

November 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 with Prayer being led by Bailey Cunningham. Those present were Ellie Bard, Ayanah Winsor, Kent Manor, Jessyka Smith, Bailey Cunningham, Lynn Kohr, Jessie Cunningham, Dixie Huxtable, Shelly Thompson, Kim Garrett, Kent Persson, Zach Davis, Raymond Terry, Kaden Berger, Juel Afdahl, Blake Afdahl, James Leno, Amber Salazar, Kadra Clark, Jake Clark, Jordan McNamee, Wisker Reynolds, Cedar Kohr, Skyler Lubkeman, and Thorpe Thompson.

Minutes: L Kohr made a motion to accept the minutes from the 6/10/18 board meeting, J Cunningham seconded. Motion carried.

Financials: After discussing our finances after state finals and reviewing our year end statements, J Cunningham made a motion to approve and file our tax return for 2017, Terry seconded. Motion carried.

National Director: Huxtable felt the fall rodeos went well. The students brought up issues of judges not listening and how to handle this. We will have complaint cards for the spring so that any director can fill out with the rodeo info, complaint, and sign so that T Thompson can go over with the judges or take that judge off the judges list. T Thompson will also let the judges know we have these and that we want the judges to take the time to explain to the student directors. We will be sending all of the clubs and judges a director list so they know who to be dealing with. Dixie reminded everyone that out of the \$10 admin fee for HS \$4 goes to judges, \$1 to central entry, and \$5 back to the state. For JH it was changed this year to a per event fee and now have a \$25 per rodeo fee, \$5 goes to the club and \$ 20 back to the state for awards and operation. Dixie needs to get confirmation from Rock Springs to see if they want their rodeo over Easter weekend or if we are going to start April 5, 6, and 7 and have Easter weekend open. Casper has requested to have their rodeo on Friday and Saturday with no rodeo Sunday due to graduations. Buffalo / Sheridan is looking at having all three days of their rodeo in Buffalo. Midwinter meeting will be in Salt Lake City, it will be January 21-26. We have \$3000 budgeted for this. We need everyone to let us know by Christmas. The student and adult directors will have first choice than any members of the association will be able to attend with the \$3000. It is not a rule change year, can only submit rule clarifications. Huxtable will be submitting the rule clarification that it is the judge's responsibility to be sure the correct calf is ran not arena director. JH Nationals will be in Huron, SD, June 23-29. HS Nationals July 23-29 is in Rock Springs. We need to be prepared and have a policy in place as to how we are handling the camping and stalls with the shortage there will be. Huxtable said by the February meeting we will know if they are going to require all horses stalled or what the check in/out policy will be.

Cutting and Reined Cow horse: We do not know of any RCH for the winter as of now.

Student President: Ellie just reminded the students of the sponsorships they need to be getting. The secretary (Jessyka Smith), will help the team roping director get sponsorships for team roping. The vice-president (Bailey Cunningham) will get sponsorships for the shirts. The students voted on vests with white stitching for their incentive. After discussion Bard made a motion to let the students have their vests at the mandatory meeting in Laramie so the other kids see this, and then for each year they fulfill all of their duties as a director they will receive an additional \$150 scholarship as a senior; B Cunningham seconded. Motion carried.

Queen: Smith reported they are working on some workshops. They are also working on some fundraising projects. We have found two interested people in taking over the Queen Coordinator position.

2019 State Finals: Everyone thanked Kohr for her hard work with all she has done with the Complex as well as the grant she is doing for us. It was discussed the options of entering State Finals online this year, as well as

making the jackpot mandatory. Huxtable is concerned with the notary page being signed or lack of. They would still have to send in money order or cashier checks. S Thompson will check with Brian on having the option added to pay online as well as having an electronic signature. After much discussion, it was decided to table this until February. S Thompson reported that we have most all contracts back. We only received one contract for announcer. The board discussed last year's announcer and Davis made a motion to accept Jeff Campbell's contract; J Cunningham seconded. Motion carried. Davis made a motion to check with Siri to see if she wants to be the photographer and what it would cost; Kohr seconded. Motion carried. Kinnison emailed and wanted to be sure we were not going to use Barn 3, we are not, we are in the big barn. Ellie reported that we can have prom at Sheridan/Buffalo rodeo. J Cunningham said we have to have a male sponsor that is an authority figure. Reynolds said he would if we did prom from 8-10. The students are going to check around and make sure everyone wants prom again and we will discuss in February. We will be having SR boards set up this year. All seniors are encouraged to participate. We are looking at having a TR Wednesday evening. The producer of the TR has committed to a \$500 scholarship. Thursday night a goat roping and Friday ribbon roping. The students are going to visit with other kids and make sure this is what everyone wants and we will decide in February. We will be having a student zone similar to Cinch Town at Nationals for all the students. We are looking at changing the schedule for Wednesday. 1:00 – 3:00 check in and scholarship Interviews, 4:00-5:00 mandatory meeting, free barbeque immediately following mandatory meeting, enter at 5:00 to rope, and rope at 6:00. Terry made a motion pending on numbers for rough stock we do our performance schedule the same as last year but we change our ticket fee's. Every performance will cost this year, \$15 per day, \$10 short go, \$25 wrist band; Davis seconded. Motion carried. Kohr is going to visit with complex on sponsorships and donations. Kohr went to a lot of work getting a lot of bids for awards and did a great job! The students are thinking about not doing qualifier buckles this year. It was paper ballot voted that we go with Jessie James Buckles this year for both JH and HS if the students do not get back to Lynn by December 1 with a different award. C Kohr made a motion to use Tod Sloan Saddles this year; Smith seconded. Motion carried. As long as Dickinson has proclaimed a donor for the saddle for the Linderman award we will once again have this award. We will give the Tom Parker Extra Mile Award again this year. S Thompson will check with Dickinson on the ordering of this buckle. S Thompson will check with Brian on adding shooting sports to the online entries as well.

