



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2024, 7:00 pm CST
Via Zoom
Minutes taken by: Tammy Backhaus

Present:

Kami Kling, Russ Homelvig, Craig Maley, Cody Frei, Riley Frei, Paul Weinberger, Croix Johnson, Brent Earsley, Travis Rossow, Stacy McGee, Nancy Klatt, Chad Miller (Chad), Kari Hepper, Kathy Mavity, Chad Ellingson (Chad E.), Dawn Martin, Elizabeth Tibke, Kassidy Marschner, CJ Boldt, Jason Vohs, Derek Mott, Ashley Ross, Sydney Weinberger, Nikki Heinle, JB Pauley, Tammy Backhaus and Eva Hepper

Absent:

Paige Delaney, Sheridan Bubel, Ryan Madison

Call Meeting to Order:

Meeting was called to order by President Chad Miller at 7:06 pm. Chad stated he plans to run this Zoom meeting a little differently due to the number of attendees. He will ask for nays only. If there is any opposition, we will go back to the yeas. Everyone agreed.

Approval of Minutes from the following meetings:

Chad asked if there were any corrections needed to the following minutes.

- February 2024 Full BOD
- 3/17/24 Exec. Committee – Dickinson Cutting
- 3/24/24 Exec. Committee – Dickinson Cutting Follow Up
- 4/14/24 Exec. Committee – West Fargo Contractor Approval
- 5/1/24 Full BOD – Stock Draw
- 6/6/24 High School BOD – National Camping Spots

There being none. Dawn motioned to approve all minutes. Ashley seconded. There was no opposition. Motion carried to approve all board minutes.

Chad mentioned that any newly elected board members are not able to make motions or vote until after we get through the old business.

Additions to Agenda:

Chad asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. Kari Hepper asked to add By a Nose Timer System and Rodeo of the Year voting. Chad asked to add Jason Vohs idea of using average points at rodeos and to add youth rodeos with our junior high rodeos to help promote memberships. Chad asked for a motion to approve agenda. Russ approved and Brent seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nationals

Generators:

There were ten families in the dry lot and the board had discussed obtaining generators for the dry lot campers. It was never determined what it would cost before nationals. The generator cost the NDHSRA \$1,166 for the week. Which included rent, \$423 in fuel, and \$900 to build a reusable electrical box. Freedom Oil Field (Larry was our contact) donated 200 gallons of fuel that was over \$700. We will be able to use the electrical spider next year in Rock Springs. Kami has a spreadsheet on costs. A shout out to Shawn Mavity for spending eight hours getting the electrical box up and running.

There being no more discussion Brent moved to approve paying the \$1,166 for the expense of the generator at nationals and Kathy seconded. No opposition, motion carried.

Breakfast:

According to the NDHSRA Policy Manual, the budget for the breakfast meeting at nationals is between \$750 and \$1,000. The Jr. High breakfast was \$2,421 and the High School's breakfast was \$2,101. This comes out of the fund-raising for the contestants. Stacy would like clarification on which fund this expense should come from since it is so far over budget, the fund-raising, or the general fund? The Jr. High does not have this amount in their fund-raising, it would have to come out of their general funding.

Chad suggested the Jr. High fund-raising account be charged the \$1,000 and the High School fund-raising account be charged the \$1,400 for the cost of the Jr. High breakfast and to charge the High School fund-raising account for the high school breakfast. Dawn so moved and Chad E. seconded. There being no opposition, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

- **President** – Chair for Executive Board
Cody Frei nominated **Chad Miller**; Kathy seconded. Chad Ellingson ceased nominations with Dawn to second. No further discussion. No opposition, motion carries.
- **HS V. President** – Chair for Finance & Budget
Kathy nominated Chad E. and Chad seconded. Chad E. withdrew his name from the nomination and nominated **Dawn Martin**; Riley Frei seconded. Nominations ceased. Motion carried.
- **JH V. President** – Chair for Scheduling and Personnel
Ashley Ross nominated **Cody Frei** and Chad seconded. Chad E. ceased nominations. No opposition, motion carries.
- **HS at Large** – Chair of State Finals
Kami nominated **Kathy Mavity** with Kari seconding. No further nominations. No opposition, motion carries.
- **JH at Large** – Chair of Fund-Raising

Riley Frei nominated Nancy Klatt with Ashley to second. After some thought, Nancy needed to decline at this time. Kathy nominated **Kami Kling**; Chad E. seconded. No further nominations, motion carried.

- **National Director** – Chair of Rules and Safety **Craig Maley**. No voting necessary.

Committees:

Will be decided by Cassidy, Tammy, and Stacy.

