

State Finals 2019

Gillette, WY

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday at 9:01 by Thorpe Thompson. Those present were Thorpe Thompson, Dixie Huxtable, Kim Garrett, Shelly Thompson, Mack Bradley, Juel Afdahl, Lynn Kohr, James Leno, Marc Dickinson, JT Nunn, Lex Dory, Kent Manor, Whisker Reynolds, Zach Davis, Mark McNamee, Jessie Cunningham, Raymond Terry, Casey Cunningham, Ken Persson, Gerda Dickinson, Ellie Bard, Bailey Cunningham, Cedar Khor, Hunter Hayden, Ayanah Winsor, Clay Kinnison, Jordyn McNamee, Blake Afdahl, Kadra Clark, Amber Salazar, Kaysen Dory, Kaden Berger, Nakel Philpott, and Donny Profit.

Sponsorship: We are doing pretty good on sponsorships. Dixie asked if anyone had any that had not been reported to please get with her after the meeting.

New Directors: We went over the apps that we had for new directors and voted. Our new directors are Josh Longwell, Patrick Hladky, and Shanna Firnekas. The student directors were reminded to get with the new directors after today and go over things and let them shadow this weekend.

Memorial Night and Tough Enough: Shelly asked everyone to let her know of anyone that needed added to the Memorial night. Possible people for the tough enough were also gone over.

Help List. Mack, Lex, and Shelly had all the help lists done. The board was asked to step in wherever needed.

Queen: Gerda introduced the Queen for 2019/2020. We only had one person run. Gerda is stepping down from the coordinator position. We thanked her for her time and hard work in the position. Gerda, Jessyka, or Nakel will take care of the flags for ground entry this weekend.

Shooting Sports: JT Nunn has everything in order

Passes: Shelly handed out passes and let everyone know to send anyone that needs one to the office.

Raffle: Everyone thanked Ken for the huge amount of work that he had done. Most of the tickets sold were thru Ken and the Legion. Ken will have the gun set up all week and be selling tickets. We will draw Friday night before the bull riding.

Ground Rules: Casey Cunningham made a motion to use the ground rules that we used last year for this year; Lynn Kohr seconded. Motion carried. For anyone to cross the track they must be in official dress code.

Extra Awards: Shelly reminded the board that we have several extra awards ;Tom Parker Memorial, Teigen Finnerty Memorial, Tesky Scholarship, Spirit Buckle, Courage and Try awards. She encouraged all board members to come into the office and vote.

Agenda items for Sunday: Mack Bradley wanted to be sure we talked about cleaning up the website as he thinks that will make navigation easier.

Misc.: The complex did get golf carts for us to use if we wanted but they will be over \$350 for the week. We kept one for the week.

Meeting was adjourned until Sunday

Meeting was called to order again at 8:03 Sunday morning. We started with the pledge and Kaden Berger said a prayer. Those present were Thorpe Thompson, Dixie Huxtable, Shelly Thompson, Juel Afdahl, Lynn Kohr, James Leno, JT Nunn, Lex Dory, Kent Manor, Whisker Reynolds, Zach Davis, Mark McNamee, Jessie Cunningham, Raymond Terry, Ken Persson, Nakel Philpott, Patrick Hladky, Hunter Hayden, Shaylee Terry, Haiden Thompson, Baily Coombs, Shanna Firnekas, Colt Welsh, Raelynn Marshall, Emme Norsworthy, Aubrey Berger, Teegan Leno, Blake Afdahl, Jase Longwell, Josh Longwell, James Leno, Kaden Berger, and Bailey Cunningham.

Financial: We went over a rough draft of where we are financially. We have quite a few bills yet to come in and the settlement from the complex as well as sponsorships to come in. After discussion Dixie made a motion to close the JH account; Thorpe seconded. Motion carried.

Stock Critique: Overall the stock was great. We need to work out a few things in the rough stock as far as outs or stock brought. The goats need to be down to the pen sooner. Also want the goats broke in prior to state; once they get to the grounds in Gillette, they are considered our stock like the rough stock and timed event cattle.

State Finals: Over all location was good. Not sure on the settlement of the complex yet to see how it all pans out. Shaylee made a motion to handle the stock draw just like we did this year with drawing thru the whole pen of stock; Haiden seconded. Motion carried. Sponsorship form will need changed so that buckles say awards. We discussed the handling of the sponsorship wrist bands that were mailed out and that the Complex wanted 25% of those and what we are needing to do and how to handle that. We were compared to Nationals lots this week and we just need to get it worked out so that they know that we are not Nationals and what worked for Nationals doesn't always work for us. We may need to do credentials instead of passes. Kotter Kinghorn gave a \$600 scholarship from the Team Roping jackpot. Everyone seemed to like the different awards that we did instead of the buckles. We will continue with the Moore Award with the same criteria as last year. The cutters would like a big clock for next year.

