

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
GREAT FALLS, MT – 01/15/2023**

President Ryle Harms called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

In Attendance: Ty Parker, Tim Larson, Tobin Arnold, Clint Begger, Joe Robb, Ricki Grebe, Debbie Lund, Billie Harms, Hailey Burger, Hailey Gliko.

By Skype: Jay Wagner, Kari Trexler, Ryan Gaasch, Kate Wiening, Radley Dempewolf, Amy Wiening, Dan Wyatt

Absent: Rachel Ward

Minutes from previous meeting of 08/19/2022, in Lewistown were read by Debbie.

MOTION: Clint made a motion to approve the Minutes.

2nd by Tater

Motion was amended so that the 5 and 5 Rodeo Points Proposal from the Lewistown meeting was changed to 5 and 5 Rodeo Proposal.

Motion Approved.

Debbie read the minutes from the executive meeting held on 9/22/22 in Great Falls.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes.

2nd by Clint

Motion Approved

High School Secretary's Report – Debbie

Debbie reported on membership numbers and the association financials. There was some confusion at the fall rodeos with the new turn out rules but she will email the secretaries for the spring rodeos to explain the rules better. Also, she changed the rodeo report to help with the problem. There is no longer a Cinch team, but Cinch still is a sponsor and sends sponsorship dollars to each state according to membership in which they would like it to be used to help grow our membership or towards the current members. AQHA is doing Horse of the Year again on the state level and information will be sent to the membership and placed on our website.

Debbie also brought up that we still have funds left that was budgeted towards updating the ARTS Program and Website. There is half of the budget remaining. She would like a committee to help design/change our current website. According to Brian with ARTS it would be best to get the website designed how we like but not to implement it until the current year ends.

Rikki, Amy, Tater, Billie, Debbie & Kari will be on a committee to upgrade/change our website.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to approve the website design committee.

2nd. By Jay

Motion approved.

Jr. High Secretary's Report – Billie

Billie had spoken with Loyd Rennaker with the Darby Committee. The JH State Finals schedule will remain the same as last year. This will be the last year JH State is in Darby as they do not want the third year option.

President's Report – Ryle

Nothing to report.

National Director's Report – Jay

Mid-Winter Meeting starts this week. Nothing more to report.

Promotions Committee – Ryan & Amy

Ryan had nothing to report. Ryle had spoke with RMC in Miles City and we can't order the 4-wheeler for the 2023-24 raffle until July but that it should be here by October 1st.

Judge Coordinators – Radley

Nothing to report.

Crisis Fund – Jay

Nothing to report.

PR/Marketing – Amy

-Bridger Mtn. Rodeo Club would like the trailer during the college rodeo in Bozeman. They can set it up at the Fieldhouse and sell tickets.

-Rocky Mtn. Supply has donated an over/under shotgun that we can use to help generate funds for the shooting sports events.

Discussion was held on what we could do.

-Working on getting the Pepsi Contract finalized, it ended Dec. 2022.

-A new \$1000 scholarship from the Montana Cowgirls Association will be available to High School Girls.

-Would like the MHSRA/MPRHWF Scholarship application to be the same as nationals. Discussion was held but MPRHWF set up the application and we will leave it as is.

Shooting Sports – Dan

Nothing to Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Team Shirts – Jay has inventory of the old shirts and will send to the state office so they can be posted for sale on the website.

Amy spoke with Rocky Mtn. Supply, and they will sell us Cinch shirts at their cost which is \$27.96 ea. plus she found a place in Bozeman to embroider the shirts for \$12-15 ea. We currently pay \$69.60 per shirt. Lots of discussion was held and it was decided that having the four team shirts like we currently have is too much of a hassle and that with the price of the shirts from Rocky Mtn. Supply that we could get each national qualifier 2 shirts instead of one.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion that the association buy 2 shirts for each contestant that qualifies for nationals in both JH and HS thru Rocky Mtn. Supply.

Tobin amended the motion that the association buy a red and pink shirt for each contestant that qualifies for nationals in both JH and HS through Rocky Mtn. Supply.

2nd by Clint

Motion approved.

2. State Finals Stock Requirement – Ryle

Some discussion was held. No action was taken.

3. PR/Marketing Contract – Amy

Amy sent a contract proposal for the pr/marketing position. It was suggested per the contract that this position receive a monthly salary plus a percentage of the sponsorship money they collect.

Discussion was held.

Tater suggested that a committee be formed to finalize the PR/Marketing Contract.

The PR/Marketing Contract committee is Tater, Jay, Ryle, Perry Detton and Amy Wiening. The committee will present the contract at the June Board Meeting.

Debbie will email the board so they can send suggestions pertaining to the contract.

4. 5 and 5 Rodeo Proposal – Jay

Jay presented a 5 and 5 Rodeo Proposal consisting of 5 fall rodeos and 5 spring rodeos. A lot of discussion was held regarding this proposal.

It was decided that a committee would be formed to make a list of pros/cons and reasons why or why not that we adopt this proposal.

Committee consists of Jay, Ryan, Tobin, Joe, Tim, Ty and Hailey Burger.

The committee will have a proposal by May 1st so it can be sent to the whole membership (JH & HS) and be voted on by the membership.

