WYHSRA. They are also hoping to get some sort of sponsorship or partnership with the owner of YellowBerry.

State Finals: We went over the remaining two contracts that need to be sent out. The JH Finals photography contract can be taken care of with the photographer that Gillette has already hired as long as we are willing to pay \$85 for her motel room. G Dickinson made a motion to pay the \$85 as long as she is there the whole time as well as during the awards and we get a dick of the pictures, Hayden seconded. Motion carried. For HS we do not want the same guy from last year as we didn't feel they were of good quality. The same gal that is doing the JH might be interested in the HS but we had issues with her previously. Shelly will check Mel Schmidt. We also want to check with Lonnie Farrell and Marci

Cunningham to see if they would be willing to do just the short go and awards ceremony. Marchant made a motion to let Shelly decide and send out a contract; Kohr seconded. Motion carried. We discussed the goat contract and reviewed the two bids we had received from Thurston's and Campbell's. We asked Campbell to leave the room so we could discuss them and vote. Thompson and Campbell abstained from voting. It was a close paper ballot vote with Campbell's getting the bid. Bradley made a motion to accept the bid of Campbell's; Davis seconded. Motion carried. The Board wants the goat director to decide if the goats will be fresh or ran at. Binder will let Campbell know. If they are fresh goats they are to be tied at Finals, if they have been ran at then they are not to be tied. We discussed awards, Gist said they did not give Kohr a true bid before the last meeting therefore we may go on probation next year. We are not sure the decision. Campbell made a motion and Kohr seconded that the 2-4 place awards for the avg. on 2 head would be Kings certificates \$100, \$80, \$60. Motion carried. We went over the sponsorships that are already in. We went over the list of sponsors from last year and discussed how we would contact them. It was decided that Dixie would send out a letter. Bard will get this list set up via google docs and email out so that the students can put their name on the sponsors they want to contact personally. Whatever is left over we will divide up. Also went over the actual costs of awards and sponsorships verse what we got from last year. Garrett will not be able to be at State Finals this year. Dixie and Shelly will work out the check writing. We discussed not having a bareback director and several students said to check with Myles Carlson and Donny Proffitt. Shelly will check with them. Anderson had contacted Shelly with questions about a Chevy Dealer being a sponsor at State Finals. The Ram dealer has first option if they do not want to sponsor then a Chevy sponsor can. Tonya Wahlert contacted Shelly about T-shirts. Dickinson's had to leave due to an emergency so we need to check with Gerda and see if she has anything before we let Wahlert know either way. Thompson asked Bradley if you could get 12T of hay spoke for. Would like grass squares. We also went over the schedule for state finals. We are going to leave it all the same as last year with the exception of cowboy prom. Bard made a motion not to have cowboy prom at state finals; Campbell seconded. Motion carried. They are hoping to get it set up to have at a local rodeo so that way they have more time to get ready, they won't be competing with the team roping, and it won't be such a late night during state finals. The student fund will still be used to pay for it if they do get it set up another time.

Highway Patrol: Scott Montgomery who is the Wyoming Highway Patrol Captain came and visited with us more about the ELD and CDL mandates. He gave us lots of great information and we had LOTS of questions. Not that any of us were overly happy about his information. Thorpe had a copy of the page from the his book that a got from someone in DC and the board asked Shelly to scan that email it out to the Board.

State Finals bids for 2019 and 2020: The board discussed sending our bid packets for the 2019 and 2020 State Finals. We went over the specs that we want and Dixie will send these out. We decided that we will go over the bids Saturday morning 8:00 before the Newcastle HS rodeo starts.

Online Entry System: Shelly reported the pros, cons, and costs of her system and then Dixie did the same for hers. The consciences was that everyone was nervous to go with Dixie system due to not being able to see it and it not being up and ready yet. They are concerned about the two programs being able to talk with each other so they work properly with Shelly's program. Bradley made a motion to go ahead with Shelly's program as long as it will cost no more than \$5,000, it will be ready for spring, and in the contract that is the two programs don't talk we get our money back; Manor seconded. Motion

carried. If this cannot be achieved this spring then Shelly will do membership for the spring. Shelly will have pre-entries out if can't do the online entry system.

Spring Schedule: The tentative schedule is online and Dixie is waiting on just a few more clubs paperwork. We will have a mandatory meeting in Laramie Sunday morning at 7:00

JH: We discussed the chute dogging chute. The specs say it has to be 6' long and 36" wide with a side gate for the contestants to enter thru. Marchant is going to check with his club and see if they are making one and if it is portable or not. Several others are going to check and see if they can get one made thru the school that will be portable. Gillette also contacted Nunn and asked for an additional \$500 to help with State Finals that would be a total of \$1000. The board said no not at this time as Gillette needs to just run it as a regular rodeo that happens to be State Finals. We will use Gist buckles this year due to have several left over from the past couple years. Kohr will take care of ordering these. We will only order 2 qualifier buckles for the 3 rough stock events and then if we have more kids qualify then that we will order the buckles. Huxtable reminded them about the rule changes from mid-winter and said she will get the info to us.

Shooting Sports: They are planning on having 4 shoots plus state. JH will have 2 shoots without a state shoot. If Gillette ordered a buckle for Shooting for JH we will then try to have that short in Big Piney. It will cost the same as last year \$25 per shoot. The point system will be the same.

Judges Seminar: Went well. Thompson hopes to get several states involved for next year and maybe they can get on a rotation so that each state puts one so that we don't have to do it each year.

Chink/Riffle Raffle: Shelly will contact Stephen and ask where he gets tickets from and get them ordered. Dixie paid Thomas Davis for last year and he almost has them done for this year and will get paid when we get the chaps. We will do the same incentive as last year, for every \$150 worth of tickets sold they will get one \$60 entry fee paid for state finals. These will be due no later than with your state finals paperwork. Shelly will have this typed up and ready to announce at the rodeos.

Scholarships: We have two new scholarships for this year. We will need to get information out on these. Persson is working on the letter for all the posts in the state about the scholarship program.

Crisis Fund: The crisis fund information needs gone over and probably some changes made to it. Bradley, both Cunningham's, Thompson, Kohr, and Marchant agreed to go over this information and come to the next meeting with recommendations. Bradley did make a motion to increase the crisis fund cap to \$25,000; Marchant seconded. Motion carried.