

February 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 with Prayer being led by Blake Afdahl. Those present were Ellie Bard, Clay Kinnison, Bailey Cunningham, Jessie Cunningham, Dixie Huxtable, Shelly Thompson, Kent Persson, Raymond Terry, Juel Afdahl, Blake Afdahl, James Leno, Mark McNamee, and Thorpe Thompson.

Minutes: Minutes from the 11/4/18 board meeting were approved

Financials: After discussing our financials they were approved.

National Director: We had 4 students and 1 adult attend Mid-Winter in Salt Lake. Expenses of roughly \$1500 put us under the \$3000 budget. JH will be in Huron again this year with \$50,000 added to the jackpot. HS in Rock Springs with \$100,000 added to the jackpot. Important rule clarifications: JH right arm cannot be under the neck before they cross the start line in the chute dogging. Only 1 goat will be staked in the goat tying at both HS and JH. All rough stock vests must have padding in the front and back in both JH and HS. Reined cow horse had 2 new patterns. Ariat is no longer a sponsor it is now Corral Boots. Dixie brought up our concerns in the rule book about the arena directors' responsibility that the students compete on correct stock. The National Board agreed that it should be the line judge's responsibility. That will be a rule clarification that comes forward next year. Our board agreed to make this a ground rule for our spring season and will let the line judge know that it is their responsibility as well as the club secretaries. JH will be in Huron this year then 2 years in each of the following Des Moines Iowa, Perry Georgia, Des Moines, Kansas City, then Gillette. HS will be in Rock Springs this year then 2 years in each of the following Lincoln Nebraska, Gillette, Rock Springs, Lincoln, Kansas City. Dixie wanted to let the board that know that her term is up for National Director this year. She is willing to continue this but is not going to do everything that she has been doing. The board, clubs, and club secretaries will have to pick up that slack. We went over more in depth what she meant by this. We discussed what other states national directors do as well. It was recommended after our discussion and understanding at the meeting that we keep Dixie Huxtable as our Nation Director with not as many state duties.

Student Report: Ellie reported that the following awards are what they decided to give at state finals this year:

Qualifier Awards: 1st-4<sup>th</sup> Jessie Jaymes Buckles (State Champion Buckles Slightly Different Than 2-4)

Event State Champions: Todd Slone Saddle Gift Certificates

Average on 2 Awards: Boys = Knives and Girls = Bracelets

Average on 3 Awards: Headstalls

State Finals All Around Awards: Stirrups

Reserve Year End All Around: Breast Collars

State Champion Year End All Around: Todd Slone Saddle Gift Certificates

Queen: Buckle from Jessie Jaymes and Saddle from Todd Slone

Shooting: Champion receives a Jessie Jaymes Buckle

We will get this on the website. Cowboy prom is a go in Buffalo. The student Board is working on the logistics and we will get this on the website as well. Board wants to be sure this is advertised this year. Midwinter meeting was very good. It was great experience for the students. We hope more will go next year.

Queen: Gerda let Dixie know that she has judges lined up and that she will continue being the coordinator. We will confirm with Lynn what role the ladies that volunteered to do the Queen coordinator were talking about and make sure they are OK with helping. We will again encourage Gerda to contact them.

Board Applications: With the resignation that we received for Bob Vogel. We will now have 5 openings this year. Shelly will contact the other 4 and see if they are willing to rerun. Next year we will have 7 terms up. The board application is on the website and we need to be talking to individuals. We need to make sure they are aware that we need them at the two meetings (November and February) as well as at state finals. We discussed the option of having online meetings. The board thinks this will not work well at all unless it is for an emergency meeting. Mark brought up the idea of having a winter banquet with a social hour, dinner, and auction to raise money. We could sell tables, have a silent auction, as well as a live auction. The students would need to get donations, but this may be able to take the place of fundraising for our student directors. We could raffle off our gun, lion hunt and other items that we raffle at this as well. Shelly reported that Smarty is now a sponsor for National HS rodeo, and they are allowing each state per calendar year to buy one smarty the steer for \$500. We can raffle this as well. Mark is going to investigate the costs and have a game plan for us at the next meeting. If we go ahead with this then we will purchase the Smarty the Steer and save it for the auction. If we do not go ahead with this then we will silent auction it off at state finals. We encouraged the student directors to be talking and encouraging other students to run for the board. We feel that their vests will be a good conversation tool and advertisement.

