



**Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
November 17th, 2024 11am CST
Quality Inn, Bismarck ND**

Present: Chad Miller, Kami Kling, Camree Kling, Riley Frei, Cody Frei, Derek Mott, Jason Vohs, Lindsey Miller, Nancy Klatt, JB Pauley, Russ Homelvig, Paul Weinberger, CJ Boldt, Paige Delaney, Kari Hepper, Sheridan Bubel, Craig Maley, Dawn Martin, Chet Johnson, Elizabeth Tibke, Ashley Ross, Brent Earsley, Tammy Backhaus, Sydney Weinberger, Kassidy Marschner.

Absent: Maycee Copeland, Kathy Mavity, Chad Ellingson, Ryan Madison, Travis Rossow, Stacey Mcgee.

Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Chad Miller at 11:05am. Chad M. asked if there were any additions to the agenda, hearing none Kari H. made a motion to approve the agenda, Ashley R. seconded. Motion carried to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings: Chad M. asked if there were any corrections needed to the August Full Board Meeting Minutes. There being none, Dawn M. made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Kami K. seconded, with no opposition the motion carried to approve the minutes from the August meeting.

Reports:

National Director- Craig M. stated if there are any rule changes for the National Board to consider they need to be submitted as soon as possible. There will be changes in rules and safety coming out for the Rifle Shoot. Gillette's bill failed as they were trying to extend their contract for the National Finals. They are trying to work out another plan. Craig M. stated Rock Springs plans to better accommodate camping in the next year and will be looking at better security for the horse areas. Junior High Nationals will be in Iowa for two more years and then will move to Guthrie for the next ten years.

Secretaries- Tammy B. stated she received a check in the mail from the Clerus family for \$500, in memory of a past secretary who has since passed away. NDRA will host a timers and judges clinic in February and will let Tammy know of further details. Tammy B. stated she received a

request from a student to use “Event Director” as community service requirement for honor society paperwork. The board agreed that would be acceptable.

Kassidy M. stated the Junior High had no report at this time.

Treasurer- Stacy M. was not present Tammy B. will go over the report in Budget and Finance. Tammy B. stated the accounts were looking good.

Marketing- Lindsey M. stated she was adjusting to her role well and is looking for ideas to use on social media to boost the page's activity and gain engagement and membership. Stacey M. not present.

Committee Reports:

Scheduling & Personnel- Cody F. stated the committee is working on nailing down the Junior High spring schedule. Parshall is wanting to be the first rodeo of the spring but will need to work on the times as they have other events happening that weekend as well. Junior High state finals is looking for a new venue as Bowman will be short handed due to a wedding happening that weekend. Cody F. stated he is checking into having the state finals in Twin Buttes and having Bowman take over the weekend currently assigned to Twin Buttes. Cody F. reported that the Watford committee is needing dates for the next year as soon as possible as their facility books out in advance. Dickinson is wanting to change weekends in the future to get away from having a rodeo over Memorial Day weekend. There was lots of discussion regarding whether or not Bailey Pro Rodeo should remain on the approved stock contractor list, which will be further discussed in February.

Fundraising & Membership- Tammy B. stated on behalf of Stacy M. that the Junior High account has \$22,000 and the High School account has a balance of \$45,000. The Junior High account would be in the whole if they take part in the raffle and the free fundraising T-shirt for contestants. It was recommended by the committee to have the High School account cover the cost of the raffle and the free T-shirt this year. There were talks of combining the accounts all together but the committee had decided to keep accounts separate.

The committee proposed that the new spring members take part in the National Raffle in order for them to reach their fundraising amount. The National Raffle is an 80/20 split to the states that sell the tickets and would be a good fundraiser.

Tammy had reached out to the Attorney General for information on an NFR Fundraising pool. Squares on a board could be sold to raise money and gain interest on the social media accounts. This would give out prizes to those who win in the rounds.

There was a motion to move forward with this idea with the committee to decide the logistics. Brent E. made the motion and Kari H. second. With all in favor, motion carried.

