

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
GREAT FALLS, MT – 06/07/23**

President Ryle Harms called the meeting to order at 7:15 AM.

In Attendance: Ty Parker, Tim Larson, Tobin Arnold, Clint Begger, Joe Robb, Debbie Lund, Billie Harms, Hailey Burger, Hailey Gliko, Jay Wagner, Kari Trexler, Ryan Gaasch, Kate Wiening, Radley Dempewolf, Amy Wiening, Dan Wyatt, Rachel Ward
Absent: Ricki Grebe

Minutes from previous meeting of 01/15/23, in Great Falls were read by Debbie.

MOTION: Jay made a motion to approve the 1/15/23 minutes. 2nd. By Ryan. Motion Approved

Debbie read 5 and 5 Rodeo Proposal Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Ryan made a motion to approve the 5 and 5 Rodeo Proposal Committee Meeting Minutes. 2nd. By Clint. Motion Approved

High School Secretary's Report – Debbie

Debbie reported on membership, current financials, national shirts and the new website.

Jr. High Secretary's Report – Billie

.Billie gave a report on membership, state finals entries, national shirts. Explained the national jackets went over budget due to freight and embroidery. Would like to go back to Carroll for national shirts so that we can get shirts that fit all the kids plus the convenience of having them done and shipped. Asked about giving more travel money to the 22 kids going to JH Nationals like we did last year and also if kids that qualified for nationals but are not attending can purchase jackets. Also asked if the JH State Finals Rodeo Stock Charge could be raised from the current \$50. Billie received interest from Gaasch's in Dillon about hosting the state JH Finals in Dillon the next 2 years with an option for the 3rd year.

MOTION: Tater made a motion to move JH State to Dillon for 2 years with the option for the 3rd year. 2nd. By Kari. Motion Approved.

MOTION: Tater made a motion to increase the JH National Qualifiers Travel Money to \$450 each this year instead of the \$300 as in the past. 2nd. By Tobin. Motion Approved.

MOTION: Tater made a motion that JH National Qualifiers not attending nationals can purchase the team jacket at their own cost. 2nd. By Clint. Motion Approved.

MOTION: Tater made a motion to raise the JH Stock Charge at state to \$70 per event. 2nd. By Ty. Motion Approved.

President's Report – Ryle

Ryle talked about the state rodeo and getting the finals moved from the Expo Park Arena to Kings Arena due to weather and arena conditions.

National Director's Report – Jay

Discussed some changes that will be at the JH Nationals and that the 75th Anniversary for the HS Finals is this year in Gillette. National memberships will increase \$15 for the upcoming membership year. There are some new rules that will go into effect for the fall season.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to approve 1 team dinner at nationals for JH and HS with an \$800 budget. 2nd. By Kari. Motion Approved.

Promotions Committee – Ryan & Amy

Ryan said that we can purchase the same type of trailer for next years raffle.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to approve a \$30,000 Fundraiser budget for the 2023-24 season. 2nd. By Ty. Motion Approved.

Amy discussed promoting the State HS Rodeo. The State Finals was supposed to be branded Farmers Union and was disappointed that this was not done on the program. Discussed how she decided to use the sponsor money that she had received. Stated she needs approximately \$1300 for sponsor flags for this year. Explained that MHSRA will owe The Steerhead \$2000 for sponsorships from Farmers Union to brand the finals, \$500 from Tumbleweed Teas for the Queens, and \$500 from React for Prom. Discussion was held on how to promote our sponsors.

MOTION: Tater made a motion to table the promoting the sponsors until the Saturday meeting. 2nd. By Jay. Motion approved.

Judge Coordinators – Radley

Judges are doing well, evaluations have been coming in better.

MOTION: Jay made a motion to move Jaramie McLean to a #1 judge. 2nd. by Ty. Motion approved.

Crisis Fund – Jay

Nothing to report.

COWHORSE/CC – Justin

Justin said the state cowhorse/cc went very well.

Shooting Sports – Dan

State shooting was great, kids are really improving.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.PR/Marketing Contract

MOTION: Tater made a motion to table going over the pr/marketing contract until Saturday meeting. 2nd. By Jay. Motion approved.

2. Website

Debbie explained the that the new website is in the design process. Horizon Marketing is designed the new site and we will have it up and running before the new season. Explained that we have a HS logo

but not a JH logo and that it would be nice to have one for the website. Discussed that we could have a competition with the JH Membership to come up with a logo.

MOTION: Kari made a motion to hold a contest to have JH Members to develop a JH Logo and the winner would receive a 2023-24 Membership. 2nd by Radley. Motion approved.

3. Newsletter

Amy has spoke with Western Ag Reporter and they would be interested in being the official newsletter. Jay also visited with Rodeo News and they would be interested as well and it would be \$15 per member and we would have a spot in the magazine and on their website. Discussion was held but no decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.State rodeo adult director assignments were made for the weekend.

2. Montana Pro Rodeo Hall & Wall of Fame

They would like to have an MHSRA representative attend their monthly board meetings either in person or by Zoom. Denver Gilbert said he would do this for MHSRA.

3. Stock Charge Increase

Ryle said he has received calls from committees that \$15 stock charge is not enough and that it is making it difficult to put on rodeos due to rising stock costs. Discussion was held.

MOTION: Tater made a motion to move stock charge to \$20 for JH/HS timed events. Motion amended to raise stock charges by \$5 for all JH/HS events. More discussion. 2nd by Ty. More discussion held. Tobin made a motion to table until the next meeting. 2nd by Tim. Motion approved.

4. Turn Out Rules

Tobin discussed the event turn out and that he didn't realize when we made it a ground rule that they would be charged an additional \$10 per event for this. Also feels it should state that notified turn outs can contact the local secretary. Discussion was held.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to change our ground rule on event turn outs to eliminate the \$10 fine at rodeos. 2nd by Clint. Motion approved.

5. Qualifying Rodeo Stock Recommendations

Tobin discussed adding goat recommendations for stock in our ground rules. Discussion was held.

MOTION: Tater made a motion to use the college guidelines at qualifying rodeos for goat numbers. 2nd by Tobin. Motion approved.

6. Shooting Sports Coordinator

Tobin brought it to the boards attention that Dan Wyatt is paying for shooting sports supplies out of his own pocket.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion that if there are 10 or less contestants at a shooting event that MHSRA pays the shooting sports coordinator \$200 and if there are 11 or more then pay him \$400. 2nd by Clint. Motion approved.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Several parents were in attendance of the meeting and shared their opinions and thoughts about MHSRA point system.

MOTION: Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd. By Tobin. Motion approved.

Next meeting will be Saturday, June 10 at 7:00 AM in Great Falls.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm