

MRA Meeting Agenda
February 11, 2020 via conference call

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Jojo Wagner at: 7:34

Attendance/Roll Call: highlight members in attendance. Underlined = nonvoting member

President: Jojo Wagner

VP: Emmitt Davis

Secretary: Kari Heidebrink

Treasurer: Courtney Otto

Bull Riding: Kenny Betts & Nick Reynolds

Calf Roping: Brett Hewitt & Matt Nelson

Over 40 CR: David Slipka & Jeff Thurlow

Barrel Racing: Sarah Rose & Courtney Otto

Team Roping: Emit Valnes, Randy Melby, Wyatt Treeby, Eric Nelsen

Breakaway Roping: Callie Shephard & Whitney Locken

Steer Wrestling: Nolan Hart, Jace Christianson

Judges Director: Dru Wilking

Bareback: Dylan Pratt & Allen Petron

Saddle Bronc: Billy Hampton, Jason Cole

Queen Director: Tana Dirks

Stock Director: Scott Berends

PR Director: MRA Queen (Stephanie Mackissok)

Mixed Team Roping: Carm Schneider & Terri Grinager

Finals Director: Jamie Thompson

General Members: Mike Filkouski, Royce Larson, Ty Jurgenson

Topic	Who	Decision/Action
Treasurers Report	Courtney	Emailed report to board. Courtney has a new accountant to do taxes. 2018 tax return came back so Courtney is working on getting it fixed. We may possibly have a fine from it but it may be able to get resolved. Kari and Courtney are to be paid for Jan and Feb once she has ability to sign checks. Kenny mm to approve report, 2 nd by Brett. Approved by board.
Secretaries Report	Kari	January meeting minutes have been emailed to the board and posted online.

		<p>I am currently working with Erika our website support to possibly help find a different program for updating our website. The current program being used is old and no longer supported by Adobe. I have been running into a lot of problems with the software recently so something new and up to date will be helpful. Looking for something that is a onetime purchase instead of having to renew each year.</p> <p>The place I usually use to print cards and member letters was bought out by a different company. The transition to them was a process so I am finally able to pick them up this week. The cost is \$129.34 for both.</p> <p>I also am finishing up the last few edits to the rulebooks and then will be getting those printed as well.</p> <p>I just received a few approvals via email later this afternoon from Big Hat rodeo for a couple rodeos in Wisconsin and Illinois.</p> <p>I was able to get into the bank this morning and meet with our banker. I got the process going of adding Courtney to the account. I have the papers being mailed that she has to sign and bring in to the bank to finish the process.</p> <p>David asked about Thank you's for sponsors. All directors are to get Kari the addresses of their sponsors by Feb 25th so she can send out thank you's.</p> <p>David mm to approve report, 2nd by Steph. Approved by board</p>
Queen Report	Steph	Nothing new to report
Stock Committee Report	Scott B,	
Awards / Fundraising Committee	Kari, Courtney, Jojo,	<p>Do we want to do a raffle again this year? If so, we need to figure out details so Kari can submit the county permit and get tickets printed to be able to send when sending out membership cards.</p> <p>Terri mm that we do exactly what we did in 2019 for the raffle. 2nd by Courtney.</p> <p>Discussion: David wants to know what exactly it was for 2019. Kari broke down the raffle.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$550 & 2 tickets to MRA finals 2019 2. \$550 & 2 tickets to MRA finals 2019 3. Rifle 4. \$500 5. \$500 6. \$300 7. \$300 8. \$200 9. \$200

