

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
LEWISTOWN, MT – 08/19/2018**

President Lane Yeager called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

In Attendance: Kelly Orahod, Radley Dempewolf, Ryle Harms, Duck Benson, Teresa Layne, Kraig Meeks, Michael Beattie (on phone), Martin Murphy, Travis Sigman (on phone), Ryan Gaasch, Jay Wagner, Logan Beattie, Paige Rasmussen, Meghan McGinley, Ragan Donsbach

Proxied: Shawn McGinley proxied for Martin Murphy

Not Present: Sierra Belvin, Laurie Harrell

Minutes from previous meeting of 06/09/2018, in Baker were read by Ragan.

MOTION: Jay moves to approve the minutes as read.

2nd by Teresa

Motion Carried

High School Secretary's Report – Ragan

Motion: Ryle moves to approve the High School Secretary's Report

2nd by Kelly

Motion carried

Jr. High Secretary's Reports – Ragan

MOTION: Kraig moves to approve the Jr. High Secretary's Report

2nd by Michael

Motion Carried

Budget: Lane said Skeeter Nordahl is interested in doing an internal review to help clean things up. He will tell us where we are at financially. We were hoping that the State would do an audit and we wouldn't have to pay for it as it costs \$8000-\$10000. They did not have one done. All financial reports are available to the public.

President's Report – The Lisa Lappe sentencing will be August 30th at 1:00 p.m. It is open to the public and anyone is welcome to testify but the board will have first option to speak. Lane will be testifying about the effects of the financial and emotional damage that has been done. The association will get around \$35,000 on the State lawsuit and \$7,000 on the Civil lawsuit. The State will take 10% of the State lawsuit. Lisa will not get jail time as a first-time offender but will have six years of felony probation. Within those six years, if her probation is revoked, her probation will start over and she could possibly face jail time.

National Director's Report – Jay Wagner – Some camping & stalls issues at Nationals. There were 24 full hook ups. This was in the State Finals letter, but some may have missed it. Contractor for stalls was having health issues and didn't have enough help. Eight kids came back in short round, Meghan came in

10th. At the Board meeting after finals the National board voted to add money to the jackpots. It will be \$100,000 for High School and \$50,000 for Junior High. Could be up to \$2700 for team roping win. Kids had fun, things went well.

SPRIG – Sprig Grant has \$1000 to use for High School or Junior High. Paperwork was submitted to Nationals. Money will be used for a booth at the NILE for Junior High and High School. Jay has videos being created and promotional materials will be sent to Jay from the National Office. There will be roping dummies there. Asking Student officers and any others to help at the booth. The grant can be spread out over the year.

* Kraig noted that there is interest with the younger groups and knows there are at least 6 families that are showing interest.

* Lane – Feels we need to figure our different incentives to get kids to rodeo. Maybe pay for first time memberships after they make it to State and that we need to target the younger kids coming up.

Committee Reports

* Promotions Committee – **Trailer** – Ryan is taking the trailer to Dillon and then Jay is taking it to the NILE. Kelly is going to take it up north and it is available to anyone who wants to take it around to show it off and sell tickets. Four-wheeler is still at RMC. We will get it with the trailer as soon as possible.

*Kelly – Hardware Hank’s of Malta gave us a deal on a Pit Boss grill and every state got a Yeti cooler and we will put that with the grill. Kelly said that she would like to get pictures of student officers and directors with the trailer, Miles City kids with the 4-wheeler, etc. to send to sponsors to maybe get a better deal in the future. They will do this after the meeting today. Also, she would like the pictures sent to the Hall and Wall too.

*Shawn McGinley – GenX may donate \$1000/\$2000 to have promotion banners in arenas at both State rodeos and possibly more. They may donate more money if we put them on the trailer. Lane suggested to go to the Promotions committee and if they are good, he is good with that.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jr. High State Finals Contract

Tim Larson presented – Looking into prizes, have the weekend before High School State Finals, Lane will sign today.

MOTION: Radley makes a motion to accept the Jr. High State Finals contract with Sidney.

2nd by Kelly

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Secretary Constitution and By Laws/Ground Rules Changes

MOTION: Radley makes a motion to approve the changes.

2nd by Kelly

Motion passed

2. Jr. High Nationals Report – Ryle said kids had a great time, had water fights. Huron was a great place to have Nationals. All went well.

3. January Meeting – Asked to change date/time. Board discussed that there was no reason to change. Keep at the same time, Saturday morning.

4. Jeanne Benson - NRA was advertised by a mass email. Advertising all goes through Jeanne Benson. That was an error on our behalf. Laurie told Jeanne that she needed to be at the meeting and discuss this with the board. Lane asked if we put something in as an amendment to the contract. Board was good with that. Kraig suggested that it be written somewhere for future reference.

5. Michael -Ties for Jr. High different from High School State. Baker Committee had to buy another saddle. We will take this up with them when we sign the new contract.

*The student officers asked about one or two goat stakes at State Finals. They want one goat stake all the way through State Finals. We will address this with the State Finals committee.

*Michael - Working CH/CT at state finals – They would like to have fresh cattle for the short round of the working cow horse. Justin Warneke is not here but suggested that they cut the cattle first and then do the working cow horse. Justin will work on something to present the committees. Duck Benson wants to put in writing that once the cattle have been in the cow horse they cannot go to the cutting. Lane wants to get this to Justin Warneke so he can put it together and present to the board. Kelly asked to have Georgia involved because she is the reined cow horse director.

*Kelly – If not doing Battle of the Districts it would be nice to introduce the seniors or have some sort of recognition by District, with their flags. Possibly have a Senior night or parade. She talked to Eddie and he was good with it.

*Jamy Patterson - HS & JH Nationals Shirts –He would like to work with Jay to sponsor the Nationals team shirts. Cinch is a national sponsor and he thinks we can step it up with the shirts. Lane said to work that out with the promotion committee.

Next Meeting in Great Falls on January 12, 2018 at 9:00 am.

MOTION: Kraig moves to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by Teresa

Motion Carried (8:30 a.m.)