

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
GREAT FALLS, MT – 01/13/2018**

**The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 am**

**President Lane Yeager called the meeting to order at 9:05 am**

**In Attendance:** Travis Sigman, Monte Harris, Sean Patten, Michael Beattie, Teresa Layne, Kraig Meeks, Ryle Harms, Kelly Orahod, Radley Dempewolf, Jay Wagner, Lane Yeager, Hailey Garrison by phone, Jhet Murphy, Alaina Griffel by phone, Sierra Belvin, Laurie Harrell

**Proxied:** Duck Benson proxied for Bill Gaskins

Lane stated that he would give everyone 3 minutes to talk on a topic, for 1 time only, and then we would move on.

Minutes from previous meeting of 08/19/2017, in Lewistown were read by Laurie.

**MOTION:** Jay moves to take out that Glenna Patten stated that the MHSRA has been in trouble with nationals on our points systems before, and that the MHSRA has been under nationals watch on points.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis

Motion Carried (unanimous)

**Motion:** Travis moves to approve minutes as amended.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraig

Motion Carried

**High School and Jr. High Secretary Reports – Laurie**

**VOTE (by email on Dec. 22, 2017):** To move forward with the termination of Lisa Lappe and appoint Laurie Harrell head secretary/treasurer until the January meeting in 2018;

Carried – 8 for, 3 against, a letter was sent from the queen to the directors, on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> against the vote

**MOTION (by email on Dec. 29, 2017):** Jay Wagner made a motion to postpone any further action or vote regarding the termination of Lisa Lappe until the meeting in January for the following reasons:

1. There was no motion made to the full board to bring a vote
2. There was no open board discussion to allow all the facts in question to be considered.
3. There was no formal agenda or notice sent to notify the full board of impending discussion.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis Sigman

Motion failed – 8 against, 3 directors for, 1 student for

\* Laurie did not have the High School computer yet, so doesn't have a financial report. Lane said to put the HS financial report on website for 20 days, and get board vote after 20 days by email.

\* Lisa Lappe, Laurie Harrell, and Todd Garrison on the MHSRA/Jr. bank accounts.

**MOTION:** Kelly made a motion to take Lisa Lappe and Todd Garrison off the MHSRA/Jr. High accounts

2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

Motion Carried (unanimous)

**Motion:** Teresa made a motion to add Lane Yeager as a signer on the MHSRA/Jr. High Accounts

2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly

Motion Carried (unanimous)

- \* High School email changed to [mhsra@mhsra.com](mailto:mhsra@mhsra.com), through program's server.
- \* Raffle deposit through Jan. 2, 2018 is \$9,670.00. Nancy would like to remind everyone to fill out Ticket Count Form and enclose with tickets in a manila envelope, and make sure to have enough postage

**Motion:** Kelly made a motion to accept the Secretaries Reports

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryle

Motion carried

**President's Report** - Lane

\* Member sent in membership and paid his dues but was never was made eligible. It was the Association's mistake. He would like to waive his next year's membership.

**Motion:** Sean moved to pay Tele Harmon's 2018-2019 membership.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraig

Motion Carried

\* Hiring secretaries – Lane wants to ask attorney to write up a contract for the secretaries to sign and change the By Laws to fit the contract

**Motion:** Kraig made a motion to hire an attorney to write up the contract for secretaries

2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

Michael stated that it needs to fit nonprofit laws

Motion Carried

**National Director's Report** – Jay Wagner

\* Sent directors the rules that are going to be voted on by Nationals. Will put them on the website for membership to look at.

\* Mid-Winter meeting at Jackson Hole Wyoming

\* Thanked Kelly Orahoad for volunteering to take student officers to meeting

**Committee Reports**

**Judges Committee** – Travis, Radley, Kelly

\*Travis – trying to get clinics put together. One in the east and one in the west

\*Evaluations are really important – rate them right

\*Take care of the judges – talk to them and guide them. Judges are hard to find.

**Promotions Committee** – Jay, Ryle and Kelly

\* Bring options for next year's raffle to Baker. Will have to approve the 2018-2019 fundraiser budget in Baker.

\* Lane said they have asked the Hall and Wall before to advertise a spot on the trailer, financed by the MHSRA, and the money goes back to the kids

**Motion:** Jay moves to auction off spot on the trailer to be donated to the Hall and Wall, and MHSRA pays for the graphics.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

Motion Carried

\* Trailer in Dillon and needs to get to Billings for the Hall and Wall Banquet, and needs to be clean when it gets there. Monte will take it to Billings.

