

**MEETING MINUTES Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership
Meeting
May 20th, 2009 Godfather's Pizza St. Cloud, MN
(Gunderson)**

Call to order: Dan Bergerson at 7:30 pm

Attendance: President Dan Bergerson, VP Karl Johnson, Secretary Heidi Gunderson, PR Director Mike Grinager, Point Secretary Julie Thoring, Judge Director Greg Caron, CBR Christine Nevela, BCR Corey Wulf, O40 David Slipka & Jeff Thurlow, SW Matt Tellegen, BR Ryan Harrison, Queen Rachel Peterson, BB Dustin Schilling, (Please email me if I missed you, I forgot to take attendance)

Directors not in attendance: Treasurer Jamie Johnson, BCR Jessie Otto, CR Toby Boeta & Matt Otto, SW Kenny Davis, TR Cory Borman & Bill VanLith, BR Trevor Osterbauer, SB Kirk Nelson & Morgan Dwire, QD Rita Hamilton, BB Jason Lenzen, CBR Sabrina Haugen, SC Scott Berends

Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes: Dustin Schilling/Corey Wulf
April Meeting Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Jamie Johnson Balance \$22, 375.75 Report on file

Secretary Report: 207 Members, 8 Associates, 55 MRA Fines
Last years total Membership was 281 members so we are on a good track to be the same as or more members than last year.

Queen Report: Rachel Peterson

Unfinished Business:

1. Rule Change to be voted on: Carried

- **Page 18 #11 reads:** Judges wages will be \$125.00 per performance of a rodeo.
- **Change too:** Judges wages will be a minimum of \$200.00 per performance of a rodeo.

2. 2009 Finals

- **Sponsor Update:** Mike Gringer gave a detailed report. Some sponsorships that he is pursuing right now include, Cargill, Mills Fleet Farm, Dodge Rodeo, Wrangler, Uncle Bob's Trailers, Fergus Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, and the Minnesota Horse Council. Detailed report on file.
- **Jackets:** It was decided that at the June meeting we will decide what jacket to buy. David Slipka will bring prices and sample of Choice A, Dustin Schilling to bring prices and samples of several jackets, and we will have a price quote and jacket choice from our past supplier.
- **Photographer:** Rick Matsen (free + meals).
- **JB Western store** is willing to sponsor the Rookie buckles again this year in exchange for a booth space at our finals.

- Dan Bergerson presented idea of having “One Girl One Night” at our finals. This girl rides for soldiers in need of a place to heal. She has already raised millions of dollars for her cause. The idea would be that during one of the days of our finals there would be a trail ride from the town of Fergus Falls to the Red Horse Ranch. That night those people (from town) that participated in the trail ride who would buy a rodeo ticket we would give \$2-\$3 back to her cause. She will do promotional advertising on her own for her cause and will promote the MRA finals in conjunction with hers. She does radio interviews and posters as part of her advertising. Mike Grinager is going to call her and come with more information to the June board meeting.

3. Booths:

- Horse Expo went well, majority felt that the exposure was good. A different location would have been more successful.
- Cloting sales for the breakaway was a huge success. Almost all of the merchandise was sold. MMS by David Slipka/Christine Nevela to order \$500 MRA merchandise for Rachel Peterson to sell at rodeos. We will keep reinvesting until the end of the year and the money will go into the general fund. Motion carried.
- Draw for free membership: Winner Misti R Nelson of Canby, MN
- Total \$ from 50/50 raffle: Not very successful \$12 (Toby Boeta had the cash.)
- Thank you to those who were able to help out.

New Business:

4. Henderson Rodeo Issues

- **Stock Charge:** Team Ropers were charged \$8 per end instead of the normal \$4 per end. It does not specify in our rule book about this. On the approval form it was written as \$8 as part of your entry fee (per man).

Clarify this as a rule page 23 #4 reads:

Maximum of a \$8 stock charge and \$2 per contestant per event
 Finals charge will be added to all members competing at MRA sanctioned rodeos. The \$2 Finals charge will go towards the MRA Finals Rodeo.

Karl Johnson made a motion to add the following to the rule, Matt Tellegen second the motion. Motion carried. It will post for 30 days and we will vote on this at the June meeting.

ADD: In the team roping the stock charge will be \$8 per team or \$4 per man.