State Finals:

A: Shelly explained how PayPal worked and our options. It was decided to go with PayPal and give the option to pay for state finals and membership fees with PayPal. Turn outs and draw outs will pay via PayPal before they can enter the next rodeo as well. Shelly will work on getting a business account set up. As far as State Finals goes, they will enter online, they will have the option to pay thru PayPal or get a money order or cashier check to send in, they will have to get the form notarized and they can mail that into Shelly or upload it to the National site. **In the middle of having this setup. Should be functioning by Wednesday.... I hope.**

B: We discussed how invaluable Lynn is and how much work she has done. State Finals would not be where it is with out her taking the ball and running. Shelly and Ellie gave an update from Lynn. We need to ask Lynn if we have anyone lined up to make chute signs or banners. Also need to ask her where we are with advertising. We had discussed with Complex doing this and they get part of the proceeds. Lynn did great job getting a grant as well for us. Need to visit with her about wrist bands or tickets and if we need to get these or if Complex is doing this. Also need to verify JT is handling the shooting as far as setting it up at State Finals.

C: We discussed in length the pros and cons of making the jackpot mandatory at State Finals. It is recommended that we make the jackpot mandatory for this year at state finals. **I talked with Brian our IT guy today and he said I cannot figure the payout for state finals if we do an optional jackpot without him doing work on the program roughly \$1200 worth. We would be able to use the formula Dixie uses this year but with Dixie not being as active on the state side that might not be an option next year**

D: Awards: Ellie will send out the google drive sheet to see the sponsors and so we can all figure out who needs to be contacted.

E: Camping Spots at Nationals: Last year we did not have enough allocated spots from Nationals to accommodate all of our qualifiers. This year will be the same. After much discussion we are recommending that if we do not get enough spots for all qualifiers, we will then follow the following protocol; 1. shooters will not get a camping spot 2. we will then ask for volunteers to stay off grounds 3. people who do not have horses on grounds will not get a camping spot 4. we will have a lottery for the remaining people with horses on grounds. We will also discuss the option of people who stay off grounds to get a bigger % of travel money due to the bigger expense as well as the inconvenience. Thorpe and Shelly have a very good friend that lives about three blocks from the Complex that rents his place out every year it has multiple camping spots, pens, runs, stalls, and an arena to practice in. Shelly told him that we would take his place so that we have a good option for those that elect or must stay off grounds.

F: We discussed having an Official Photographer. We do not want to pay any one. Ellie is going to check with Lonnie and see if she would do it and be able to sell her pictures. If not, we will ask Lynn if she know anyone willing to come for the short rounds and awards banquet. If nothing else, we will offer it to Siri but we will not pay her anything.

G: Ayanna thinks she has cattle and judges found for state. She will call Shelly Monday with info for the executive board to approve. Clay is going to check with Connie Hayden and Kim Garrett on ideas for cattle and judges. Thorpe has a couple contacts as well that he will check into. We need to see if Kim is going to be able to come this year

H: ATV's: No motor vehicles will be allowed across the track onto the infield at Finals unless they have a pass from the office. Directors can bring personal ATV's that they can use. We will provide passes for them. Mark is going to check with Destination X in Gillette to see if we can get 3 ATV's donated for the week for Thorpe, judges, and timers. We know we cannot stop any licensed ATV from being on grounds but only ones with passes will be allowed across the track to the infield.

I: Dixie and Shelly will set a date to open stalls and camping. We will open a week prior for the board to get their spots first. The rental will be very similar to Rock Springs. All on line and you choose your spot. It was decided that we will pay for the stall for the flag horse. Raymond and Shelly will discuss this and one of them will bring a horse to flag off.

J: It was decided to set aside \$1000 for help at state finals like we have done in years past. Shelly will take care of getting 5 kids set up to help. They would like Mack to care of help for cattle events. Kent Manor and Lex Dory to get helped lined up for rough stock. Shelly will take care of the girl events.

