

# **Meeting Minutes** Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting February 15th via Conference Call, 7:30pm (Gunderson)

Call to Order: Mike Grinager at 7:30 pm

Attendance:

President **Mike Grinager**

Vice President Karl Johnson

Secretary **Heidi Gunderson**

Treasurer Jamie Johnson

Bareback: **Dru Wilking** & Jason Lenzen

Saddle Bronc: Tylor Sonnenstahl & 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: **JoJo Varner** & **Heidi Gunderson**

Stock Contractor: Scott Berends

Judges Director: **Shawn Manee**

Queen Director: **Alicia Mengelkoch**

General Members: Red Horse Ranch Representative, Andrew

Treasurer's Report: Jamie Johnson

MMS to accept as announced by Heidi Gunderson -JoJo Varner/Alicia Mengelkoch.

Motion carried

## **Secretary Report:**

Minutes from January Meeting MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Alicia Mengelkoch. Motion carried

Memberships are starting to come in, 2012 Cards are ready to be mailed out

Have not gotten any response from Youth/FFA reduced ticket prices yet

Finals draw is online

1 bid has come in for Treasurer for 2012

Heidi G putting in a bid again for 2012 Secretary

## **Committee Reports:**

**Queen:** Alicia Mengelkoch

- Queen contestants for 2012 (3 girls running, Kayleen Erickson, Stephanie Kleidon, Courtney Simenson.)
- New Queen app up on the website
- Queen Finals Jacket for 2011 to 2011 Queen
- Have judges for the Finals

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

- Timed Event Cattle For Finals: Boogles (sp?) Cattle-Jeremy Wagner has the contract for that and Mike Grinager will sign. \$600 a pen. Bringing CR, TR, SW, BCR, O40CR. Hotel rooms for Thursday night and Friday night. O40 and CR will rope the same pen of calves. Jeremy W. has seen the cattle and they all look really good as they have been to 3 pro-rodeos this year.
- Bull Riders and Horse Riders need to talk to Triple B Rodeo about what they want after we have numbers of how many are entered. (First week of Feb.)
- Dru Wilking to call Scott Berends about BB stock
- Email Tylor Wojo's phone number to Mike G. to call with BR sponsorship help.

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

- Buckles have been ordered for: Barrels, Breakaway, Team Roping, Bareback Riding, Over 40 CR, Queen, Announcer, Funnyman
- Other buckle orders will not be placed until after the finals when sponsorship money becomes available. Therefore there will not be very many buckles to present at our "Finals Awards Presentation"
- Jackets have come in (Mike has them)
- 2011 Queen get a contestant jacket- she will get a queen jacket
- Add \$66 onto the CR fees, Heidi will send out an email letting people know.

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

- Raffle Permit: Mike has sent out and forms will be sent to Jamie, Alicia drives by Wright County Courthouse every day. She can pick them up.
- Rex Kent says thank you for the proposal of 10% of net proceeds in 2012 going to WW.
- Check back with Rex Kent to see who will be hosting from WW, we would like to put into our PR ads.
- Fergus Falls Sponsors: RHR asks that we clarify to sponsors that the MRA finals is different from the Pro Rodeo that they have in August.
- Thank you for the money that has been being turned in. Whenever possible please try to have sponsorship money prior to the finals because there is so much money handed to us at the finals, it is much better to have taken care of beforehand.
- Toby Boeta has been working with Teamsters 120 they give a lot of money to Non-profits. Toby is going to see what they can get possibly for 2012.

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

- We are on budget

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

- Up in March: President, VP JoJo Varner plans on running for VP.
- Also Secretary, Treasurer, and Point Secretary Bids are being accepted for the 2012 season. These positions are open for bids yearly.

- Event Directors are 2 year terms...
- Bull Riding: (1 for Rudy Borntragger)
- Calf Roping: (2 for Toby Boeta/Randy Melby)
- Over 40: (1 for David Slipka)
- Barrel Racing: (2 for Kelly Neisius/Sherry Sampson)Two people have called me about interest in these positions-Bailey Webb-Olson and Stephanie Kleidon
- Team Roping: (1 for Cody Nesius)
- Breakaway: (1 for Heidi Gunderson)

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

- **Rule proposals for 2012 must be submitted to the MRA Office by February Meeting in order to be voted on at the MRA Finals. This way the rules can go into print for 30 days and then can be voted on at the March Finals Meeting.**

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

- Host Hotel: Best Western Fergus Falls, has given us 3 nights hotel comp for our announcer, and 2 nights hotel comp for other paid contract staff that we have to provide hotel accomidations for per contract.
- Vendors: Reichert's Saddlery, Rachel Peterson, Cowgirl Tuff Trailer (Toby who else do you have coming?) We do not yet have a food vendor, however Andrew from RHR is looking into his in house food vendor. We are waiting to see if they will pay the \$250 vendor fee. Mike G will also contact some other vendor fees.
- RHR has vets coming/Dr. Tom Preve
- Heidi to call Ringdahl Ambulance Company-need for slack and perms 218.736.2819
- SW-No slack because there are 9 contestants MMS Jeremy Wagner/David Slipka
- BB-only 2 BB riders
- SB-Point brought up that there is only 1SB rider
- Heidi to send stalls reservations to [Andrew@redhorserancharena.com](mailto:Andrew@redhorserancharena.com)
- RHR would like chutes brought Thursday during the day because bleachers can't be set in place until chutes are set up.
- FINALS STAFF:
- Secretaries: Jill Berends & Kayla Dambrotten
- Pickup men: Mark Gunderson & Scott Berends
- Bullfighters: Dustin Nelson & Nick Miller
- Judges: Shawn Manee & Greg Caron
- Photographers: Al Braunworth Photography(as voted last meeting)
- Mounted posse will take tickets at the door
- Mailed 30 posters to RHR, Mike G has many, 30 to Alicia M. and 10 to Emmett D. Does anyone else want posters to hang?
- 5 posters to Toby B.
- FINALS SCHEDULE:
- **Friday, March 23rd, 2012**

- 11 am-1 pm MANDATORY CHECK-IN (Jackets are a first come first serve basis.)
- 1:30 pm Rodeo Informational Meeting
- Timed Event stock to be run following meeting
- 6:30 pm RODEO PERFORMANCE
- Slack immediately following performance
- LIVE BAND Following Rodeo
- Saturday, March 24, 2012
- 10 am Mandatory General Membership Meeting
- Event pictures to follow
- 12:00 Queen Contest
- 3:00 pm SLACK
- 6:30 pm RODEO PERFORMANCE
- Live band to follow rodeo Performance
- Awards to be presented during dance after point tabulation is completed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Racino Letter to write
- Heidi G to call Paul Knapper to help write the letter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Rodeo Approvals:**

MMS to approve David Slipka/Toby Boeta Motion carried.  
 High Island Arena Rodeo MRA only  
 Henderson MN  
 JS Rodeo  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
 Performances: April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
 Slack: April 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm  
 Entries: To Be Announced  
 Emergency #: 612.860.7275  
 Added Money: \$400 all 9 standard events (\$400 TR per end)  
 Entry Fees: O40, CR = \$83 BB, SW BCR, CBR, SB, BR, = \$78 TR=\$77  
 \*\*additionally: \$10 per contestant Grounds Fee

2. **Additional awards fees are motions that need to be made yearly. This year all events start out with NO \$5 awards fee added onto fees unless motion is made and passed.**
3. O40 Fundraiser Fee; David Slipka/Toby Boeta second- made a motion that \$5 Awards fee be applied to the Entry Fees of all MRA first sanctioned rodeos. Motion carried.
4. CR Fundraiser Fee; Toby Boeta/David Slipka second- made a motion that \$5 awards be applied to the entry fees of all MRA first sanctioned rodeos. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date: FINALS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am**

Meeting **adjourned** at 8:30 pm by Jeremy Wagner/Alicia Mengelkoch.