

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
GREAT FALLS, MT – 01/12/2018**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:49 am

President Lane Yeager called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

In Attendance: Travis Sigman, Ryan Gaasch, Martin Murphy, Michael Beattie, Teresa Layne, Kraig Meeks, Ryle Harms, Duck Benson, Kelly Orahod, Radley Dempewolf, Jay Wagner, Lane Yeager, Logan Beattie, Paige Rasmussen, Meghan McGinley, Sierra Belvin, Laurie Harrell and Ragan Donsbach

Minutes from previous meeting of 08/19/2018, in Lewistown were read by Laurie.

Motion: Jay made a motion to accept the minutes as read
2nd by Kelly
Motion Carried

High School Secretary's Report – Laurie

Motion: Kelly made a motion that we give a \$250 memorial to Hall and Wall in memory of Ron Reed.
2nd by Kraig

Discussion.

MOTION: Kelly moved to amend her motion to auction trailer signage on the Raffle Trailer and donate it to the Hall and Wall in Ron Reed's memory.
2nd by Kraig
Motion carried

Motion: Travis made a motion to accept the High School Secretary's Report
2nd by Jay
Motion Carried

Jr. High Secretary's Report – Ragan

Ragan went over the financial report and Lane read Ragan's Resignation letter.

Motion: Jay made a motion to approve Ragan's resignation.
2nd by Martin
Motion passed

Lane stated that since it hasn't been a year yet, Billie Harms was runner up, so want to offer her the job. Will move forward with that when we hear from her. Billie is also doing the raffle tickets but suggested that we not change the trailer raffle address in the middle of the year.

MOTION: Travis made a motion to accept the Jr. High Secretary's Report
2nd by Ryan
Motion carried

President's Report – Lane

Lane talked about the Hall and Wall banquet and recommend that we buy a table for it.

MOTION: Kraig made a motion to buy a table at the Hall and Wall Banquet for approximately \$800.

2nd by Kelly

Motion carried.

Lane stated that the County Attorney and Courthouse were happy about how we handled the Lappe situation. We lost some money on the Civil Suit.

Jamy Patterson's company, PRG Group and GFK, would like to sponsor the HS and JH National Team Shirts. There would be 5 shirts for each athlete to show a unified team. For 45 athletes the sponsorship would be about \$10,000 and they would sponsor all the shirts. Will be more with Jr. High shirts. Discussion.

Lane recommends putting those sponsors on the raffle trailer and asking the National Office if the sponsor logos are OK to put on the shirts. Discussion.

MOTION: Jay made a motion that we accept the sponsorship and will put the advertisement on the trailer at our expense but get approval from the National Office on graphics for National Shirts.

2nd by Ryle

Motion carried

MOTION: Jay amended the motion to add the State will pay for banners for each district and that they be put up at qualifying rodeos and each State Finals.

2nd by Ryle

Motion carried

National Director's Report – Jay Wagner

Mid-Winter meeting in Salt Lake City. Got an email to see if we could donate an auction item to raise money for scholarships. Laurie sent the Directors some rules that will be discussed, such as: shooting program contestants would have to have Hunter's Safety Certificate, South Dakota has the Tobacco Free Program and want to change the language in the National Rule Book, Steer Wrestling possibly only one jump, weight limits on the Ribbon Roping calves, and All Around in the Jr. High with the Tie Down and Breakaway – they would have to forfeit the points for the one they don't do. Rock Springs will only have 24 guaranteed hook ups per State again.

Still working on the Sprig Grant and has things to hand out. National Office sent a box of raffle tickets. 80% of whatever is sold by our kids stays in the State if we want to do it.

Got an email about the Intermountain Ice Breaker in Ogden, Utah on Feb 27– March 2nd. If anyone wants more information, contact Jay.

There is a rule in the National Rule book that all announcers for qualifying rodeos must talk about the National Sponsors. Secretaries can send the script to the committees.

Garrett Yeager wrote an article for the December Times magazine. There is a picture of Kal Fuller in there that was put in by the guy that does the magazine. The Hall and Wall should get a copy of the magazine because it talks about the sponsors of MHSRA.

Committee Reports

Judges Committee – Radley, Kelly

Radley stated that the directors need to send in Evaluations. Kelly said to fill out Evaluation, even if not in your district and that they reviewed the evaluations about a month ago. Communication is very important between State Directors and Coordinators.

Dan Northaus said that Arena Directors and State Directors need to back up the Judges. He said it would be helpful to get some feedback to know what the Directors are saying about them and let us know what we need to improve on and what we are doing good at.

Justin Warneke talked about issues with Cutting/Cow Horse cattle at State Finals. Cattle should match the standard of NCHA, which is that they be the same size and sex of from the same place. Discussion.

MOTION: Justin made a motion that at State Finals there are fresh cattle as per NCHA rules for the Cutting and follow the rules of the NRCHA for the Working Cow Horse.

2nd by Kelly

Discussion

Justin retracted the motion since it is already in the National Rule book.

