

Agenda Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting **April 20th, 2011 via phone conference 7:30 pm** (Gunderson)

Call to Order:

Attendance: ** Members attended in bold**

President Mike Grinager

Vice President **Karl Johnson**

Secretary **Heidi Gunderson**

Treasurer **Jamie Johnson**

Bareback: Dru Wilking & Jason Lenzen

Saddle Bronc: Tylor Sonenstahl & Wes Jensen

Bull Riding: Rudy Borntragger & Mike Klemek

Steer Wrestling: Jeremy Wagner & Mike Kuka

Calf Roping: Randy Melby & **Toby Boeta**

Over 40: **David Slipka & Emmett Davis**

Barrel Racing: **Sherry Sampson & Kelly Neisius**

Team Roping: Bill VanLith & **Cody Neisius**

Breakaway: **Jamie Johnson & Heidi Gunderson**

Stock Contractor: Scott Berends

Judges Director: **Shawn Manee**

Queen Director: Rita Hamilton

General Members:

Treasurer's Report: (J. Johnson) Cash balance \$23,355.10 (Without Henderson monies)

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: MMS Heidi Gunderson/David Slipka

Secretary Report: H. Gunderson

Current Members: 189 Members (151 Reg. Members, 37 HS Members) 13 Associate Members. Higher than past years at this time, could be because of Expo Rodeo

Motion to approve March Meeting Minutes: David Slipka/Shawn Manee

Committee Reports:

Queen: Rita Hamilton & Alicia Mengelkas

Stock: Scott Berends, Cody Neisius, David Slipka, Dru Wilking, Jeremy Wagner, Rudy Borntragger

Awards: Heidi G, Jamie J, Kelly Neisius, Tyler Sonenstahl, Jason Lenzen

Fundraising: Mike Grinager, Karl Johnson, Emmett Davis, Jamie J, Heidi G, Jo Jo Varner, Wes Jensen

- Raffle Prizes: Waiting for May 2nd to see if Polaris will sponsor a 4 wheeler. Raffle tickets will be printed after this date.
- Looking at a 501c3 status (looking forward)

Budget: Karl Johnson, Mike Grinager, Jamie Johnson, Heidi Gunderson, Emmitt Davis

- Need to follow up on speaking with tax preparer to see how it might affect us carrying a balance over in 2011 to 2012. (Since we are a non-profit org.)

Nominations: Kelly Neisius, Bill VanLith, Mike Kuka, Randy Melby, Mike Klimek

Rules and Bylaws: Shawn Manee, Mike Grinager, Heidi G, Sherry Sampson, David Slipka, Scott Berends

Finals: Toby Boeta, Mike Grinager, Heidi Gunderson, David Slipka, Jamie Johnson

- 2011 Spring Finals
- Bids being accepted for finals personnel. Bids have been received from Announcer, Davie Kimm, Jesse Knutson and Funnyman Ryan Mead. Bids will be emailed to board of directors. (Bids to be kept on file until decision is made)
- Deadline for bids to be announced.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rodeo Approvals:

2. MMS to approve the following rodeos: Toby Boeta/Heidi Gunderson (Motion carried)

Buckhorn Rodeo Britton, SD SDRA/NRCA/MRA

Mosbrucker Rodeo

May 27th & 28th

Performances: May 27th 7pm, May 28th 7pm

Slack: May 28th 11 am

Entries: : **Internet Entries Open:**

Friday May 20th 12:00AM through Monday May 23rd at 8:00PM

Call-In Entries Open:

Monday May 23rd from Noon to 8:00PM

Internet Call Backs:

Tuesday May 24th 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Telephone Call Backs:

Tuesday May 24th 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Official web site: www.midwestrodeoentries.com

605-374-7754

Added Money: \$400 SB, BB, BR, CR, SW, TR (per team) BCR, CBR (Senior Mens Breakaway offered \$400 added SDRA Sanctioned only, Mixed TR offered \$100 added SDRA sanctioned only)

Entry Fees: SDRA Rulebook Scale (TBA)

Emergency Number: 605.470.0281

Membership applications must be postmarked by May 23rd to accumulate points for this rodeo.

