

## WYHSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Casper, WY November 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Thorpe Thompson at 9:05. The pledge and prayer were said. The following were in attendance; Jacey Thompson, Owen Wahlert, Terry Miller, Peggy Miller, Marina Hadley, Wendy Balkenbush, Thorpe Thompson, Tyler Erickson, Ira Dickinson, Marc Dickinson, Kate Dickinson, Mack Bradley, Elsie Campbell, Shae Bray, Johnathon Lipps, Stephan Rennells, Megan Frank, Justin Johnson, Chip Merritt, Tom Parker, Clayton Colvard, McKenna Balkenbush, TC Hadley, Kim Garrett, and Dixie Huxtable.

Minutes: Jacey Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes from our Sunday meeting after Finals in Douglas, TC Hadley seconded. Motion carried. TC Hadley made a motion to accept the minutes from September 26 in Wheatland, Stephen Rennells seconded. Motion carried

Financials: Kim went over the financials with us. After discussion Tom Parker made a motion to place the financials on file for audit, Marc Dickinson seconded. Motion carried.

Budget: TC Hadley reported that the Budget Committee had met. Kim Garrett was going to check on changing our fiscal year. TC discussed that we have had calls on the \$100 that was for the calendars in previous years and what was that money going towards now? The previous motion put that money in the General Fund and the Board agreed to leave it as the motion stated. The Board agreed that we need to give some thought to the scholarship program and how we will run that this year. TC also reported that we need to set the budget for the awards as that committee needs to get them ordered. The Budget Committee recommended that we set the budget at \$40,000. Jacey made a motion to set the budget for the awards for state finals at \$40,000, Wendy Balkenbush seconded. Motion carried. We have some policies that need addressed for our tax return. Kim will bring these to the next meeting to go over. The Budget Committee will meet and get more of the numbers put into the budget before the February meeting.

National Director: Dixie reported that Jamie Lyons would like \$50 per weekend for doing the points and getting them to all the places they need to be. Marina Hadley made a motion to pay Jamie Lyons the \$50 per weekend for points, Wendy Balkenbush seconded. Motion carried. We had 1060 contestants at the fall rodeos. The spring schedule is out and will start in Laramie April 9-10. Douglas will take May 14-15. Jr High will have their state finals in Gillette and not in Casper. Brian our computer programmer wants more money to use the program for the Jr High as well. Dixie and Shelly neither feel the program is that beneficial to warrant the cost. Nationals is looking into another program. Dixie and Shelly had both recieved emails on the Rodeo Result App. The Directors don't feel that it is that beneficial at this time. Mid-Winter meeting is January 25-29 in Chattanooga, TN. They will do rule changes this year. If you want to submit a rule change then it has to be to Dixie by December 10<sup>th</sup>. TC Hadley, Owen Wahlert, Tyler Erickson, and Kate Dickinson are looking into going. They will need to leave on Wednesday and fly home on Sunday. TC Hadley make a motion that the expenses for the students going don't exceed \$4000, Owen Wahlert seconded. Motion carried. Dixie updated everyone on the website. It is going to cost \$2500 to \$3500 to get a new site. Dixie, Shelly, and Jamie will be able to update this site. Several people had ideas for people to contact. Marian Hadley made a motion to have the new site in place by November 20<sup>th</sup>, Marc Dickinson seconded. Motion carried.

Reining and Cutting: Elsie gave the tentative schedule for the reining. February 27 in Thermopolis and March 26 in Cheyenne. As she gets more details or new dates we will update the site. There are more reining's and cuttings, but they are on the same weekends as our rodeos. Many of the students didn't feel it was right to make the students choose between two conflicting events. TC Hadley made a motion to not approve any reining's or cuttings that interfere with our current schedule of rodeos, Elsie Campbell seconded. Motion carried

Student President: Jacey asked the directors how the fall had gone. The only suggestion was to have the meetings at the rodeos another time. Saturday morning or Friday night. After discussion Jacey made a motion to give jackets to the directors that do their jobs at the mandatory meeting, at state, and not exceed \$1400, TC Hadley seconded. Motion carried.

Queen: Kate Dickinson reported that she has gone to several Pro-Rodeos. She would like to get a flyer put together with info on the HS Rodeo to hand out at the rodeos she attends. She would also like to have jackpots at the rodeos for the Queen Events as well as clinics. The Directors support Kate with these ideas.

Queen Coordinator: Gerda Dickinson feels that the jackpots that Kate discussed would be very valuable to preparing the Queen contestants. She would like to see it mandatory to attend at least two of them to be able to run for Queen. The directors would like more info and plan at the next meeting. Gerda also wanted to know if she needed to line up the judges for the contest at Finals. She does, and she needs 6 judges. She also wants to be sure what ever prizes we advertise that the Queen gets. The \$500 wardrobe allowance and 50 bags of shavings were never redeemable. Peggy Miller with the legion said they would pay for the wardrobe as it was a miscommunication. Dixie will check on the shavings. The reigning Queen has traditionally been in charge of getting the donations.