Online Entry and Membership Critique: S Thompson reported that it took a lot of extra time this fall. She hopes that after everyone is "trained" on the system things should get easier. Everyone else reported it was much better.

2021 & 2022 State Finals: We need to start securing bids for the 2021 and 2022 State Finals. A committee was formed to get a contract ready to send out to sites. Terry, Leno, Davis, and Bard will work on this and have it ready by February.

JH: The fall rodeo was well received and many parents would like more in the fall. We discussed the percent of points to take to state finals from the year. After much discussion it was decided to table this until June as we may have a better idea of numbers as well as we will have a comment card for the mandatory JH meeting in Laramie asking parents their opinion, as well as their opinion on having an awards ceremony at State Finals. We will then make a decision at the June meeting.

Shooting Sports: Nunn sent Shelly a report. We will have shoots at four spring rodeos as well as State Finals. Students will have to pre-enter these. S Thompson will be checking with Brian. We need to check with Nunn on the buckles for the 1st place qualifiers. Points and fees will be the same as last year. The students that enter will need a valid hunter safety card.

Judges Seminar: After much discussion it was decided we will be having a seminar in January and try to tie in as many associations as possible. We will do ½ day in classroom and ½ day in the arena. Looking at Torrington or Cheyenne for possible location.

Riffle / Hunt Raffle: Forbes donated a Lion Hunt in Area 15 to be raffled with the riffle. The winner has to get to Casper then everything is paid for. Manor made a motion to reimburse the winner for the cost of their license; Davis seconded. Motion carried. Must be redeemed within one year of drawing. This is a \$6,500 value. They may hunt other things while there as well. Huxtable made a motion to set the ticket prices at \$10 again this year; Berger seconded. Motion carried. Persson told the board that is the 100th year of the American Legion and they have special coins made. He got the coin numbered 1919 as that is the year the American Legion was started as he feels it would add value to the gun especially thru the Legion. The board thanked him and thought it was a great idea. Persson also said that he felt he could get Legion members to help at the rodeos with raffle. He just needs a list of dates, locations, and times for the rodeos and he will line up help. This is much appreciated! The board would like to see if the coin could be put in the stock so you can see thru the stock and see both sides of the coin. S Thompson will call Chapman/ Red Desert Riffles to see if he is on board with doing the riffle again as well as the cost and particulars on riffle for the tickets. Terry made a motion to do the student incentive like last year; Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

Knives: Persson also obtained a great deal on two custom knives. First one is a damaskas blade with engraved sheet for \$90 this is well over 50% off. Second one is a stainless steel blade with the WYHSRA emblem engraved and blade as well as sheet for \$70. We have lots of options with these. We can just sell them outright as a fund raiser, have a raffle, or offer them to the membership to buy. The board would like Persson to check with Ben, the maker, and see how long it takes to make them and if he is thinking about a certain quantity. The board did decide to buy both of the knives and give one to both of the raffle winners.

Trailer Raffle: Leno brought a proposal from Perry Trailer Sales for a Trailer Raffle. The trailer is offered to us at a huge discount. It is a very good deal and a great way to raise money. The board felt this is a great idea for next year as we feel it must be mandatory with the student's memberships to sell a certain number to make sure it all works. With being mid-year we will need to wait till next year. We will table this and bring it to the June meeting to be decided.

Scholarships: We discussed that our scholarship fund is not growing like we need or want it to. J Cunningham will work with Persson to get a list of Legion posts and get a letter out to them asking for scholarship donations before the first of the year. Legion posts really like the idea of scholarships verses award sponsorships.