Russell Wagon Stampede Russell, MN MRA

Triple B Rodeo

June 10th & 11th

Performances: June 10th 7 pm, June 11th 6:30pm

Slack: TBA

Entries: 320.367.2445 Monday, June 6th

Added Money: \$200

Entry Fees: SB, BR, O40 = \$73 BB, CR, SW, BCR, CBR = \$68 TR=\$67

Emergency Number: 320.226.1487

Membership applications must be postmarked by June 6th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

Estelline Days Rodeo Estelline, SD SDRA/MRA

Triple B Rodeo

June 17th & 18th

Performances: June 17th 6:30pm, June 18th 6:30 pm

Slack: June 18th 12 noon

Entries: 320.367.2445 Monday June 13th 11 am-4pm

Added Money: \$400 all nine standard events (Senior Mens Breakaway will be offered SDRA sanctioned only \$400 added)

Entry Fees: (To follow SDRA Rulebook/TBA)

Emergency Number: 320.226.1487

**Note: Champion buckles for all events, Men's All-Around Buckle, no stock charge (however \$8 gate charge will apply) Arena group was re-built with sand last fall and committee will add more if needed this spring.

Membership applications must be postmarked by June 13th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

Fillmore Cty Fair Preston, MN MRA

Triple B Rodeo

July 20th

Performance: July 20th 7 pm

Slack: TBA

Entries: 320.367.2445 TBA

Added Money: \$300 all nine standard events

Entry Fees: SB, BR, O40 = \$73 BB, CR, SW, BCR, CBR = \$68 TR=\$67

Emergency Number: 320.226.1487

Grant Co. Ag Association Herman, MN MRA

Triple B Rodeo

July 23rd

Performance: July 23rd 6pm

Slack: TBA

Entries: 320.367.2445 TBA

Added Money: \$350 all nine standard events

Entry Fees: SB, BR, O40 = \$83 BB, CR, SW BCR, CBR = \$78 TR=\$77

Emergency Number: 320.226.1487

Goldmine Ranch & Rodeo Bemidji, MN MRA

Triple B Rodeo

August 12th & 13th

Performances: August 12th 7pm, August 13th 7 pm

Slack:

Entries: 320.367.2445 Monday, August 8th 11 am-4 pm

Added Money: \$500 Rough Stock, \$300 Timed Event

Entry Fees: SB, BR=\$83, BB=\$78, O40 CR=\$73, CR, SW, CBR, BCR=\$68, TR=\$67

Emergency Number: 320.226.1487

Membership applications must be postmarked by August 8th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

Silver Bullet Saddle Club Clearwater, MN MRA

Triple B Rodeo

August 19th, 20th, & 21st

Performances: August 19th 7 pm, August 20th 6 pm, August 21st 2 pm

Slack: TBA

Entries: 320.367.2445 Monday, August 15th 11 am-4 pm

Added Money: \$500 all nine standard events

Entry Fees: SB, BR, O40 = \$83 BB, CR, SW BCR, CBR = \$78 TR=\$77

Emergency Number: 320.226.1487

Membership applications must be postmarked by August 8th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Over 40 Calf Roping Issue in Henderson

- Heidi Gunderson to read an email from Shaun Olson describing what had happened to him at the Henderson MN Rodeo. In the Over 40 Calf roping there is a time limit of 45 seconds. (Refer to Over 40 CR Rule #2) In Henderson the secretary blew the time limit whistle at 25 seconds. (The open calf roping time limit) The contestant (Shaun Olson) finished tying his calf and his time was announced. (No recorded time onfile) Then his time was announced as a No Time. Shaun left the arena and went home. As he was driving home he looked at this rulebook and realized that the time limit in the Over 40 is 45 seconds. At this time he called the Over 40 CR Director (David Slipka) Shaun wanted his time to stand. The Rodeo Secretary (Stephanie Schumacher) did not record a time, therefore there was no recorded time for him to take. The judges told Shaun that he could come back to the rodeo and rerun his calf with 25 seconds on the clock. Contestant (Shaun Olson wanted his time)
- Board discussion: Rulebook states page 49 #17 (Timed Events) Any time a contestant is fouled in any event, they must declare themselves immediately or take that score or time. (In this case the contestant did not do that)
- There was discussion from the contestant and Over 40 Director (Emmett Davis) that the judges did not follow the rulebook either and that is their responsibility. These members wanted points to be awarded to the contestant and that

something should be done. Discussion was that no where in the rulebook does it state to give points in a situation such as this. What the rulebook does state on page 68 #10 #11 (Loss of Privileges) is: Officials making decisions or violating rules which do not comply with the MRA rulebook will be suspended. Such violation must be witnessed by a member of the Board of Directors or substantiated by two spokespersons....Suspension will remain in effect until Board of Directors rules on Eligibility. Any member making false accusation will be fined and/or suspended. A Rodeo judge base max fine will be \$100 unless the severity of the infraction is assessed by the Board of Directors and a larger fine is required. (The contestant and Over 40 Directors did not want to follow through with this fine or suspension.)