Code of Conduct:

Chad encouraged all board members to read this thoroughly, emphasizing that the board is elected by the membership and that it comes with responsibility. Including dress code when in the arena, the way we conduct ourselves, and to help before and after each rodeo. Student officers will sign the Code of Conduct as well. Be aware of the chain of command for the board. It is listed on the website. We are one board, and we need to be respectful of any motions that are carried. The Code of Conduct will only need to be signed once during a board member's term instead of annually.

RCH in Watford City:

After much discussion it was determined that Watford City would be hosting the 2024-2025 fall NDHSRA Reined Cow Horse. There will be two-goes. The Watford City Committee member discussed the issue with members bringing dogs into the indoor arena and that the committee will be fined \$500 if this happens. Eva asked if the board saw any dogs inside the building that they be asked to take them out. The Board's help is appreciated. Chad will talk to membership about this at the Mandan meeting. Chad asked for a motion to approve moving the RCH to Watford City, Dawn so moved with Chad E. seconding. Motion carried.

Karen Johnson will be the judge for RCH. Karen Johnson is a non pro rider, so she is not able to earn income from judging. Karen will donate her fee back to a Reined Cow Horse contestant in the form of a scholarship with criteria to be determined later. For a double RCH it will be a \$500 scholarship.

Rifle Shoot dates for JH & HS:

- High School – Watford City, Friday, 9/13/24 at 10:00 am and Valley City, Friday, 9/20/24 at 1:00 pm.
- Junior High – Watford City, Friday, 9/6/24 at 3:00 pm. Discussed moving the shooting to Saturday morning and starting the rodeo at noon. Also, discussed starting the rodeo on Sunday at 9:00 am.

Rodeo Personnel Approval:

Chet Johnson asked that Dakota Marschner be added to the bull fighter approval list. Codi made a motion to approve Dakota and he be placed on the list. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

High School Secretary Report:

- **Member Totals:**
156 registered so far this fall. (Ended the spring with 165)
37 new high school members. (35 seniors last year)

- **Event Directors:**
Tammy expressed concerns about the lack of interest of contestants being an event director. Craig concurred. Great discussion was held regarding what is being seen and heard. Suggested that the board encourage our upper classmen to step up. Chad will visit with timed event judges to include the event directors. Dawn and Chad E. will visit with RCH and Cutting judges. Craig suggested that we involve the event directors in all that we do with their event. Contestant concerns:
 - It does not matter what I say, the judge does not listen to me.
 - I cannot get anyone to take the vest.
 - I take my events seriously.
 - I do not have anyone to help me warm my horses up.
 - Responsible for carrying supplies around.
 This will be placed in a committee and be brought to November meeting.

- **Alternate Event Directors:**
Since the duties are the exact same for all event directors, Tammy suggested that we consider all event directors equal and call them co-Event Directors. There being no concerns about this change. Tammy will adjust documents and website to read accordingly. Cassidy asked if the Jr. High could have Co-Directors as well. Chad, said to put this into committee and have it brought to the November meeting.

- **Responsibilities – Girls vs Boys:**
Tammy asked why the girl event directors must take care of the poles and barrel covers and the boys do not have to do anything, like box pads. Seems one sided. Will be discussed in committee.

- **Event Director Vests:**
It is time to consider new vests. This will go to committee as well. Craig suggested arm bands instead of vests. This will be discussed at committee.

- Tammy cannot remember who volunteered to be the 2nd barrel director (Nyxie Northrop and Allie Wolla)

- **Ground Rules:**
Tammy suggested that we include the difference between a Turn Out and a Draw Out. When there is a rake, etc. This will go to a committee.

- **Six weeks start date for a suspension:**
Chad asked that this be moved to later on the agenda.

- **Hotel versus Fuel Expense:**

Tammy would like to stay in her trailer versus staying at a hotel. After discussion Jason Vohs made a motion to have Tammy turn in her receipts for reimbursement of fuel up to the cost of a hotel. Craig seconded. Then Stacy came on and gave a bigger picture of the future and suggested that a flat fee be reimbursed. Chad E. suggested that the board do what Tammy initially requested to just reimburse her fuel up to the cost of a hotel. Jason Vohs amended his motion to read Tammy receive a flat rate for fuel reimbursement up to the cost of a hotel. When Tammy stays at a hotel it will be charged on the NDHSRA credit card and no reimbursement will be necessary. Kami seconded. Stacy suggested that we look at the Century Code allowances of \$0.62/mile and \$107.00/room. There was additional discussion. Motion carried.

Junior High School Secretary Report

- **Member Totals:**

72 registered so far this fall. The majority being girls. There may be 25 boys. (There were 85 at the end of last season.)

