

November Fall Meeting

November 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order on Sunday at 9:01 with the pledge and prayer by Thorpe Thompson. Those present were Thorpe Thompson, Dixie Huxtable, Kim Garrett, Shelly Thompson, Juel Afdahl, Lynn Kohr, JT Nunn, Lex Dory, Kent Manor, Whisker Reynolds, Ken Persson, Pat Hladky, Shanna Firnekas, Haiden Thompson, Emmy Norsworthy, Aubrey Berger, Karly Hoffer, Bailey Cunningham, Hunter Hayden, Blake Afdahl, Kaden Berger, Nakel Philpott, and Teegan Leno.

Financial: The minutes from the June state finals meeting were approved by Haiden Thompson; seconded by Emmy Norsworthy. Motion carried. The tax return and financials were approved by Kaden Berger; seconded by Blake Afdahl. Motion carried. Bailey Cunningham made a motion to continue using Kim Garrett, owning her personal firm; Dixie Huxtable seconded. Motion carried.

Cutting & Reined Cow horse: The winter cutting will start soon. The Cowboy State Stock Horse Association is going to let us participate in their event the end of March. This will give us all the RCH events we will need. The board said Shelly can negotiate costs.

National President: Kaden thanked everyone for their help in getting him elected. He reported he is excited to go to Vegas and looks forward to doing interviews and meeting new people. Wrote an article for the NHSRA Times as well. The board is proud of him and knows he will represent WY and rodeo well!

National Director: Dixie reported that the midwinter meeting will be in MS. Bailey Cunningham made a motion to spend no more than \$3,000 for attending the meeting, Lynn Kohr seconded. Motion carried. Fall season went well. They have a few clubs to reimburse. The spring schedule is coming together. We need a queen coordinator. Nakel Philpott gave us a few ideas.

Student Directors: Dixie will get the sponsorship form updated and sent out to everyone. The student board would like puffer jackets for their incentive. Everyone was reminded of the sponsorship they need to get.

Queen: Ideas for the coordinator. She doesn't think she can make midwinter meeting.

2019/20 State Finals: Lynn Kohr got bids and info on awards. Haiden Thompson made a motion to use Jessie James buckles for the qualifiers; Bailey Cunningham seconded. Motion carried. The students will get together and get a design for HS and JH. Bailey Cunningham made a motion to use Tod Sloan saddles; Haiden Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Haiden Thompson made a motion to increase the sponsorship form saddle cost to \$1,600 due to a raise in the saddle prices; Nakel Philpott seconded. They are looking at doing the knives and bracelets again for the two head and average. They are undecided on the three head average but will work on it and have all the decisions made by the first of January. Emmy Norsworthy is going to work on RCH and Cutting judges. Whisker Reynolds said we should be able to use their cattle again for the RCH and Cutting. Thorpe will work on getting hay secured. Lex Dory made a motion to continue to use PRCA judges but change them from year to year; Nakel Philpott seconded. Motion carried. Dixie Huxtable made a motion to use Thorpe Thompson and Lex Dory as arena directors. Thorpe is going to line up the judges, the board really liked the judges from last year.

State Finals 2020/2021: We only received one bid that meets our criteria. We received other bids, but we could not use our dates. Lex Dory made a motion to go with the bid that meets all our requirements which is Douglas and to allow Dixie to negotiate with them; Haiden Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Legacy Series: Stacy Thar with Energy Capital Rodeo would like us to support her in asking to be part of the series. She is not 100% sure it will work for her rodeo. Lynn Kohr made a motion to write the letter of recommendation for her if she would like it; Haiden Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Spring Schedule: Is not totally confirmed but is coming together.

Ground Rules: Many issues and concerns from members and parents were brought forward and discussed. Issues with judges were discussed in depth as well. Lex Dory made a motion effective immediately that all medical and vet releases must be to the rodeo secretary prior to the rodeo starting in order to get their jackpot money back; Haiden Thompson seconded. Motion carried. The board decided to allow team ropers that do not have a partner, to draw a partner no more than 4 times a year as per the rule book. Thorpe will contact the judges that need issues addressed.

JR High: It was confirmed that we will be running a round of rough stock, barrel, and poles Thursday late afternoon in Gillette for state finals. We will have a quick mandatory meeting before the rodeo starts Friday morning. After much discussion Lynn Kohr made a motion to do an awards ceremony after the last event Friday, no awards will be given out until then; Haiden Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Gillette will get back to us on what they need from us other than help Thursday and Friday.

Shooting Sports: JT Nunn reported that we will have shoots in Rock Springs, Big Piney, Gillette, and state finals for HS. We will have shoots for JH in Rock Springs and state finals for JH will be in Big Piney. All shoots will count for points for Nationals.

Banquet / Fundraiser: It was reported that Mark was having a hard time getting a location. Pat Hladky got the gun partially donated by Weatherby. We have Yeti coolers as well as the Smarty already. The board was worried that while we do have things already for the auctions that we were getting to late to put on a good production. This will take a lot of work and we need someone to run with this that has the time to do it. After brain storming Haiden Thompson made a motion to have an online silent auction for the gun, dummy, and possibly the coolers; Bailey Cunningham seconded. Motion carried. We can utilize Facebook and our alumni to make the auction a success. We will also have a donate here button so that anyone can donate any amount. It will open during JH state finals and close at HS state finals.

Raffle: Shelly contacted Chad at Red Desert and he is working on the gun. Ken has posters ready as soon as we get the caliber of the gun. This year we will have a gun, vacation, and 2 knives on the raffle. Ken will graciously oversee the raffle and the gun. The board was very thankful! Shelly will get tickets ordered.

Legion: Ken will once again promote the raffle as well as HS rodeo awards and scholarships. Shelly will contact Jessie about hoping she will send out a letter to the posts again this year.

Publication: The Wrangler contacted Shelly about doing stories on our kids. The board said yes give them a list of seniors since it does not cost us anything.