- Emmett Davis (Over 40 Director) suggested that an apology note be written to both contestants (the 25 second whistle blew on a contestant, Mike Mealy, during Friday night performance, he did not complete his run). Also letters should go to both judges and the secretary stating the severity of the problem.
- MMS Heidi Gunderson/Cody Neisius to write letters. Letters will be drafted and sent to the President (Mike Grinager) before being sent. Motion carried.
- 4/21/2011 Email received from Mike Grinager waiting to hold off on writing the letters until another meeting can be held discussing the matter. Meeting will consist of O40 Directors, contestant, and Board Officers.
- Discussion about future (to change time limit for O40 and Open to the same).

2. Rodeo Approvals: MMS to approve the following rodeos/ Heidi Gunderson/Toby Boeta. Motion carried.

Wessington Springs, SD SDRA/MRA/NRCA

Lance Lesmeister Rodeo

May 28th & 29th

Performances: May 28th 6 pm & May 29th 2 pm

Slack: May 28th Noon

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Internet Call Backs:

Tuesday May 24th 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Telephone Call Backs:

Tuesday May 24th 2:00PM to 6:00PM

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605-374-7754

Added Money: BB, SB, BR \$600, CR, SW, TR, CBR, BCR \$400 (No Over 40 CR)

Entry Fees: EF \$50, Gate \$12 plus other applicable fees according to the SDRA Rulebook.

Emergency #: 605.770.4370

Membership applications must be postmarked by Monday May 23rd to be eligible for points tabulation.

Irene Rodeo Irene, SD SDRA/MRA/NCRA/Midstates

Rodeo Rose Productions

June 24th & 25th

Performances: June 24th 7 pm, June 25th 6 pm

Slack: June 25th 9 am

Entries: **Internet Entries Open:**

Friday June 17th 12:00AM through Monday June 20th at 8:00PM

Call-In Entries Open:

Monday June 20th from Noon to 8:00PM

Internet Call Backs:

Tuesday June 21st 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Telephone Call Backs:

Tuesday June 21st 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Official web site: www.midwestrodeoentries.com

605-374-7754

Added Money: SB, BB, BR \$400, CR, SW, TR, BCR, CBR \$300 (No O40 CR)

Entry Fees: EF \$50, Gate \$10, OF \$3, FF \$2 per association, \$5.50

Emergency Number: 605.263.2855

Membership applications must be postmarked by June 20th to be eligible for points tabulation.

Crooks Rodeo Crooks, MN SDRA/MRA/NRCA

Buffington Rodeo Company

June 4th & 5th

Performances: June 4th 4:30 pm, June 5th 1 pm

Slack: June 5th after 1 pm performances

Entries: **Internet Entries Open:**

Friday May 27th 12:00AM through Monday May 30th at 8:00PM

Call-In Entries Open:

Monday May 30th from Noon to 8:00PM

Internet Call Backs:

Tuesday May 31st 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Telephone Call Backs:

Tuesday May 31st 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Official web site: www.midwestrodeoentries.com

605-374-7754

Added Money: BB, SB \$500, CBR, BR, CR, CBR, SW, TR \$300 (No O40 CR)

Entry Fee: EF \$50 DM \$5.50, Gate \$10 + Association Finals Fees

Emergency Number: 605.366.3145 (Roy Drake)

Membership Applications must be postmarked by May 30th to be eligible for points tabulation.

Winnebago, MN IRA/MRA/MSRA

St. Peter Rodeos

August 6th

Performances: August 6th 7 pm

Slack: August 6th 9 am

Entries: 308. 836.2259 Monday, August 1st 9 am-6 pm

Added Money: BB, SB, BR \$500, O40CR, CBR, BCR, TR, CR, TR \$300

Entry Fees: BB, SB, BR Entry \$60, Stock Charge \$8, Entry Line \$5, Finals Fees \$6,
CBR, BCR, CR, O40CR Entry \$50, Stock Charge \$8, Entry Line \$5, Finals Fees \$6
TR per man Entry \$50, Stock Charge \$4, Entry Line \$5, Finals Fees \$6

Emergency Number: 712.304.2321

Membership applications must be postmarked by August 1st to be eligible for points tabulation.

3. Horse Expo:

- April 29th, 30th, and May 1st.
- Heidi Gunderson to go Saturday, and early Sunday
- Need people at booth for Setup Friday and all day Friday/for Sunday pm and take down.
- No volunteers.
- Alicia Mengelkas (Queen) will be there for part of the time.
- No Raffle tickets yet/still waiting on decision of 4 wheeler from Polaris.
- Call MRA Office if you can help.

Next Meeting Date: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Meeting **adjourned** at 9:09 pm MMS Heidi Gunderson/Shawn Manee. Motion carried.