- **Ribbon Roping Partners:**

Kassidy indicated there is a significant problem with draw partners for Ribbon Roping. The questions is how many times do we allow the boys to be a draw partner in one day? Should there be a cap? Codi made a motion to cap the draw to two times per day. To clarify – they can be a draw partner twice and rope once with their specified partner; a total of three runs for each roper per day. Every participating draw roper must have been drawn one time, before a roper can be drawn for a second time. Anyone who did not get a draw partner the first day of a rodeo will be first to be drawn as a partner the second day. The only points awarded to draw partners are with the partner you entered the rodeo with. The Board will see how the fall goes and revisit this at the November meeting. Ashley seconded. No further discussion. No opposition, motion carries.

- **Tie Down Jackpot:**

Kassidy wants to know if we are going to continue the Build a Jackpot Tie Down Roper. Ground Rules state that we allow that. Stacy says it is not easy and it needs to be done in Excel because the ARTS (Arena Rodeo Tracking System) program will not calculate it. They cannot enter the tie down jackpot online. It must be done through Kassidy. After much discussion it was decided to leave it as is.

- **Needs Event Directors:**

The Jr. High still needs event directors for Bareback, Saddle Bronc, and Chute Dogging. Since new members are not allowed to be event directors, how do we manage this? Student Event Director's for each event are a required. It was suggested that we have a student event director but have a parent help oversee these specific events. Brent nominated Paul Weinberger to be the adult mentor for the rough stock events for the fall season. Derek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy volunteered to haul the chute this year. CJ said he will haul the chute unless somebody else does it. It was decided to leave it up to CJ, Codi, and Kassidy to figure out who hauls the chute to the first rodeo.

Marketing Report

- Financial Reports sent out, please review them.
- Twin Buttes sponsorship – received \$2,500 of the \$10,000. Codi stated the other \$2,500 will come.
- Expenditure Request – Stacy will create a form that will need to be completed prior to any financial expense requests.
- High School marketing fund has about \$12,000.
- Junior High marketing fund is about \$1,000 in the hole.
- A punch card sponsor pass was developed to assist committees with gate fees. The card has a punch for every rodeo.
- Dakota Community Bank will do the raffle tickets again this year. We will do the Roughrider Cup.
- We will do calendars again and maintain the same fundraising dollar amount of \$220. This is a requirement.
- Spring fund-raising will be moved to the spring meeting.
- There was one applicant for the Junior High Marketing Director position, Lindsey Miller. Chad, Stacy, Codi, and Kassidy interviewed Lindsey, and they all believe she would be an asset to the association. Nancy made a motion to move forward with hiring Lindsey Miller, Kami seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried. Stacy called her and offered her the position.

National Director Report:

Good year at nationals. Camping issue has already been discussed. Did very well in the Knowledge Bowl. Hosted a New Zealand family. Good year!

New rules are coming up, but those are not in play until February.

OTHER BUSINESS

Junior High State Finals next spring: Cashae McGee is getting married that weekend and will take a lot of their committee members away for that weekend. We need to come up with a plan at the November meeting.

Incoming freshman welcome: Kathy wants to introduce and recognize the new members and have the youth board shake hands and welcome them. Kathy will organize a meeting with the student officers to come up with a plan for Mandan.

Judges: Chad said there are two judges for Junior High and three at the High School level. Chad would like to drop the high school judges down to two for the regular season. He visited with some of the timed event judges, and they are fine with it. The only thing they ask is if a board member could step in during the barrels or an event at the line to call names so they could take a little break. The pay rate for high school

judges is \$400 per day and \$350 for jr. high. Craig made a motion to drop down to two judges for the regular season, leave the pay alone at this time and discuss an increase this fall. Chad E. seconded. Motion carried.

Mandan High School Contestant: A contestant asked if his saddle bronc ride could be moved to either the Bareback or to the Bulls so he can attend a football scrimmage. The Board felt that we should not start adjusting the draw like this, that it would open a whole new set of issues honoring similar requests. Tammy will get back to the contestant.

Jason Vohs presented an idea of having average points throughout the year. Chad asked that this idea be discussed in committee and then brought to the November meeting. This will give Jason time to gather additional information.

Kari told us about the By a Nose Timing System that Alan Woodbury created that has four lasers. Ensuring that the time starts with the nose and stops the time with the nose. She will look into the cost of the system and bring more information to the November meeting.

Kari would like the contestants to vote on the Rodeo of the Year. The board has not done this in a few years. It was mentioned that the Jr. High does not do this either and would like to as well. This discussion will be added to the November meeting.

Chad mentioned the idea of adding a youth rodeo in conjunction with Jr. High Rodeo's in hopes to get more kids interested in coming.

Adjourn:

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kari second the motion. Motion carried.