



**NDHSRA/NDJHRD BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
August 2, 2026
Dickinson State University, Ag Building
12:00 pm MST**



In Attendance: Duane Faulkner, Karter Kleeman, Derek Mott, Cody Frei, Paul Weinberger, Stacy McGee, Lindsey Miller, Ilsa Holt, Dawn Martin, Jocelyn Rossow, Travis Rossow, Kami Kling, Mindy Sigvaldsen, Craig Berger, Eve Braun, Joselyn Rossow, Taelyn Boldt, Nyxie Northrop, CJ Boldt, Jess Niementalo, Berkley Kleeman, Derek Mott, Darren Peterson,

Absent: Ashley Ross, Jason Vohs, Melanie Hertz, CJ Thorne, Anton Helfrich, Jake Pennington, Craig Maley, Kathy Mavity

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Dawn Martin.

Additions to Agenda: There being no additions to the agenda, Derek M. made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Kathy M. second the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Cody made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. CJ seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

OLD BUSINESS

- Revisit the spring motion that was in place for moving the cutting and RCH entry fee up for the fall to \$80 per contestant. Original motion read: Entry fee change – March 2026
 - Discussion was held on the committee stock expense for cutting and the association stock expense for cow horse. Derek M. moved to keep cutting and cow horse entry fees at \$60 if the cattle are donated to the committee. If cattle are not donated, entry fees will increase to \$80 starting in August 2026. Seconded by CJ B. Motion carried.
 - Discussion and areas of concern were that by only charging the rodeos \$80 that do not have cattle donated is not fair for those committees that have their cattle donated and those additional increases could help offset some of the expenses where they may have a loss.
 - Another concern about not keeping fees consistent is the idea of adjusting the receipt totals in the ARTS program and potentially reflecting errors in the bookkeeping.
 - **New Motion:** All cattle entry fees will now be moved to \$80 for cattle for all events. Motion carried.

State High School Finals Update:

- Suggestion from Kami that no national packets should be distributed until after the awards so that we can give fair recognition to our sponsors during our awards presentation. After awards, all questions can be answered, and signups can be completed together. Board agreed on this input.

Junior High Finals Update:

- Parents stated that they liked the three-day format and back number ceremony. They also liked the earlier time of the short round. They said it truly felt like a final's instead of just another rodeo.

HS Secretary Report:

- Kami asked if we could look into another form of communication to the families. Junior high has text messaging capabilities, and she thought that would be helpful on the high school side. Stacy mentioned that the junior high does pay a fee to have that ability and is limited to amount of characters you can type.
 - Karter then suggested that the KHS rodeo club uses GroupMe app and maybe that is a possibility to try it for a year with our high school rodeo families. There aren't any costs and it doesn't limit the number of members in the group. Kami said she would get it set up and try it this year. We will have discussion at the end of the season if this will be the platform we will continue to use.

JR High Secretary Report:

- Mindy reported that grades are an issue getting uploaded to the portal due to the state switching over to Infinite Campus and not using PowerSchool anymore.
- Mindy requested new barrel covers for the junior high as theirs are getting very worn with the velcro and suggested we look into the same style the NDRA uses from Hooked Up Enterprises, Brent Schaaf. The cost from Brent is \$300 per set and the sponsorship package is \$600. We will table this to the November meeting for further discussion.

Marketing Report:**HS:**

- Stacy recommended moving forward with our new secretaries and finishing up the financials and give them the ability for account access. Motion made by Paul Weinberger that the board approve Mindy Sigvaldsen to replace Kassidy Marschner as the NHJHRD secretary and Kami Kling to replace Tammy Backhaus as our NDHSRA Secretary. Second, by Cody Frei. Motion carried.
- We will use the NDRA finals once again for our fundraising drawing. Dakota Community Bank will donate \$1,000 again, and we will reward our high selling fundraisers with Yeti tumblers and other incentives.

JH:

- Lindsey expressed concern with get even filling sponsorships, buckle sponsorships. And we need to consider raising the National Team saddle costs.
- She is working on some additional fundraising ideas that will hopefully help offset some of these costs.