It was recommended that the senior party be held in Valley City in the form of a dance for all contestants, would have to look into insurance for this. Paul stated he had spoken to Carpet World about a North Dakota Rodeo Team Jacket for all seniors since they do not all make it to state finals. It was also stated that maybe they put a 2 year minimum requirement in order to receive the jacket. Chad M. stated that Stacy M. has sponsors who are wanting to sponsor jackets. This will be added to the committee agenda for the next meeting. It was recommended that the committee look into a senior spotlight for seniors and eighth graders on the social media pages.

Committee stated they are needing board members for the Scholarship committee, Dawn M., Kami K., and CJ B. all volunteered. Tammy stated she has had trouble with divorced parents signing membership papers saying they have full custody without proof, Kami K. made a motion to add the National policy regarding this matter to our policy manual. This would state that the parents and notaries are liable for the forms they sign.

Event directors are needing new vests. Craig M. stated he could try and get vests through cinch. The committee is looking for a budget of \$1,400 to purchase vests if they cannot be sponsored. The committee will get solid prices and present them to the budget and finance committee for February.

Rodeo of the year was brought up as the contestants think it would be a good thing to bring back. The committee stated they would like the contestants to vote on rodeo of the year and then the board would take the top ten to consider who would meet the criteria best. The committee will work on the criteria for Rodeo of the Year. Membership committee will be reaching out to the Budget and Finance Committee to get a budget for the plaques.

Student Officer's Code of Conduct, the committee did not feel that it was correctly worded to fit both the board members and the student officers. The committee will be making changes to the wording and presenting it to the full board at the February meeting.

State Finals & Queen- Craig M. stated that the National Delegates that are selected need to make sure they can stay at Nationals for the entire finals in order to vote. He also stated that the Queen should be made a voting delegate since they are supposed to be there the whole time. Craig M. also stated that delegates will be able to be replaced at Nationals in case of emergency. He would like to discuss Bek TV being involved in State Finals at the February meeting.

There was discussion about the National Basket for both Junior High and High School. Junior High has members donate items to match a theme. They are having trouble getting these items. It was stated that the board should try and get the North Dakota elk tag that North Dakota Game and Fish donates each year. The board would have to apply for it. The committee will look into this further.

It was proposed to the committee to look into the “By a Nose” Timer. Some research shows that the backup hand watch times are way off and do not match up with the display time consistently. It was recommended that the board waits until the systems are improved and glitches are worked out.

W-9 forms are currently being collected twice a year, every year. It was recommended that the forms only be collected once for the members career. It would be collected in Junior High and then again in High School. The board agreed.

Tammy B. and Stacy M. will consult with other states regarding their funeral and memorial gift guides. Junior High is having trouble transporting equipment. The committee is looking into either another van or a trailer to haul the equipment taking a load off of the event directors.

Rules & Safety- The committee recommended that the board continue to remind students to stay in western attire for the entirety of the rodeo, whether they are done competing or not. The committee is working on writing definitions for draw out and turn out for the policy manual to be brought to the February meeting. There was discussion regarding adding average points to double header rodeos. This discussion will continue into the February meeting as more research for the benefits and disadvantages it may bring are done.

Craig M. stated that Karen is interested in doing a scribbling school for the reining cow horse. He also stated that the Cow Horse Association may be willing to give money to states for finding judges for these events.

(At this time the student officers were excused from the meeting room.)

Craig M. stated that the National office is wanting to start requiring board members to complete a background check in order to keep members as safe as possible. It was brought to the boards attention that they need to be aware of their surroundings when at rodeos in order to keep members safe as well.

(At this time the student officers were brought back into the meeting room.)

It was mentioned that board and sponsor passes are causing some issues at the gates. It was stated that these passes must be carried or the board member or sponsor must pay the gate fee.

The mid-winter meeting is set to start on January 21st and end on the 25th, in Deadwood South Dakota. Dawn M. and Nancy K. volunteered to organize sending delegates and officers. Sydney W. made a motion to send student officers and delegates to the mid-winter meeting. Kari H. 2nd. Motion carried as all were in favor. Dawn M., Nancy K., and Tammy B. will be coordinating rooms, registration, and chaperones.

Other Business- With there being no other business to discuss, the February meeting date shall be set for February 16th in Dickinson with the start time to be discussed at a later date.

Adjournment- Dawn M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul W. 2nd the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm CST