\* If there are any kids at the banquet, the Hall and Wall could use some help

\* Queen, Sierra Belvin will sing the National Anthem at the Hall and Wall. She will have to get from Jackson Hole to Billings for that.

**Motion:** Sean makes the motion to give Sierra travel money from Dillon to Billings for banquet.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis

Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Points Proposal Committee 2018-2019 – Kelly, Ryle, Kraig, Sean, Monte, Jay

\* Kelly and Ryle had sent 2 points proposals to Jay. One will not fly with Nationals.

\* New points proposals will be on the website for everyone to look at and will be voted on at Baker.

Only two options acceptable with Nationals – rodeos with an average, or without, the Association picks the number of rodeos to count. Kraig wants committee to meet after the meeting, along with anyone interested.

2. Home School Evaluation – Jodi Camp

\* didn't have anything

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. High School State Finals Contract – 2019, 2020, optional 2021

\* Have calendar for when High School and Jr. High National Finals are for those years, and the National guideline for when State Finals can be held.

\* Baker is on their 3<sup>rd</sup> year option, so have to advertise for 2019, 2020, and optional 2021, but Baker can bid it, and can have it back if no one else offers for it.

Michael wants to move the 2018 Jr. High State to May 27-28, 2018. They are under contract for June 1-3, 2018. Would like Check In and contestant meeting night before. Sean asked if it could be put on the website for 2 weeks.

**Motion:** Travis moves that the Jr. High State Finals be held May 27-28.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Radley

Michael wants Check In and Contestant meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** Travis amended his motion for Check In and Contestant Meeting be on May 26<sup>th</sup>, and rodeo on May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

Motion Carried

Contract will be changed to meet dates

Baker committee – Eddie Coulter, Jeff, Alise

\* Changes, Laney moved to Washington but might be back to help at State

\* Jerred Givens is not on the Board. Rachel Brockel took over

\* Schedule: Run Thursday the same, 1<sup>st</sup> Go all day, Friday run morning, mostly timed event slack and evening perf with 10 - 15 kids, maybe ReAct speaker before Friday performance, with Saturday short round at 2:00 pm

\* Going to make some adjustments to arena

\* Jay asked Eddie to get a list of High School sponsor flags.

\* Copper Springs has the timed event for State

\* They are having a Bulls, Bronc, and Barrels Feb. 23-24 in Baker. Barrels are run on the 24th.

2. State Finals Event Directors:

Bareback – Lane Yeager

Saddle Bronc – Kraig Meeks

Bull Riding – Radley Dempewolf

Barrels – Kelly Orahood

Pole Bending – Monte Harris

Goat Tying – Teresa Layne

Breakaway – Sean Patten  
Tie Down - Ryle Harms  
Steer Wrestling – Travis Sigman  
Team Roping – Michael Beattie  
Cutting/Cow Horse – Bill Gaskins

Lane stated that they need to have a notebook to keep track of stock and be there for the pre-runs of the rodeo.

3. State Finals Judges Selection – Travis, Radley, Kelly

- \* Must be a #1 judge to judge State Finals
  - \* Jay Clark and Jim Duvall are grandfathered in for 2017-2018
  - \* Don Clark and Brad Yerian voted in for High School State Finals, Ron Nelson alternate
  - \* Jay Clark High School Head Judge
  - \* Dave Harrell and Doug Clark voted in for Jr. High State Finals, Ron Nelson alternate
  - \* Dave Harrell Jr. High Head Judge

4. Scholarship award process change proposal – Sean Patten

- \* Brought a written proposal
- \* Hall and Wall scholarships are paid by the Hall and Wall. Needs to be changed on the website who pays for the scholarship.
- \* Blind applications and send to all directors before State Finals. Score the applications. Post scholarship scores before Short Go. (double blinded, except top winners) Have a reception with scholarship applicants for Director points.
- \* Jay wants to have Hall and Wall approve any changes before they are made
- \* Kraig likes the changes, but feels that the kids need to go through the interview process
- \* Lane wants to pick the interview committees, and they can redo the process if they need

5. Scholarship Interview Committee

- \* Boys – Kelly, Kraig, Sean, and Monte
  - \* Girls - Teresa, Ryle, Radley, and Michael
- Lane asked Sean to head this up

