

# **MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION**

## **BOARD MEETING**

**Billings, MT – 01/24/2021**

**President Ryle Harms called the meeting to order 9:01 am**

**In Attendance:** Travis Sigman, Ryan Gaasch, Joe Robb, Clint Begger, Tater Erickson, Tobin Arnold, JT Robbins, Ricki Grebe, Tim Larson by phone, Radley Dempewolf, Harley Meged, Braleigh Garrett, Laney Johnson, Annie Alexander by phone, Billie Harms, Laurie Harrell

Minutes from previous meeting of 08/22/2020, in Lewistown were read by Laurie.

**Motion:** Jay made a motion to accept the minutes as read

2<sup>nd</sup> by Radley

Motion Carried

**High School Secretary's Report – Laurie**

reAct did not pay for their shirt sponsorship last year. Billie said to send Julie an invoice for this year and last year, and they will pay both together.

Need to get it out that both High School and Jr. High State Finals are open for bids.

**Motion:** Travis made a motion to accept the High School Secretary's Report as amended

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tobin

Motion Carried

**Jr. High Secretary's Report – Billie**

**MOTION:** Tater made a motion to accept the Jr. High Secretary's Report

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay

Motion carried

**President's Report – Ryle**

Ryle asked if we have the rough stock contestants pick the Rough Stock for State Finals like we have in the past. Discussion.

**MOTION:** Travis made a motion that Paul Eiker bring the bulls and Shane Vaira bring the horses to State Finals.

2<sup>nd</sup> by JT

Motion carried

**National Director's Report – Jay**

Mid-Winter Meeting was held in Arlington, Texas. It was a good meeting. They approved to allow 5<sup>th</sup> graders to be part of the Jr. High for every event, starting in 2021-2022.

There was discussion on rough stock and caliber of bulls at High School Nationals and that we need to address this even at home, especially for the Jr. High kids.

There will be a rule in the rule book for situations like covid, that it will be up to the States to figure out how to qualify their National team, to be approved through the National Office.

On the jerk down rule, the 200 lbs, was removed.

They are adding a \$10 surcharge to the golf carts due to the damage done at Nationals.

AQHA is pulling back their sponsorship, so Horse of the Year will go away, but might be replaced with something else.

National jackets and felt back numbers will have to be pre-ordered.

Bloomer is the new National trailer.

Ariat is probably coming back on as the boot sponsorship.

Western Legacy Series; there are 5 of them: Ice Breaker in March, etc. Kids that maybe didn't get to compete at Nationals or the Jr. American, get to participate in a bigger rodeo for money. They are working on co-sanctioning with the Jr. American.

Cinch Team will remain the same as last year.

Trap Shoot has changed to a progressive shoot to get more kids interested. If somebody knows someone who would be interested in being a Shooting Sports coordinator in Montana, that would be helpful.

Student Officers talked about going to the Presidents Dinner and meetings, but still got to do a little sight-seeing and shopping. WRCA is adding a youth program. Laney stated that the National Queen has stepped down and the runner up has stepped in. They learned a lot about how things worked at Nationals and their programs. Jay read a text from the National Director from Kentucky, who wanted to recognize our State Student Officers as great role models with good character.

We are on probation for a committee that purchased buckles for a rodeo, other than Gist, with the National High School Logo on them. For 2 years, State Finals Committees have to buy Gist Buckles.

At Nationals there will be \$150,000 added for High School and \$100,000 for Jr. High.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Judges Committee – Radley**

PLEASE fill out evaluations, whether it is your rodeo, or not. State Directors need to attend a Judge's Clinic, so they know what they are evaluating, and know your Rule Book. Jay stated that it is the State Director's responsibility to introduce themselves to the Arena Directors and Judges at the rodeos in their Districts.

Discussion on putting the Judges names on the day sheets, and/or putting the list of rodeos/judges on the website.

#### **Promotions Committee – Ryan**

Horse trailer and 4-wheel are in Dillon. He will get it to whoever wants it. He will talk to Stockman bank for Saddle sponsorship and possibly coat logo. He asked about setting the budget for next year's raffle because trailers are out 6-7 months out and they haven't been able to keep much inventory. If we wait, we might not have trailer to show in the fall.