L: Host Hotel Info: Lynn got the Gillette visitors bureau on board and has been using their help. They sent a spread sheet of hotels. Shelly booked the Ramada Plaza Convention Center as our host hotel. They gave us a great rate along with great perks to save us money.

State Finals Bids: After discussing many options and cinereous. It was decided that the committee would send bid proposals to three locations Gillette, Rock Springs, and Douglas. We will be discussing these in June and make the decision for the next two years.

Spring Schedule: Dixie has everything on the website for the spring schedule. Shelly will open entries next week if no one has any changes. Board asked Shelly to contact Amy about starting Laramie at 8:00 as well as making sure we have a different announcer from last year. We will have a mandatory meeting in the middle of the day for the JH. **I talked with Amy and she said they can start at 8 for JH and they have a different announcer.** Shelly will also check on what clubs need the chute dogging chute. We will have a mandatory meeting Sunday morning for the HS. **HS Mandatory meeting will be Sunday at 8:00**

am After each mandatory meeting we will have a rough stock safety seminar. It was brought up that we need a way of communicating messages of importance to the membership beside Facebook or the website. The students talked about remind. It is an app that most schools are using to send a message out to anyone who has signed up for it. Shelly will check it out and set it up if she thinks it will work. I believe this will work very well. I have it set up. You need to go to: [remind.com/join/8848bg](https://remind.com/join/8848bg) click join and then you will get messages when they are sent out. I get a notice of who has joined as well. We will put this on the website, Facebook, and the announcement section of the online entries.

Membership Fee's: It was decided to leave our membership fee's for JH and HS the same for 2019/2020.

JH High: We will have to find someone to haul the chute dogging chute this year as Thompson's don't have room. We would like to have a boy and girl from the JH at our meetings to bring any ideas to the table for the JH. We will discuss that at the mandatory meeting and see if anyone would be willing to volunteer for this. We will also discuss donors for shirts and coats. We have the same \$2500 donor as we did last year for jackets.

Shooting Sports: As far as the shooting everything will be the same as last year.

- 1) kids enter just like they do for rodeo events
- 2) The kids must provide their own ammunition for both trap and light rifle. The kids will pay for clay piggins for trap but JT will provide the light rifle targets
- 3) Kids will pay same entry fee as last year and these fees will buy their qualifying coats
- 4) Mr. Reynolds and or JT will donate state finals buckles for high school trap and light rifle, but please order these with your other buckles
- 5) Weather permitting we will do a junior high and high school shoot in Rock Springs and Big Piney. Big Piney will be the Jr High State Qualifier. After Big Piney, weather and time permitting, the high school kids will shoot at Gillette, Buffalo and at state finals. If any other clubs want to do a shoot, I'm open to that
- 5) Points will be the same as we do for rodeo events including state finals.
- 6) Jr High Kids Shoot light rifle ONLY
- 7) All rules can be found on the NHSRA website

Shelly will check with Brian and see if they can enter online. They might have to call in on Tuesday mornings. The board would like the money that the shooters are sent for travel to be used to pay for the remainder of their coats if the cost was not covered. The cost was covered it would all go towards travel. I did check with Brian on entering. The can enter online. I must do a bunch of set up work. I need to investigate it further and see how much time it will take me as I already have all the spring rodeos set except state finals. I will let you all know.

Judges Seminar: Went very well. Was the best one yet. Went over the cross-fire rule.

Legion/ Raffle: Ken as so graciously agreed to take care of the riffle/hunt raffle for us!! Ken and Shelly will work on a poster and get it to Dixie to print. Shelly will check with Chad as to when the riffle will be done and with Kent Manor on ideas for the poster for the hunt. Ken will get the riffle to Legion people in each town of the rodeos as well as for their conference meetings. I will attach to these minutes a

copy of the spread sheet he made with the legion reps in every town we rodeo in and board members in that area. We started the individual board member that needs to call the commanders and let them know time and locations of the rodeos. Ken will coordinate getting the gun, poster, tickets, and money to those commanders. If your name is started please let them know or let Ken know the info. Ken also thinks that the banquet costs will be covered. Rock Springs agreed to do the banquet again. If Gillette agrees to donate the money for it then Rock Springs agreed to let us use the money were, we need.

Approved