

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
LEWISTOWN, MT – 08/21/2021**

President Ryle Harms called the meeting to order at 9:00 PM.

In Attendance: Paige Palin, Chalee Harms, Grace Weining, Mary Gibson, Ryan Gaasch, Ryle Harms, JT Robbins, Ricki Grebe, Joe Robb, Tim Larson, Radley Dempewolf, Tater Erickson, Clint Begger, Tobin Arnold, Jay Wagner, Billie Harms, Debbie Lund.

Not Present: Jim Garrison

Minutes from previous meeting of 06/12/2021, in Baker were read by Debbie.

MOTION: Tater moved to approve the minutes as read.

2nd by Tobin

Motion Carried

High School Secretary's Report – Debbie

Debbie reported on current membership numbers.

Computer is 6 + years old and in need of an update. Cost will be between \$900-1100

Need to find an accountant to do MHSRA taxes. Laurie had them done in Lewistown and Debbie would like to use her accountant, Beartooth Tax & Accounting in Laurel.

Went over the NILE Showcase qualifications along with having a booth in the METRA during rodeo.

Contestants will compete Oct. 21, 2021.

Montana Pro Rodeo Wall & Hall of Fame Banquet – asked if MHSRA would like to purchase a table as in past.

Cinch Team Nominations are open and 10 HS and 4JH Members will make up the team.

Checking account balance is \$139,478 and Savings is \$93,083.

MOTION: Grace made a motion to purchase a new computer for the MHSRA.

2nd by Chalee

Motion Carried

MOTION: Ryan made a motion to allow Debbie to use her accountant in Laurel for the MHSRA taxes.

2nd by Tater

Motion Carried

The Top 2 contestants in BB, SB, BR, TD, SW, TR, BA as of September 30, 2021 will be able to compete in the NILE Showcase. If one of the top 2 can not compete then roll down the standings until we fill 2 spots. Debbie is going to see what nights MHSRA can have a table in the METRA and when we can sell raffle tickets there. She will let Grace know and she will line out members to come man the booth and sell tickets.

MOTION: Ryan made a motion to purchase a table(s) at the MPRWHF banquet October 2nd in Billings. Discussion. Debbie will email all directors by Sept. 10 and they must respond by Sept. 15 so we know how many people will be attending. This will determine if we purchase 1 or 2 tables.

2nd by Chalee.

Motion Carried

Jr. High Secretary's Report

Billie gave an update on the JH memberships.

Asked the Board to consider an update to the ARTS program for both JH & HS divisions that would cost \$350 per division. This update would make it possible to download the memberships from the national member portal directly to our ARTS program. It would save time and cut down on mistakes in entering emails, phone numbers, etc.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to purchase the update for both the JH & HS ARTS programs.

2nd by Grace

Motion Carried

President's Report – Ryle

Ryle stated that Montana was well represented at Nationals. We had a national champion, several top 20 finishes, a 3rd place finish in team standings and our student President was elected as National Student President.

National Director's Report – Jay

Both JH & HS National Finals were outstanding, and the kids had a great showing.

Junior High Nationals moves to Perry, Georgia and HS Nationals will move to Gillette, Wyoming for 2022.

The Mid-Winter Meeting will be held in Idaho Falls.

Promotions Committee – Ryan

The trailer is a 3 horse Logan Gooseneck. It will be ready to go after Labor Day. Discussed how GFK is really helping us out with the purchase of the trailer since there are a shortage of trailers being built.

Rocky Mountain Supply is donating the pellet grill for the raffle.

The 4-wheeler will be ready around the 27th of August.

Thank you's need to be sent to the raffle donors.

Judge Coordinators – Radley

Asked that everybody step up and help the new judges as there are quite a few.

Explained how important it is to do the judges evaluations.

Crisis Fund – Jay

We received \$4215 from the Calcutta that MPRWHF held at our state finals.

Asked that the Crisis Fund applications be sent to each Rodeo Secretary.

Families need to be aware it is available.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Oath of Responsibility – Discussion was held as to why this needs to be signed by board members. Debbie will email the Oath of Responsibility to all the board members, and they will sign and return to her.

MOTION: Chalee made a motion that all board members sign the Oath of Responsibility.

2nd by Mary.

Motion approved.

2. Cow Horse/Cutting Proposal

Discussion was held.

No action taken.

3. Fund Raising Proposal – Amy Weining

Amy presented what she would like to do for MHSRA. She would like to be the PR/Marketing Director and raise funds to help the MHSRA. Discussion was held regarding contracts, pay, how to use funds if raised, and what sponsors would get. Amy had stated she would do this on a volunteer basis until June 2022.

MOTION: Grace made a motion to appoint Amy Weining as the PR/Marketing director for MHSRA.

2nd by Tater.

More discussion.

Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mid-Winter Meeting will be held in Idaho Falls, ID in January 2022.

2. Shooting Sports – Jay

Brian Johnson has offered to oversee the shooting sports in Montana. He is setting up clinics for the fall. One was held this evening and there will be one during the weekend of Havre HS Rodeo. Would like to have a couple of competitions during the season and track points.

It is possible that the shooting sports will count toward team standings at nationals, but this is not a for sure thing yet.

This will be discussed more at the January meeting.

3. Third Judge Requirements – Jay

Jay had submitted a proposal that the 3rd judge requirements be based on the number of outs per weekend and not the number of entries per rodeo. Currently if there are 145 entries in a rodeo then a 3rd judge is used.

Discussion was held and it was decided to leave it as is.

4. Ribbon Roping Proposal – Tobin

Rule 14- The finish line will be marked 30 feet in front of the roping box. Flag judge stands on this line.

Proposed Change – The finish line will be marked 30 feet in front of the roping box and runs from arena fence to arena fence. Flag judge stands on this line.

Discussion was held.

MOTION: JT made a motion to make a ground rule for ribbon roping:

The finish line will be marked 30 feet in front of the roping box and runs from arena fence to arena fence. The Flag judge will stand on the line against the fence. A State Director will run the barrier if only 2 judges are at a rodeo, if 3 judges then the 3rd judge will.

2nd by Chalee

Motion Approved

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Grace Weining said she had been in contact with Turner's regarding their horse sale. Turners donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of a horse at their sale to MHSRA. They would like some members there to help with the sale by cleaning stalls, helping to water horses, etc. The students can also sell raffle tickets. Grace would like us to promote the sale on Facebook and our website as much as possible. Debbie will get a list of members from the Livingston area to Grace, and she will contact them to see if they can help at the sale.

2. Bernette Wagner asked that a gift be sent to Laurie Harrel for all her time and dedication she provided to MHSRA. The student officers have already sent a thank you and a gift to her from them.

MOTION: Tater made a motion for a \$250 budget for Bernette to purchase a gift for Laurie.

2nd by Grace

Motion Approved.

MOTION: JT moved to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by Chalee

Motion Carried (11:30 pm)