Meeting went into closed session at 11:04 am

Returned from closed session at 11:18 am

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Stock Weight requirements/recommendations – Jay

The national rule state recommended weights not required weights. Jay wanted to know if we wanted to make a ground rule with required weights. Discussion was held and it was decided that recommended weights are fine.

2. Newsletter – Debbie

The Cowboy's Digest is no longer being published and that was MHSRA official newsletter.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to remove the Cowboy's Digest as the official newsletter of MHSRA.

2nd by Tater

Motion Approved

Discussion was held on if we needed another newsletter or if the website and Facebook page were sufficient. Western Ag Reporter is a sponsor and Amy will visit with them and see if they are interested in being MHSRA Newsletter. She will bring the information to the June meeting.

3. NRA Judges Clinic – Ryle

MHSRA usually helps pay for the judge's clinic that is held each year in January. This is where our judges go to become certified and keep their certification.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to pay the NRA \$300 for the judges clinic.

2nd by Tater

Motion approved.

4. Team Roping 3rd Loop Rule

Discussion was held regarding our ground rule that gives the option of allowing 3 loops in the team roping.

MOTION: Tater made a motion to change our ground rule to allow 2 loops in the team roping at all qualifying JH/HS Rodeos and 3 loops at the JH/HS State Finals.

2nd by Ty

Motion Approved

Discussion was held on 2 loops in the tie down and breakaway roping as well.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to eliminate the existing ground rule regarding 2 loops in the tie down and breakaway roping and replace with: Tie Down and Breakaway ropers will be allowed 1 loop at all qualifying JH/HS rodeos and 2 loops at the JH/HS State Finals.

2nd by Ty

Motion approved with two opposed.

5. Shooting Sports State Finals –

First year that shooting sports has been considered an event. Discussion was held on the number of go rounds, entry fee and prizes for the shooting sports events.

Since it is an event the entry fees will be the same as the other events for the state rodeo. Trap and light rifle will have a long go and a short go at jh/hs state finals. The short go contestants will be determined the same as they are for the other events.

It was decided to keep the awards simple and appropriate for the event. Dan will send a list of items that would make good awards for the shooting sports to Debbie, and we will look into prices.

6. Scholarship Interview Committee-

Girls – Tater, Ty, Radley, and Joe

Boys – Kari, Ryan, Tim, and Tobin

The seniors will send in their applications to the state office and Debbie will schedule the interviews and send the schedule to the judges and the senior applicants.

7. CC/RCH – Misty Radue

Misty presented to the board some concerns about the cc/rch events. She stated there is a lack of information on our cc/rch approval forms for individuals that want to put an event on. Also discussed the judges, cattle and conditions at our cc/rch events. She would like to co-approve some cutting events in Wyoming. Lots of discussion was held and no action was taken.

8. HS State Finals – Colter Heckman

Colter presented to the board that he is on track for the HS State Finals. The board excused him from using New West Stock at 3 spring rodeos as it says in the contract since they did such a great job last year.

Colter has spoke with the fairgrounds and they have stated he will have more input on the arena setup and conditions. Board would like for the arena to be at least 250' long. Ryle told Colter that Chet Wright said he would work the ground and bring an implement to do it for the state finals.

Colter would like to split the go-rounds into 3 performances instead of 2 so that there is more time between the performances. Discussion was held.

Colter hopefully has all the kinks worked out with stalling and camping. The board let him know that shooting sports is now an event and will need to be a long/short go.

There will be a prom again this year and the student officers will get with Colter to help with that.

8. State Judges

A list was presented with the judges who are eligible to judge the state rodeos.

HS State Finals Judges – Dave Harrell and Doug Clark are grandfathered in for this year.

Voting was held and Martin Murphy and Ryle Harms will be the other 2 judges. Trent Freeman is the alternate.

MOTION: Tim made a motion that Doug Clark be the head judge.

2nd by Tater

Motion approved.

JH State Finals Judges – Trent Freeman, Mike Tatsey, Travis Sigman were voted to judge the JH State Finals. Brad Yerian is the alternate. Mike Tatsey is the head judge.

9. Spring Rodeo Approvals

Discussion was held regarding the spring schedule presented.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to approve the spring schedule with the changes made and with contingencies.

2nd by Tater

Motion approved.

OPEN DISCUSSION

District meetings were set:

Dist 1 – Jordan Rodeo

Dist 2 – Jordan Rodeo

Dist 3 – Great Falls #2

Dist 4 – Three Forks

Dist 5 – Deer Lodge #2

Hailey Burger and Hailey Gliko want to know if they raised \$3000 or more could they purchase another shirt for HS nationals qualifiers in the color of their choice. Board said they would need to know by April 1st if the money was raised and if so that they could purchase another shirt.

Debbie asked about the selection of the stock for the short go's at the state finals rodeos. There are 2 options to choose from in the NHSRA Rule book.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to use Option C under Rule #18 on pg. 59 in the NHSRA rule book for short go cattle selection at JH/HS State Finals.

2nd by Tater.

Motion approved.

Next meeting will be June 7, 2023 in Great Falls at 7 pm

MOTION: Tater made a motion to adjourn

2nd by Ty

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm