

Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association Meeting

March 17th, 2010 via Conference Call 7:30 pm

(Gunderson)

Call to Order: (Mike Grinager) at 7:35 pm via conference call
Attendance & Roll Call (Heidi Gunderson) Members attended in bold
President **Mike Grinager**
Vice President **Karl Johnson**
Secretary **Heidi Gunderson**
Treasurer **Jamie Johnson**
Bareback Directors- **Dustin Schilling** & TJ Marino
Saddle Bronc Director- none
Bull Riding Directors- **Josh Trest** & Lance Schwartz
Steer Wrestling Directors- Ryan Olson & Matt Tellegen
Calf Roping Directors- Steve Kuntz & **Toby Boeta**
Over 40 Calf Roping Directors- **David Slipka** & **Emmett Davis**
Breakaway Directors- **Jamie Johnson** & **Heidi Gunderson**
Team Roping Directors- **Cody Neisius** & Bill VanLith
Barrel Racing Directors- **Kelly Neisius** & Sherry Sampson
Judge Director- **Greg Carron**
Stock Contractor Director- **Scott Berends**
Queen Director- Rita Hamilton
Other Members attended: None

Treasurer's Report: (Jamie Johnson) \$3692.92 MMS Greg Carron/Heidi Gunderson

Secretary Report: (Heidi Gunderson)

- Member: 25 Regular, 5 Youth, 2 Associates
- Sending out notifications of old fines this week
- MMS Toby Boeta/Greg Carron to approve February Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Queen: Rita Hamilton & Rachel Sawyer

- Rachel will be coming to the Horse Expo on Saturday.

Stock: Scott Berends, Cody Neisius, David Slipka, Dustin Schilling, Lance Schwartz

- Call from Announcers wondering about what are the benefits of buying a MRA Associates card. We have asked them to come back to us with a written prop
- Judging seminar at the Horse Expo, Greg Carron called all of the approved Judges to let them be aware. Greg Carron and Tracy Busswitz are attending. (Advertise on our MRA Website)

Awards: Heidi G, Jamie J, Dustin S, TJ Marino, Kelly Neisius,

- No New information

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

- Permit for Raffle has gone off for processing. Permit will be mailed to Heidi Gunderson, then we can print and send to current members.
- Four Wheeler is being purchased from Bemidji Sports Centre for \$5000.

Budget: Mike Grinager, Jamie Johnson

- No new information

Nominations: Matt Tellegen, Steve Kuntz, Ryan Olson, Kelly Neisius, Bill VanLith

- When people resign from a Directorship we need them to follow our bylaws and write a written

Rules and Bylaws: Greg Caron, Mike Grinager, Heidi G, Josh Trest, Matt Tellegen, Sherry Sampson

- Greg Carron and Heidi Gunderson to go over rulebook and then we will go forward to printing. If you are thinking about any other rule proposals we would really like to know before we print as printing costs are high and we want the most current rules in our rulebook.
- To contact a few companies for Quotes for printing.

Finals: Toby Boeta, Mike Grinager, Heidi Gunderson, Greg Caron, Jamie Johnson

- Red Horse Ranch contract signed. Basically the same contract as last year except for giving us some advertising.
- Start to accept bids for announcers, funny man, photographers, and other contract staff. Put something on the website so that others know that we are accepting bids for the finals.
- Vendor Prices \$250,
- Arena Banner Sponsor \$250
- Chute Banner Sponsors \$500

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Sanctioning Bullridings

- Al Katevold wants to sanction rodeos MRA (first) sanctioned and then his own association.
- Winter series (starting next November)
- Our association rules
- There was discussion about some rules that we would need to have in place before accepting. Examples: We would need to set a minimum MRA First Sanctioned rodeos that would need to be attended to go to our finals. We would want to make sure that Bull Riders JUST go to the rodeos and not only the bull riders. As the rule stands now, members must attend 3 MRA first sanctioned rodeos to attend the finals. We would keep that rule for the
- Points to not count for Rookie or All Around
- Points would only accumulate to the bull riding points
- Mike Grinager to tell Al Katevold about our suggestions and request him to write a written proposal about what he would want.

2. Estelline, SD Rodeo Discussion:

- The SDRA has a board meeting this week and there has been discussion about not approving this rodeo as an MRA first sanctioned rodeo because of a bylaw/rule that they have in place saying that they will not approve rodeos first approved any association in their state or across state lines.
- SDRA President has said that if SDRA first approved they would have over 40 calf roping.
- If it goes SDRA first, the differences would be that no 14 and under boys would be able to rope and one run in the team roping. We would follow the SDRA rulebook.
- Committee is asking the MRA to consider it and try it to see how it works by trying MRA first sanctioned.
- Emmett Davis will let us know what happens at the SDRA meeting.

New Business:

1. Rodeo Approvals:

- Irene, SD: June 25 & 26
SDRA/MRA/NCRA/Midstates
Rodeo Rose Productions
Added Money: \$400 Rough Stock, \$300 CR, SW, TR, CBR, BCR, Mixed TR (no Over 40)
Entry Fees: \$50 + \$12 Gate + Standard Fees
Internet Entries Open: Fridays 12:00AM through Mondays at 8:00PM
Call-In Entries Open: Mondays from Noon to 8:00PM
Internet Call Backs: Tuesdays 2:00PM to 6:00PM
Telephone Call Backs: Tuesdays 2:00PM to 6:00PM
Official web site: www.midwestrodeoentries.com
Perfs: TWO June 25th 7 pm & June 26th 6pm
Slack: June 26th 9 am

MMS Greg Carron/Karl Johnson to approve. Motion passed.

2. Horse Expo: State Fairgrounds St. Paul, MN

- Friday April 23rd 9 am-7 pm (Mike Grinager to set up)
- Saturday April 24th 9 am-7 pm (Rachel Peterson & Heidi Gunderson)
- Sunday April 25th 9 am-5 pm (Heidi Gunderson Sun. Morning/Mike Grinager will take down.)
- To have the four-wheeler there to advertise and sell our raffle tickets.
- Jackets for sale, brochures, memberships, powerpoint presentation, banner
- Emmett Davis, Josh Trest, Molly Trest, Toby Boeta, and Matt Tellegen all to work as well.
- Heidi Gunderson to email out a sign up sheet, please review and contact Heidi with a time you can work.

3. Proposed New Fine Notification Procedure:

- David Slipka to send information out about what we would like to see written in our rulebook as a more professional fine notification procedure.
- Judge & Secretaries to fill out a document about fines given at that rodeo.
- Greg Carron to make a fine document for our association

4. High School Alumni Round-up March 13th:

- Attended: Mike Grinager, David Slipka, and Toby Boeta
- Next year to have a booth and a meeting in the afternoon at their round-up.
- It will give us good exposure future members.
- Possibility of getting the Alumni Mailing list, Heidi Gunderson to contact Alumni Administration.

Next Meeting Date: April 21st, tentative conference call for now.

MMS Josh Trest/ Emmett Davis to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.