

WYHSRA Board Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 with pledge and prayer led by Thorpe Thompson. Those present were Owen Wahlert, Jacey Thompson, Jerren Johnson, Thomas Davis, Buck Butterfield, Daycia Kohl, Shae Bray, Cliff Anderson, Jamie Gillum, Delani Cunningham, Casey Cunningham, Chip Merritt, Marina Hadley, TC Hadley, Wendy Balkenbush, Kim Garrett, Clay Kinnison, Justin Johnson, Dixie Huxtable, and Thorpe Thompson.

Minutes: TC Hadley made a motion to accept the minutes from Sunday, November 6, 2016; Jacey Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Financial: Our Financials look good at this time. We closed the calendar account and moved \$6,600 into the clearing account. Our crisis fund is maxed out. Dixie Huxtable made a motion to give Tom Parker \$500 out of the crisis fund; TC Hadley seconded. Motion carried. Delani Cunningham made a motion to give Justin Johnson \$500 out of the crisis fund; Owen Wahlert seconded. Motion carried. Mack Bradley is going to get the eyes and the extra set of poles.

State Finals: Kandi said they are willing to do a flat rate for the time of our finals verses a nightly rate for camping and stalls. We need to ask her if there will be a map for the stalls like the camping, or if we have to assign them. The rate for unreserved stalls and camping will be higher than the reserved rate. We think that we need to mark the spots with names just to try and eliminate any hassle or confusion. We are going to check on getting someone in charge of stalls and camping so if there are any questions or individuals taking the wrong site or stall they can handle the issues. Cliff is going to check on the possibility of getting a few ATV's donated for the board to use at the finals. We also need to decide if we are going to let golf carts and ATV's on site and if we will assess a fee with them. Cliff checked on security and there will be security in and out. Whatever we want for rules will be what they enforce. Gerda found that the ambulance will be about \$100 an hour. We will have to do reining and cutting during the finals. Kim Garrett has ideas for judges and cattle that she will pursue for us. We went over the tentative schedule for the finals. We made a few changes, but Jacey Thompson made a motion to accept the schedule; Delani Cunningham seconded. Motion carried. The schedule will be put on the website. We do not have a photographer yet. Marci Cunningham did not feel that she was professional enough to do the job. Marina will check with Ollie's and another photographer that she knows. Marc told Thorpe that he has timers. Marc and Cliff are working on getting hay donated. They have 4T so far and we need 9T. We discussed vendor booths and concession stands. Dixie will be meeting with Kandi later this month to go over a few of these things. TC Hadley made a motion to give Dixie the authority to set the fee for our vendors after the meeting; Wendy Balkenbush seconded. Motion carried. Dixie will call JD and visit with him about the bid he gave and see if we can work something out. Shelly will get goat bids in the next month or so.

Pre-Entries: Pre Entries should be up on the site by next week.

National Director: Dixie reported that Daycia Kohl and Colter Ellis both went to Mid-Winter meeting. A couple of big rule changes will be in the JH chute dogging. By next year they have to be coming out of a straight away chute. Jamie Gillum was going to check with her schools welding class and see if they would build us a chute. In Goat Tying the tier must get off the goat immediately. Dixie got our judges

vests. Dixie said that they went over all the stock issues from finals last year and addressed all the problems so they won't happen again. The schedule for HS Nationals will be Gillette again for a year, then Rock Springs for two years, then Lincoln, NE for two years. After Lincoln we will start over for another rotation of the three locations again. JH Nationals will be Lebanon TN another year, Huron SD for two years then Des Moines, Iowa for two years. Daycia Kohl really enjoyed the mid-winter meeting. She and Dixie both talked about the National crisis fund as well as the life insurance policy all members have.

Solar Eclipse Rodeo: Dixie reported that August 21 will be Solar Eclipse Day and in the Douglas / Casper area will be the best place to see it. She has been approached about having a Solar Eclipse Youth Rodeo in Douglas on Sunday. The board feels that if we can make some money then we should pursue it.

Student President: Jacey and the students voted on puffer jackets in grey or black if they fulfill their Director responsibilities. Shelly will work on this. She reported that she has about half of the coats sponsored and the other half is looking good. She reminded the directors to work on the sponsorship and ask fellow contestants to help.

Queen: Daycia Kohl has went to several big rodeo including the NFR. She has had several girls contact her on the Queen contest. She is helping Co-Sponsor a Miss WY Rodeo clinic.

JH: The JH Finals will be in Gillette this year.

Awards: Wendy reported that Jacey was the only one to get a hold of her and vote. She will get everything ordered this week. We have a budget of \$40,000 for awards this year. She will check with Mack and see if he is ready to order as well.

Riffle and Chink Raffle: The Riffle is on track to be done. Thomas showed us what he has done on the chinks. They are looking good. He is on track to have them finished by the first rodeo as well. Shelly will check with Stephen to see if he has tickets ordered. We will sell them for the same as last year.

Scholarships: Kim wants the deadline to be the same as the state finals paper work. She will have more of a hands on approach this year. She is hoping to do the same as last year with everyone getting at least \$600 and Student Directors getting \$800. We will have the \$1000 scholarships from NHSRA as well and we should have seven of them.

Board Vacancy: It looks like we will have 7 board members going off this year. We all need to be looking and trying to find more to fill the positions. Forms are on the website and will be due on May 15.

Mandatory Meeting: We will have a mandatory meeting in Laramie on Sunday morning 1 ½ hours before start time.

Vests: After a lengthy discussion Jacey Thompson made a motion to order Student Director Vests; Jamie Gillum seconded. Motion carried. The students are to wear these vests during their event or have the student that is taking their spot wear them so all students know who to go to if a problem arises.

We will have our next meeting in Laramie. Meeting adjourned.