

February Spring Meeting

February 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order on Sunday at 9:04 with the pledge and prayer by Thorpe Thompson. Those present were Thorpe Thompson, Dixie Huxtable, Shelly Thompson, Raymond Terry, Juel Afdahl, Lynn Kohr, Whisker Reynolds, Ken Persson, Pat Hladky, Haiden Thompson, Karly Hoffer, Blake Afdahl, Baily Coombs, and Shaylee Terry.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Hladky wanted to make a correction stating that Weatherby donated the rifle not Cyclone Drilling. Huxtable made a motion to approve the minutes with the change; Hladky seconded. Motion carried.

Financials: Financials were gone over. Hladky made a motion to file the financials for audit; Haiden Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Student President: Bailey Cunningham was unable to attend due to the interstate being closed. She did call in and gave her report. Midwinter Meeting was good. They learned a lot and there are quite a few rule changes. She reminded the student directors to be working on sponsorship.

National Director: Mid-Winter Meeting went well. The meeting was at a casino so it posed many problems and issues. Huxtable feels that it would be best if we have an adult chaperone in the future go with the students. Had quite a few rule changes. The following will take effect at our State Finals as well as Nationals jerk down rule in RR and TD will now be a 10 second rule. A few other highlights JH shooting everyone even spectators must provide their own ear and eye protection to be allowed to watch, home schooling will have more strict rules, Cinch Team will have some changes, RR runner has to be 30 feet out from the line, in BKW you must have just a solid color flag, they will be conditioning the goats at HS Nationals, patch program will be changing to all patches must be no bigger than a credit card, they now have rules of the size on the tack, SW will be only one jump, HS camping will be the same as in Rock Springs, and in the JH RS there will be very few re-rides allowed at Nationals. The JH is the wild card (3rd) for picking camp spots at Nationals.

Queen: Rule change for Queen Program now states if only one contestant is running you only need 3 judges verses 6. Looking for a coordinator. Huxtable and Jessie Cunningham have a couple different ideas they are working on. They are going to write up a few expectations and rules that are expected of the queen, so they know this before running.

Board Openings: It is looking that we will have at least 5 maybe 8 openings next year. We need to make sure everyone that we talk to about the board positions understands the importance of the position and the time it will take.

State Finals: Lynn met with the Complex and went over several things. Jason wants one person to answer to for the ground. Thorpe will take care of this. Huxtable will oversee the program. Huxtable is going to order new eyes. Lynn is applying for the grant once again. If we get this, we must get a bid from all hotels for host hotel and then we will decide who it is. They want more clarification of the people allowed behind the chutes. Two hours before the rodeo no vehicles will be allowed to come thru the gate unless have an authorized vehicle sign. Anyone going thru this gate at this time must be in full western attire. Anyone in the chain link fence will need full western attire or they will be asked to leave.

Reynolds will work on securing a few ATV's or golf carts. Anyone will be able to bring a golf cart but the must stop in the office and pay a \$25 fee. This year the awards are as follows: 2 head average knives and bracelets, 3 head average will be back on track boots and RS will be spur straps, State Finals champ will be a buckle breast collar, reserve year end all around will be a Yeti cooler, and state finals and all around champions will be saddles. Haiden Thompson made a motion to do camp spots for Nationals the same as last year, rough stock and people without horses on grounds will give up camping spots first then will go to a lottery system; Kohr seconded. Motion carried. All judges except cutting are secured, all stock is secured, and the second timer we wanted has not been contacted, Dixie and Shelly will work on this. We will not have a photographer this year. Jessie Cunningham will help with prom again in Buffalo, however that is graduation weekend and it will make things harder. The students are not overly excited about prom, so Bailey is going to check and see if they want it at all. Shelly will check with Casper and see if that might be an option to have Prom there. Shelly will work with the Complex on a date to open the stalls and camping. It will open to the board first. Mac Bradley said he would help again with signing people up to help, Dory will take care of the rough stock, and Shelly will take care of the girl events. Hladky made a motion to pay the kids \$1000 again to help; Kohr seconded. Motion carried. Shelly will get these kids lined up. Huxtable will contact Dickinson's on the Jim Moore award sponsorships and awards. Huxtable will invoice Lee Martinez for the Tom Parker Award. Shelly will work on the ambulance contract. Thorpe will work on hay donations.

Stock Bids for 21/22: Huxtable and Shelly will take care of getting this out. Board wanted to make sure we do not pay for re-rides.

Spring Schedule: looks good and is out on the website. JH will have a RS mandatory meeting in Laramie during the first event. HS will have a mandatory meeting before Laramie HS rodeo starts.

Membership Fee's: Haiden Thompson made a motion to keep the membership fee's the same for HS and JH; Shaylee Terry seconded. Motion carried.

JH: State Finals will start on Thursday in Gillette with a round of barrels, rough stock, and poles. We will need all directors to step up and help with state finals this year. We will do awards at the end of the finals. We will not give any buckles out prior to this. Shelly will take the buckles to Nationals.

Cutting and Reined Cow Horse: The judge for the cutting at state finals still needs to be secured. Fantaskeys put a lot of work in and they donated money to the event at the end of March.

Shooting Sports: Nunn reported that shooting sports will have the same schedule as last year.

Judges Seminar: Went OK. Probably won't have one next year as we just are not getting the numbers we need. There are several states around putting them on.

Raffle: Ken is handing out tickets and has posters made. He will pick up the raffle take it to the Legion meetings and some of the HS rodeos for us. Huxtable made a motion to let him get 30 more regular posters and 10 big posters; Raymond Terry seconded. Motion carried. The board is very thankful that he is taking care of this.

Scholarships: Ken and Kim will be taking care of this. We have a couple students that have not redeemed scholarships. Several of the board members took the names and will let them know. Ken is getting help for the interviews lined up.

Silent Auction: Shelly will investigate several online auction sites. Our auction will open Thursday of the JH state Finals and close Friday night HS State Finals. We have a riffle, Smarty, and Yeti cooler. The board wants Shelly to check with Forbes on the hunt. IF we have that we want to have this on the auction as well.

Rodeo News: Siri sent copies of Rodeo News as well as calendars. Wants the board to know they miss having us in the Rodeo News.