Jr High: Mack reported that the State Finals will be in Gillette this year with no rodeo held in Casper. We will get up on the site that you have to call in and enter or pre-enter. NO late entries or exceptions will be allowed. The Jr High students will need to turn in grades and will have a code of conduct to sign. This will all get on the web site as soon as it is done.

Awards Committee: Wendy Balkenbush and Carrie Mackey are working on this. They may have a gator donated by John Deere. We discussed in length about using different buckle manufacturers. Especially with sponsorship of \$2500 from the Wrangler. The students need to look at the Gist, Tres Rios, and Maynard buckle sites and let Wendy know what they like by January 1. The students are thinking they would really like to stick with the Sloan saddles unless we can get a comparable saddle cheaper elsewhere. The Student Directors will be in charge of getting the saddle and buckles sponsored for their events, Student President will work on the qualifier jackets, Vice-President and Secretary will work on shirts. Marc Dickinson would like to see a new award created similar to the PRCA Linderman Award. A boy that competes in both rough stock as well as timed event. This individual would win a saddle and buckle. Marc will personally get this donated this year. After discussion Tom Parker made a motion to set up an award like this and give this at the 2016 Finals. The student has to compete in at least 1 timed event and 1 rough stock event to be eligible. The points for this will start this spring, Marina Hadley seconded. Motion carried. We will get this on the new site as well as asking for name suggestions for the award.

Shooting Sports: Stephen is willing to do practice shoots in the off season. He will get a schedule put together for the site.

American Legion: The contract with American Legion for the Host Committee is up after this year. The Miller's will be unable to continue due to promotions in the American Legion. As of now they do not have any interest, but will bring it up at the Legion's Mid-Winter meeting in January.

Host Committee: Wanted to be sure it was OK if we have no pop and only water at prom this year. It was agreed that was best. Wanted to be sure that the students like the free water and the T-Shirts. They do. Peggy asked that if any student or member would like to design the T-Shirts for this year it would be of great help. We will put this on the web site. She needs names of food vendors for this year. Peggy was sorry for the banquet and is looking at different options including pizza and salad, desert bar, etc.... The fairgrounds keep giving more rules that they have to implement. Dixie Huxtable wanted everyone to know that we cannot continue with the schedule as we had it for last year. We need to start earlier with the cutting and reining, or have those a separate weekend. Peggy will email Shelly a Sponsorship form so we can email that and get it on the site as well.

Meeting with Dixie, Thorpe, and Peggy: Went well we have a list of the sponsors from last year. We will also get a copy of the contract so we can see the rules.

Stock Contract: Marc visited with Hank. They both agree that there is 1 more year on the contract. They talked about the rough stock and the minimum outs that we want on the stock. We have to have stock that the kids can ride in order keep having them come back to compete. Marc thinks we need to keep in close touch with Hank reminding him what we want for this finals. Dixie will draft a letter with our concerns and wants. We will open the stock up for bids this year and go over those at the Sunday meeting after Finals.

Contracts: We discussed in length about the Judges we should use at the State Finals. Jacey Thompson made a motion to use PRCA Judges at our State Finals, Owen Wahlert seconded. Motion carried. Dixie Huxtable made a motion to pay them \$1500 plus room, TC Hadley seconded. Motion carried. Jacey Thompson made a motion to offer Bobbi Jo Heald the other announcer contract for the same amount as last year, TC Hadley seconded. Motion carried. We want to be sure that our announcer will MC our awards banquet. We will be working on options for the cutting and reining at Finals.

State Finals Committee for 2017: Shelly contacted Gillette and Rock Springs for bids. They would love to host us and have lots of ideas and questions. Rock Springs submitted a rough bid. Gillette has more questions before they submit theirs. Shelly will also call Douglas to get a bid as well. The committee will meet following the meeting to cover the questions and concerns.

Crisis Fund. We have given \$500 to the Johnson Family, Tamlin Family, and Dory Family in the last month.

Judges Seminar: Thorpe will check with Paul about having a seminar after the first of the year.

Chink / Riffle Raffle: Travis is on top of getting the chinks ordered. We want to be sure that the money we made him was for last year and this year's chinks. Thorpe will be in touch with him. Marc discussed the idea of having a commemorative riffle raffle. They will have the riffle custom made each year to be raffled off. Stephen Rennells will bring the riffle to the spring rodeos and sell raffle tickets. Tom Parker

made a motion to raffle the chinks and raffle off together and the winner gets first chose, Shae Brae seconded. Motion carried. Dixie Huxtable made a motion that the tickets will be \$20 per ticket, TC Hadley seconded. Stephen will get the raffle tickets made up with the appropriate language on them. All of this pending the approval from the American Legion.

Misc. Business: Mack Bradley brought up that most surrounding states have the top couple competitors compete at a PRCA Rodeo and thinks it would be great for our members to be able to do this. Marc will check with the Mt. State Circuit Finals Rodeo and see if this is a viable option.

Our next meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup> and we will start at 8:00 with it being Super Bowl Sunday.