		<p>10. \$200 11. \$100 12. \$50 13. \$50 Approved by board.</p> <p>Lee-Mar Ranch fundraiser: JoJo went over the flyers that were sent to the MRA. They are asking for a sponsor or donation for the fundraiser from the MRA. JoJo asked if the MRA wants to do a sponsor? Members agreed that the MRA should not be spending money, however if we have product to donate we should definitely do that. Eric mm to donate some jackets to Lee-Mar fundraiser, 2nd by David. Approved by board.</p>
Budget	Jojo, Courtney	Courtney sent the projected budget that Jamie came up with. We will go over it more next month when we have more finals stuff figured out.
Nominations		
Rules and Bylaws	Jojo, Kari, Scott Berends, Dru Wilking	Courtney got a message from a member that there was a general member that did not have awareness that there was rules on the table and was upset about this.
Finals	Jamie	<p>Finals location options: JoJo talked to Kathy about hosting finals again. She is interested. There is a bullriding on September 11 & 12 and feels that that had some conflict with why they didn't have a good turnout so they want to try to stay away from that date.</p> <p>-And not too cold for people to want to show up She also doesn't want to have 3 ½ hour performance. She's fine with a slack if we need to. They are willing to put the finals on but want us to try and come up with some ideas so they don't have to pay in to have us go there as they lost money on our finals last year. Open to all ideas the boards has.</p> <p>We can take away the guest pass and just have contestants come in for free. If the MRA has enough money, maybe they can pay for the guest pass. It was discussed on whether or not we want to go before September 11 weekend and try to do something and cut the rodeo season short or go into the first weeks of October. JoJo asked the board if she should present to them August 28 & 29 or into October the first few weeks. JoJo asked if the board should try and keep the contract at \$15,000? It was discussed that we should try and keep that number.</p> <p>An out of state option was to possibly have it at Estelline. JoJo was talking to Emmett but she's not sure if they would still be interested in that.</p> <p>Double F was discussed in Hinkley but we start to run into it becoming too small of an arena when we get both bucking chutes and roping chutes in.</p> <p>Eric brought up the option of contacting Loose Shoe arena.</p>

		The board gave JoJo the go ahead for contacting Kathy at High Island.
Old Business	All	<p>Update on Ignition Logistics? JoJo sent off the paperwork to the county and has not heard back. She will stop in at the county and see where it's at.</p> <p>Courtney brought up the scholarship and was wondering if we should get it posted and then also send it off to the secretary of MNHSRA and Little Britches. Courtney, Steph and Tana will be on the committee. Sarah also volunteered. They will pick the top 2 boys and girls and bring it to the board.</p>
New Business	All	<p>MN Horse Expo David- we need some exposure to people who have no idea how to get into rodeo. Booth space for non-profit is \$200?? There is limited amount of booth space since it is fast approaching. David thinks it would be good to have the queen there. JoJo asked the board if we want to go ahead and get a booth at expo? Terri mentioned it's not worth the money and exposure. They've spent 5 years there during Mike's presidency and didn't get the boost they thought it would, it just used money. The board agreed that if it won't benefit us that much there is no use in spending money on it.</p> <p>Courtney mm to skip MN Horse expo, 2nd by Terri. Approved by board to skip expo.</p> <p>It was asked about giving free membership to HS state champs. We do offer this and will get something printed out for the champions to receive at finals.</p> <p>It was also brought up to give a membership to the give a certificate to the winner of the jackpot or most improved of the Joe Beaver clinic and Marty Becker clinic. Both breakaway and tiedown.</p> <p>Terri volunteered to make up the certificates</p> <p><u>Approvals from Big Hat Rodeo:</u> It was brought up that last year rodeos from Big Hat Rodeo were turned down because people have had issues with the timers and not getting correct times.</p> <p>Whitney- IPRA is hurting for members. They have become alliance with WPRA so they will probably be monitored more.</p> <p>Galena, IL- July 3 & 4. David mm to approve. Whitney 2nd. Courtney brought up that Illinois doesn't even boarder MN. It was also brought up the we used to co-sanction with a rodeo in Nebraska so there isn't much</p>

		<p>different. Carm asked to have her clarify if there will be O40 and MTR. Approved by board.</p> <p>Ladysmith, WI- Aug 7 & 8. Brett mm to approve, 2nd by Jeff. Approved by board.</p> <p>Elkhorn, WI- Aug 15 & 16. Brett mm to approve, 2nd by Jamie. Approved by board.</p> <p>All 3 rodeos from Big Hat Rodeo were approved as second sanction with the IPRA.</p>
<p>Next meeting date and time: Adjourn:</p>	All	<p>Next meeting date: March 10, 2020 @ 7:30 pm via conference call.</p> <p>Carm mm to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Brett. Meeting adjourned at 9:03.</p>