Further discussion from board members is the overhead costs in the fall by paying memberships, entry fees, and fundraising packets. Some parents are concerned of how expensive it is to pay for this all at once and if there is a way to make this more affordable for the families. Stacy said that we don't deposit the checks for fundraising for up to 6-8 weeks to help with those costs and give them the opportunity to recover their fundraising by getting out and selling them.

President Dawn brought an update to the board about the elk and deer tag lottery. The application is to be applied for October 1st, and it was suggested that if we are granted this raffle from the state, we should not limit the tag raffle to instate. This would potentially be a spring fundraising event for the associations.

Queen Report:

- Lindsey suggested that we create a queen account and that we would work at monetary sponsors for things like autograph sheets and assist the queen with their reign and promotions they have throughout their year.
- Lindsey also mentioned that she is looking into a traveling crown for HS and the cost is \$350 to order a new crown.
- CJ B. made a motion to set up a Queen Sponsorship package. Lindsey would be paid a stipend of \$400 from each association plus a 20% commission. Seconded by Derek. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2026-2027 Officers: Dawn explained which association fills which position and how Committees work.

- President: CJ B. nominated Dawn Martin, Paul seconded. Motion carried. No further nominations were made. Nominations ceased.
 - After voting, Dawn Martin was elected President.
- Vice President - High School: CJ B. nominated Paul Weinberger. Cody seconded. Motion carried. Paul nominated Ashley Meyer. Duane Faulkner seconded. Motion carried. Nominations ceased.
 - After voting, Paul Weinberger was elected Vice President.
- Vice President, Junior High: Jess nominated Karter Kleeman. CJ B. seconded. Motion carried.
 - After voting, Karter Kleeman was elected Vice President.
- Election of Executive Board:
 - Two Members at Large
 - HS Member at Large: Paul nominated Travis Rossow. Cody seconded. Motion carried. Nominations were ceased.

- JH Member at Large: Cody nominated Jess Niemitalo. Derek seconded. Motion carried.
 - There is an open position for the JH Board CJ has offered to stay on until we fill the board position.
- Committee Chairs
 - President – Chair for Executive Board: Dawn Martin
 - HS V. President – Chair for Budget & Finance: Paul Weinberger
 - JH V. President – Chair for Scheduling and Personnel: Karter Kleeman
 - HS at Large – Chair of State Finals & Queens: Travis Rossow
 - JH at Large – Chair of the Fundraising & Membership Development: Jess Niemitalo
 - National Director – Chair of Rules and Safety: Craig Maley
 - Pass the Hat Chair:

Committee Helpers and Personnel: We need to stress to committees that all workers inside the arena must be 18 years of age due to insurance requirements. We also need to stress that we have a personnel sheet to please utilize that for approved personnel.

- Dillon Cook was added as a bullfighter
- Jim Neshem was added for cutting and RCH

Stock Charge: Effective immediately for our fall rodeos with the increase cost of rodeo stock we need to raise our contestant fees \$5 to offset the cattle charge we haven't had an increase since 2022 straight across for all events. Motion made by Paul to increase all events by \$5 to offset the stock charge with \$1 retained by the association. Seconded by Derek. Motion carried.

Supplement Sheet Handout: Board reviewed each item and sent to committee for review and will be discussed at the November meeting.

Ground Rule for Junior High Tie Down: Paul made a motion that we implement that tie down jackpot ropers must be entered with the junior high secretary no later than Monday of draw outs. If you get to the rodeo and decide to not rope, you must still pay your fees. Seconded by Derek. Motion carried.

Shooting Sports: New director is Jerad Enger. James is available to help.

Next meeting: Cody asked that we discuss the following items:

- Broken pattern – ride out (Rules and Safety)
- Bylaws – If go from JH board to HS or vice versa, must take a year off. Implement term limits or can't run simultaneously. (Executive Committee)

Next meeting: November 22 in Bismarck.