**MOTION:** Jay made a motion to set the budget for the 2021-2022 raffle for \$25,000.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tater

Motion carried

Discussion

Jay talked about another fundraiser: after Short Round, sell tickets for a campsite for Lincoln, NE. It was decided to put that on the agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Baker.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. National Banner with pictures

Tami McDonald makes a big banner with the pictures of the National Team. She wants the Board to pay for it, or part of it. The problem is if we pay for it, what to do with it afterwards. Ryan says it doesn't set a good precedence to pay for a banner after the fact.

Discussion.

No action taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Changes to MHSRA Ground Rules - Jay

**MOTION:** Ryan made a motion to accept the proposed Ground Rule change regarding dairy cattle at State Finals as written.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tater

Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Clint made a motion to accept the proposed Ground Rule change regarding tobacco use as written.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tater  
Motion carried

**MOTION:** Clint made a motion to accept the Ground Rule change regarding Attire as written.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan  
Motion carried

Travis stated that the Crisis Fund held a meeting and they want Rich Johnson to stay on the Board so needed a change to the Crisis Fund By-Laws.

**MOTION:** Jay made the motion to approve the change to the Crisis Fund By-Laws as written.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tobin  
Discussion  
Motion carried

2. National Shirts and Coats – Laurie and Billie  
Officers get to pick the coats/shirts and get to Laurie and Billie by February 15<sup>th</sup>

**MOTION:** Travis made a motion that each National qualifier for both High School and Jr. High will receive 1 Cinch shirt.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tobin  
Motion carried

**MOTION:** Tater made the motion that the budget for the National High School Coats stay between \$150 - \$175.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan  
Motion carried

Jay stated that he doesn't know how long Jamy will keep up with the Long Go shirts, so Board needs to think about what to do after he is done.

Discussion.

3. State Finals Adult Event Directors:

Bareback – Tater  
Saddle Bronc – Tater  
Bull Riding – Radley  
Barrels – Ricki  
Pole Bending – Ryan  
Goat Tying – Radley  
Breakaway – Tim  
Tie Down - Travis  
Steer Wrestling – Jay  
Team Roping – Clint  
Cutting/Cow Horse – Justin Warneke

4. State Finals Judges Selection

- \* Ron Nelson and Mike Tatsey are grandfathered in for 2020-2021
- \* Travis Sigman and Phil Luman will be the new Judges for High School State
- \* Colter Heckman is alternate for High School State Finals
- \* Ron Nelson is High School Head Judge
- \* Dave Harrell and Doug Clark voted in for Jr. High State Finals
- \* Jim Duvall is alternate for Jr. High State Finals

5. Scholarship Interview Committee

- \* Boys – Radley, Tater, Clint, Travis (replacement), Annie
- \* Girls – Ryan, Tater, Ricki, Tim, Tami Bowen

6. Approve Spring Rodeo Calendar  
Custer wants to go to April 24-25<sup>th</sup>

**Motion:** Travis made a motion to accept the Spring Calendar with the changes  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan  
Motion carried

Discussion: Need to review the paperwork that is sent to the Fall committees. Rodeo paperwork needs to be in by State Finals or their weekend is up for grabs.

#### **Open Discussion**

Hall and Wall asked about putting on a Calcutta on the short go at State Finals. They would run the whole thing. Proceeds would be split 50/50 between Hall and Wall and MHSRA. Would have to get the OK from the Baker committee. There aren't any rules for/or against this in the National Rule Book, but Montana State law says you can't hold an auction on kids under 18.

**MOTION:** Tobin moved to let Hall and wall investigate if they can get a permit and if the Baker committee is willing to let it happen and then bring it back to the Board for approval.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis  
Motion carried

Discussion on Turn Out Ground Rule

Next Meeting in Baker on June 9th, 2021 at 7:00 pm

**MOTION:** JT moves to adjourn the meeting.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay  
Motion Carried (1:02 pm)

**CLOSED SESSION**