MOTION: Justin made a motion that once a cow has been used in the Reined Cow Horse that it cannot be reused in any event at State Finals.

2nd by Kelly.

Motion carried

Justin said that Committees should be giving the Cutting/Cow Horse Judges a packet. He will get a packet ready to send to Laurie to send to the Committees.

Promotions Committee – Jay, Ryle and Kelly

Ryan talked to Stockman Bank about a sponsorship for about \$4,000, just needs to write up a proposal for what they will get for that sponsorship. Lane reported that their logo would go on the raffle trailer and on the website. More discussion.

MOTION: Michael made a motion that Ryan negotiate with Stockman's Bank for a sponsorship.

2nd by Teresa

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. High School State Finals Contract Changes

Eddie Coulter and Shyla Hadley passed out a tentative schedule. They changed the Xtreme Broncs to Thursday evening. Stall rental will still be \$75 but is nonrefundable. They need a camping and stall list for Directors. Baker Board does not want Shane Gunderson and wants MHSRA to pick the rough stock contractor. They will get paid \$90/out.

They would like to get more State-wide sponsorships. They haven't got paid the \$5,000 promised from reAct and Robert Howell has been terminated from reAct. Discussion. Paige Rasmussen sent an email to the Baker Committee about having only one goat stake throughout the whole finals, not just short go. Eddie said he is fine with that.

They are adding a breakfast food vendor but are looking for merchandise vendors. Business' are busy during State Finals and appreciate that.

Discussion on ties for Year-End saddles.

MOTION: Travis made a motion to remove line 32 in contact and put in that tied contestants will add an additional rodeo to break the tie.

2nd by Ryle

Motion carried

2. Home School Verification Review – Jay

It was voted to implement the Home School Verification Form. Montana Code has a specific law written for Home Schoolers giving the parents the right to evaluate their kid's grades. Are we going against State Law by requiring them to fill this out? Discussion.

MOTION: Michael made a motion to get rid of the Home School Verification Form.

2nd by Martin

Motion carried.

3. Crisis Fund – Jay and Lane

This is a joint effort between the past Bozeman State Finals Committee and MHSRA. Jay downloaded the National Crisis Fund form off the website and thinks we can make a few minor changes to make it fit us. The question will be what the requirements of the fund will be and how to fund it to make it grow. Lane stated that it must be in By-Laws on who administers the funds. Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mentorship Program – Lane

Lane has a plan to have a High School member help someone who has never been a member, get a membership and have them apply for the program. The new member must compete at State Finals. He wants to set up a point system so that the member bringing the contestant into the Association has to do things to help that new member. The mentor and new member could get their membership back. Can use the SPRIG money for this. Discussion. Lane will get something written up and sent to the directors.

2. National Coats – Laurie

State Student Officers will look at some options for National coats and get their ideas to Laurie by the first part of February.

3. Website/Cowboy's Digest – which is official & possible text alerts

Lane stated that we had the contract with Cowboy's Digest before the new website, but the website is the official as far as deadlines are concerned because it is updated regularly with any changes.

Jay has contacted a company about text alerts. The Student Officers state that there are free apps to do that. Discussion.

Jay made a motion to utilize the text alerts.

2nd by Teresa

Motion failed.

Laurie will look into this.

4. State Finals Event Directors:

Bareback – Lane

Saddle Bronc – Michael

Bull Riding – Radley

Barrels – Kelly

Pole Bending – Kraig

Goat Tying – Teresa

Breakaway – Martin

Tie Down - Ryle

Steer Wrestling – Travis

Team Roping – Duck

Cutting/Cow Horse – Justin Warneke

5. State Finals Judges Selection – Radley, Kelly

- * Don Clark and Brad Yerian are grandfathered in for 2018-2019
- * Dave Harrell and Doug Clark will be the new Judges for High School State
- * Ron Nelson is alternate for High School State Finals
- * Don Clark High School Head Judge
- * Jay Clark and Jim Duvall voted in for Jr. High State Finals

6. Scholarship Interview Committee

- * Boys – Kelly, Duck, Teresa, Ryle
- * Girls – Michael, Martin, Radley, Kraig,

7. Approve Spring Rodeo Calendar

Duck will be checking on Kalispell. If Kalispell doesn't do a rodeo, Colter would like to do a series in Great Falls. Helena will be in East Helena, Teresa will let us know on Conrad, Three Forks may want 2 HS/JH on Sunday, Valier will be the Heart Butte Rodeo and might move to the 21st, Darby might be in Hamilton. Will wait to approve the spring calendar until hearing on some of these.

Dean Wang had an issue with Steer Wrestling cattle in Big Timber and wanted it brought to the Board's attention. He is willing to donate the cattle to the qualifying rodeos and the committee can keep the stock charge.

Open Discussion

Next Meeting in Baker on June 5th, 2019 at 7:00 pm

MOTION: Teresa moves to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by Travis

Motion Carried (1:35 pm)