Contracts: The board like the main announcer Jeff and want to offer him another contract. Nick Nickols did a great job and they want Shelly to visit with him and see if he is willing to do another year. The board wants to look at other timers. They don't want the timers dictating the rodeo. The board gave Thorpe the go ahead to hire who ever he thinks will be best for judges. Whiskers said they could provide the cattle for RCH and Cutting like they did this year if they have grass. They agreed to let Shelly hire 6 kids at \$200 each as that works out so well. The board does not want to have to pay a photographer to come. If we find someone that wants to come and shoot the finals and sell the photos for all week that is great or if we have a sponsor.

Elections: Jessie Cunningham made a motion to continue with Thorpe being president; Lynn seconded. Motion carried. The floor was open for vice-president nominations. Lynn nominated Whiskers; McNamee seconded. J.T. nominated James; Whiskers seconded. After a hand vote James was elected vice-president.

National Director:

Online Entries: Everyone felt it went well. The board would like Shelly to check with Brian and see what it would take to be able to enter all the rodeos at once with out logging back in as well as having the partners name on the receipt.

Queen: Nakel is excited to be representing WY. She is hoping to get more girls involved for next year.

Tough Enough: After much discussion it was decided to give that to Brandi Schaack this year.

Nationals: We have the biggest team we have ever had with 58 going. Kaden Berger will be running for National President. We are very proud of him and gave him several ideas. We will have a sign-up list for Nationals for the goats and in order to get travel money you will need to work a night helping with goats. Dixie and Shelly will get a letter out to the qualifiers with info.

Publications: Need to check with Rodeo News and see if they can do one per household. If they can we will continue, if not, we will not have a publication this year.

JH: Talked extensively about extending a day. It was decided to visit with Gillette and see if we could do a round of rough stock, barrels, and poles on Thursday night for state finals. We will also provide board help with doing it on Thursday and financial support. Zach made a motion to leave the membership fees the same; Dixie seconded. Motion carried. Raymond made a motion to only carry 8 rodeos into state; Zach seconded. Motion carried.

Shooting Sports: JT will take care of the shooting again. Looks like we will have shoots in Rock Springs, Big Piney, Gillette and State for sure. JH will be Rock Springs and Big Piney will be there state shoot. Possible in Douglas in the fall as well.

Fall Schedule / Banquet: Jackson would like to switch weekends if possible. This way there will be more lodging available and town not so busy. Mark has done a lot of research on the banquet. We are going to go ahead with this idea. It will be in Casper in November. We will put a committee together to help with this. The student directors will get several large items for the live auction and then items for a silent auction as well. We will sell tables. We will look into even having it on Facebook. We have the smarty and we will use the lion hunt as well for large auction items. Have a couple board members that will look into getting a rifle donated as well. This will take a lot of work and will be a big production.

Judges Seminar: Thorpe will look into having another one.

Raffle: Ken was Thanked again for all his hard work. He thinks the sooner we get the rifle the better. After much discussion we will put the Lion Hunt to the banquet. Ken said he would donate a vacation time share weekend in FL or CO. This year we will do the raffle, vacation, and knife.

Scholarships: Raymond made a motion to put funds into the matching funds for Nationals; Lynn seconded. Motion carried.

Cutting and Reined Cow Horse: Raymond made a motion to have Cutting and RCH as optional events for the year; Josh seconded. We will leave their points the same as last year and the schedule the same for state finals.

Student Directors: We went over the responsibilities of the student directors for the year.

State Finals Bids for location: We went over how the bid packet should look to send out. It was decided to let anyone bid and then we can look at the bids and decide what we are willing to do with out if they do not have what we want.

Committees:

Jr High: Raymond, Zach, Lex, Josh,
Judges / Rules: Josh, Lex, Raymond
Financial / Budget: Pat, Kim
Awards: Lynn, Students
Animal Welfare and Inspection: JT, Casey
Youth Advisory: Jessie, Students
Shooting Sports: JT
Queen
State Finals: Everyone
Scholarship: Kim, Ken, Jessie
Banquet: Mark, Lynn, JT, Pat, Zach, Shanna, Cunningham's