

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
GREAT FALLS, MT – 06/08/2022**

President Ryle Harms called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

In Attendance: Ty Parker, Radley Dempewolf, Tim Larson, Tobin Arnold, Tater Erickson, Clint Begger, Joe Robb, Kari Trexler, Ryan Gaasch, Jay Wagner, Ricki Grebe, Mary Gibson, Chalee Harms, Paige Palin, Grace Wiening, Debbie Lund, Billie Harms, Bernette Wagner, Dan Wyatt, Colter Heckman, Roy Whitford

State Rodeo Production Report:

Colter Heckman and Roy Whitford discussed what they were planning for the rodeo. Discussed what directors would be helping in what events.

Minutes from previous meeting of 1/16/2022, in Great Falls were read by Debbie.

MOTION: Tater moved to approve the minutes as read.

2nd by Jay

Motion Carried.

High School Secretary's Report – Debbie

Debbie reported current members are at 256. State Rodeo has 174 contestants w/415 outs

Checking account balance is \$223034.04 and savings account at \$93,134.05.

Current fiscal year and past fiscal year profit/loss statements were given to board.

We have \$1500 coming from ReAct for Shirts, \$3000 from Stockman Bank for AA Saddles & \$3500 from Pepsi for jackets. Jacket Est: \$8000 Shirt Est: \$1500

Edward Jones Crisis Fund account as of 04/29/22 was \$22202.38 and the other investment acct. was \$22086.01

Timer & Secretary clinics held in Gt. Falls and Glendive. Well attended, still need more qualified timers. There are complaints that our timer requirements are tougher than other associations.

ARTS program needs updating. Would like to make changes so we only update specific things on the website and to make it easier for the kids to enter without entering the wrong events. Also make it so kids cannot enter events they are not approved to compete in. Estimated cost is approximately \$2000 per computer.

MOTION: Tater moved to allow Debbie and Billie to update their ARTS programs with a \$3000 budget per computer.

2nd. By Tobin

More discussion.

Motion Carried.

Jr. High Secretary's Report – Billie

JH State went well and was the largest JH State Rodeo we have had. Was good to have the 3rd judge to help out. Committee is good to do it again next year and they split the cost of the 3rd judge with the association. Discussed travel money to nationals as there are only 27 kids going to Georgia.

MOTION: Ty Parker moved to bump the travel money from \$300 per contestant to \$450 for this year (2021-2022) for the JH contestants only.

2nd by Clint

Motion Carried.

President's Report – Ryle

The CC/RCH competition went off well at the 406 Arena. The ground and cattle were good, and Justin Warneke did a really good job putting it all together.

National's Director Report – Jay

Reported that JH Nationals is in Perry, GA. John Ray is going to help with the shooting sports while there. Discussed the chain of command for State Finals. Would like directors to help keep people from influencing/harassing the judges.

Would like help Saturday taking all the arena banners down.

Student Officer's Report – Grace

Grace reported on the Mid-Winter Meeting and how much they learned about the association. She thanked the board for the opportunity to be a part of it.

Promotions Committee- Ryan

Ryan deferred to Amy Wiening for the promotions report as she has been obtaining sponsors for the association.

Farmers Union Insurance has agreed to a 3-year sponsorship of \$10,000 yearly. The state finals will be branded with their name, it is now the "Farmers Union Montana High School Rodeo State Finals". It has been agreed with the state committee that they will receive \$1000 yearly from this sponsorship.

Helena Orthopedic and Montana Equine have also come on as association sponsors.

Discussed our existing sponsors. The current ReAct Coordinator is resigning at the end of this year, so Amy is taking it on unless somebody else comes on board. Turners Horse Sale is Aug. 5-6 in E. Helena, and they just want members there to promote the colt they donate to the association.

Amy would also like to do some updating on the website to highlight our sponsors better.

Discussed selling raffle tickets online but this is not possible due to gambling laws.

Amy purchased flags and did some graphic designing for our sponsors. She paid \$1250 out of her pocket but did not have board approval. It was decided to table reimbursement discussion until the next meeting.

Judge's Report – Radley

Radley would like help with the judging coordinating as he will more than likely only be doing it for another year. Jay volunteered to help.

Crisis Fund- Jay

The crisis committee had a meeting May 17th. Discussed the meeting and reported no changes. They would like an application and a short memo included in each membership packet. The crisis committee had voted to increase the limit from \$500 to \$1000 per approved application. Perry Detton is working on a proposal for fund raising and will present at the next board meeting.

The Crisis Committee also has several steer wrestler prints that they would like to sell and are coming up with a way to do that.

MOTION:

Tobin moved to increase the crisis fund payout to \$1000 per application for the 2022-2023 season.

2nd by Tater

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SHOOTING SPORTS - Jay went over the proposal and information that Brian Johnson put together. He would like to see more structured shooting and qualifying shooting events. Shooting sports now counts towards team standings on the national level.

Introduced Dan Wyatt who would be willing to be the shooting sports coordinator. Discussion held.

MOTION:

Tobin moved to appoint Dan Wyatt as the event coordinator for Shooting Sports.

2nd by Ryan

Motion carried

Dan's name will need to be added on the website.

2. THIRD JUDGE AT JH FINALS: Billie spoke with Loyd Renaker with the Darby Rodeo Assoc. regarding amending the contract and adding in that a 3rd judge is required for the state rodeo and he is ok with it.

MOTION:

Tater moved to amend the JH Finals Contract to have 3 judges for next year and the option year.

2nd by Ty

Motion carried

3. TIMER PAY & ASSIGNMENTS – discussion was held on setting a minimum amount that timers would be paid for each performance of qualifying rodeos. Tabled until next meeting.

4. THIRD JUDGE REQUIREMENTS – Tabled until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TURN OUT PROPOSAL – Jay presented a turn out proposal and much discussion was held. Tabled until the next meeting.

2. BY-LAWS – Jay said there is nothing in our by-laws that designates who the executive board is and what their duties and responsibilities are. He spoke with Wyatt Glade, attorney, who recommended that this be put into our by-laws. We currently consider the President, Vice President and National Director as the Executive Board.

MOTION:

Tater moved to make the President, Vice President and National Director the Executive Board in our by-laws.

2nd by Ty

Motion carried

3. HOMESCHOOL – Tobin spoke of the current national rule regarding homeschooling and is concerned that Montana is not compliant. It states that if members attend a non-accredited school that they must take proficiency testing and be at or above proficiency. Montana does not require the testing and it is believed that we cannot force our members to take it. Discussion was held, and Jay said the wording has changed in the rulebook and will be in the new rule book this fall. It was decided this will not be an issue at that time.

4. STATE FINALS STOCK – Ryle would like to see that a ground rule be put in place that says a stock contractor must have 6 qualifying rodeos throughout the season before they can put on the state rodeo. Discussion was held and decided to table until the next meeting.

5. ADDITIONAL RODEO FEES – Ryle said that there are committees charging kids additional fees like a family gate fee in addition to their regular entry fees. Discussion was held.

MOTION:

Kari moved to add a ground rule that states Rodeo committees cannot add on additional gate fees to contestants' entry fees. Committees must have ticket takers at the gates to collect gate fees from NON-Contestants.

2nd by Grace

Motion carried.

This will be in place for the 2022-23 season and forward and will be sent with committee packets.

Next meeting to be determined by how the first two rounds go in the rodeo.

Meeting adjourned.