6. By Laws/Ground Rules Amendments – Jay and Lane

- \* Need to follow the directive from Nationals

**Motion:** Travis made the motion to change Page 3, under MHSRA/JR High Approved Rodeos, B. “Montana will have one go rodeos with three sets of points; 1<sup>st</sup> rodeo points, 2<sup>nd</sup> rodeo points, and average points if the contestant is entered and competed in both rodeos.” Change to: Montana will have one go rodeos with one set of points for each rodeo; 1<sup>st</sup> rodeo points, 55 per event, 2<sup>nd</sup> rodeo points 55 per event. Example: 1<sup>st</sup>- 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 9 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8 pts, 4<sup>th</sup>-7 pts, 5<sup>th</sup>-6 pts., 6<sup>th</sup>-5 pts, 7<sup>th</sup>-4 pts., 8<sup>th</sup>-3 pts., 9<sup>th</sup>-2 pts., 10<sup>th</sup>-1 pt.

Page 4, under State Finals and Points to State: Take out “This will be completed Saturday Night. Sunday will be the Championship Go Round”, for both High School and Jr. High.

Page 5, under Queen Contest (A), delete each district will donate \$200.00 to the State Queen Contest  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay

Motion carried. Sean abstained

Laurie will email the Ground Rules to Melissa, and Jay will take them to the National meeting.

\*Jay stated that the Ground Rule that there are not be any Dairy influenced cattle at State Finals mistakenly got put in the By Laws, and needs to be taken out.

**Motion:** Jay made a motion to take out of the By Laws that there will be no dairy influenced cattle at State Finals, but leave it in the Ground Rules. This will be put on the website and voted on in 60 days by email  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean.

Motion carried

7. Rusty Stuart Memorial - Lane

\*Rusty was a High School Judge and a former District Director who passed away in November 2017. Would like to send a memorial in his name to Custer County Rodeo Club, or to Sylvan LaCross who has set up a Rusty Stuart Memorial Scholarship. Sylvan wants to work with us to waive the membership to get kids to rodeo.

**MOTION:** Ryle made a motion to give a one-time \$500 memorial to Sylvan LaCross

2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly

Motion carried

8. Hall and Wall Banquet

\* Saturday, January 27th. Sean, Monte, Radley, Sierra, and Jay are going. MHSRA has a table bought. Need kids to help at the banquet.

9. Approve Spring Rodeo Calendar

\* Adam Rys-Sikora wants to hold the Helmville/Drummond Rodeo in the same arena, but goes against the Ground Rules.

\* Travis has no problem with committees having rodeos in the same arena. The Board has to approve the rodeos. Helps with judges also.

**Motion:** Travis makes a motion to do away with the Ground Rule: Each location may only hold two rodeos or cuttings per location per rodeo year.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

In favor 7, opposed 5. Motion carries.

- \* Monte will try to get a hold of Shane Gunderson about Kalispell
- \* Helena may need to move venue, planning on having one on that date
- \* Michael will talk to Colter about Great Falls and Vaughn

**Motion:** Kelly moves to accept the spring rodeo calendar with the changes

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay

Motion Carried

10. Hiring of new Secretary – Lane

**Motion:** Kelly makes the motion to hire Laurie Harrell as head High School secretary, and give her a \$1000. Stipend to clean up 50 years of paperwork, until the new co-secretary is hired.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sean

Motion carried

\* Would like to have resumes in to State Office by Feb. 20th, and interview on March 2. 2018, tentatively for Lewistown

- \* Job would start immediately
- \* Interview Committee will be Jay, Lane, Travis, Laurie, Teresa, Kelly, Ryle, Michael
- \* Resumes will be sent to all the Board
- \* Will be advertised on the website and the Cowboy's Digest.

Minutes will be posted online after meetings, along with anything that needs to be voted on by email

**Open Discussion**

**Motion:** Jay made a motion to set the time for the next meeting for 7:00 pm but can adjust, if needed.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

Motion Carried.

Next Meeting in Baker on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Travis asked Laurie to get red shirts for the Directors and Secretaries that needed them. Sean, Ryle, Bill, Kraig, Michael, and Travis with Vice President said they needed shirts. Travis said he would get Judges shirt sizes to Laurie.

**MOTION:** Kraig moves to adjourn the meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryle

Motion Carried (12:41 pm)