- **Timers:** BCR, TR, CR, SW, O40 were recorded to the hundredth of a second. Payout was to the tenth after much confusion. We need to clarify; the rulebook on page 22 #3 reads:

- #3: Timers are required to use large ten second sweep watches in the riding events and digital watches are required in the timed events. **Record in the hundredths.**
- #4: Two time keepers are required for steer wrestling, team roping, 40+ calf roping, calf roping, barrel racing and breakaway roping. If the two timers are not the same an average will be taken of the recorded time.
- #5: All times in the barrel racing will be recorded in hundredths of a second for point's tabulation. All times in the steer wrestling will be recorded in tenths of a second for point's tabulation.

Karl Johnson made a motion to change the following to the above rule. Jeff Thurlow second the motion. Motion carried. It will post for 30 days and we will vote on it at the June board meeting.

(OMIT: Record in hundredths from #3, rewrite as: Record in tenths of a second for Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Calf Roping, Over 40 Calf Roping, in the Barrel Racing record times in hundredths of a second. DO NOT ROUND: Record as displayed on the stopwatch.)

- **\$10 Late Fees:** Some people paid the \$10 late fee that is assessed after April 15th and some were told they did not have too. When we approved this rodeo we approved it that you would be able to buy your card at the rodeo and still receive points, we did not waive the \$10 late fee charge assessed after April 15th. I have a list of those who paid and those who did not. Do we collect the \$10 late fee from those who did not pay it, or do we reimburse the \$10 late fee to those members who did pay it?

MMS Jeff Thurlow/Greg Caron to accept memberships from Henderson as received. Motion carried. To contest this motion a member must come before the board with-in 60 days as stated in the rulebook on page 64 #14.

- **Membership Applications:** The secretaries at the Henderson Rodeo had more than they could handle taking applications at the rodeo. They collected 100+ memberships and were very upset with this situation. *After dicussion of the following it was decided that next year we should not allow people to buy their cards in order for points to count at this rodeo. They may still buy their cards, however their points will not count as stated in the rulebook. Hopefully this will avoid further complications.*

5. **MMS Christine Nevela/Karl Johnson to approve the following rodeos.**

Motion carried:

- **Preston, MN MRA**

July 22

JS Rodeo

Added Money: \$600 Rough Stock, \$200 all timed events

Entry Fees: Rough Stock \$70 + SC \$8 + OF \$3 + FF \$2 Total \$83

Timed Events \$50 + SC \$8 + OF \$3 + FF \$2 Total \$63

Entires: July 15th 4-9pm

Entry #: 651.439.0640

Perfs: ONE July 22nd 7 pm

Slack: following performance

- **Hardington, NE MSRA/IRA/MRA**

St Peter Rodeo Company

July 16th

Added Money: \$300 SB, BB, BR, CR, SW, TR, BCR, CBR \$150 O40

Entry Fees: \$45 + SC \$7 + OF \$5 + FF \$6 +DM \$5.50 (No day money in Rough Stock. Total fees: Rough Stock \$63, Team Roping \$65 per end, \$68.50 all others

Entries: July 7th 10am – 7pm

Entry #: 308.643.2755 or online at www.4rodeos.com

Perfs: July 16th 7:30 pm

Slack: Following Performance

Team Ropers Enter Only One Time

MMS Karl Johnson/Dustin Schilling to approve the Oshkosh rodeo pending rulebook is acceptable with MRA guidelines.

Motion carried. We will evaluate the rulebook as soon as we receive it.

- **Oshkosh, WI CPRA/MRA**

August 6th

TC Rodeo

Added Money: \$500 BB, SB, CR, SW, TR, BCR, CBR, \$100 BR (No O40)

Entry Fees: \$40 + SC \$10 +\$20 day money +\$2 FF = \$72

BR \$50 + SC \$10 + \$20 day money + \$2 FF = \$82

Entries: July 27th 8 am – 5 pm

Entry #: 641.784. 6024

Perfs: ONE August 6th 7 pm

Slack: Following Performance

6. Karl Johnson informed the board that Paul Luedemann will be stepping down as Finals director. He feels that his work at his business is too busy for him to do an effective job for the MRA.

7. Dan Bergerson wants everyone to think about the format they would like to see the finals ran at in regards to how many people in perf/slack, etc. He would like to discuss this at the June board meeting and come up with a plan.

Next Meeting Date: June 17th at 7:30 pm, Godfather's Pizza in St. Cloud, MN
Meeting Adjourned by Corey Wulf, seconded by Dustin Schilling at 9:14 pm