

Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting May 18th, 2011 via phone conference 7:30 pm (Gunderson)

Call to Order: 7:30 pm by **Mike Grinager**

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: Alicia Mengelkoch

Treasurer's Report: (J. Johnson)

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: \$ 25,772.83 MMS Shawn Manee/Karl Johnson

Motion carried

Secretary Report: H. Gunderson

Current Members: 170 Regular Members, 43 Youth Members, 12 Associates

Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes: Alicia Mengelkoch/David Slipka (motion carried)

Committee Reports:

Queen: Rita Hamilton & Alicia Mengelkoch

- None

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

- none

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 Tickets: Polaris will not sponsor a 4 wheeler. Polaris did not see a need for money needed. Alicia Mengelkoch to get a list of local Clearwater dealers to Mike Grinager. Heidi Gunderson to speak with Bemidji Sports Centre again to see if they will do another wholesale fourwheeler for us.
- Tickets need to be printed and sent out. We will have our permit number in one week. Then tickets will be printed. Western Wishes is still willing to sell tickets for us and they will take a percentage (50%).
- Looking at a 501c3 status: Talking with someone to find out what would be the best way for us to approach with our application.

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

- No Changes to budget.

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, Wade Grinager 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: June 15th
- Announcer and Funnyman to be voted on and decided on in the June Board Meeting.
- Candy Olson from RHR has not yet sent contract to Mike Grinager.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Over 40 Calf Roping Issue in Henderson

- Committee had a phone conference in May to discuss. On the phone: President Mike Grinager, Secretary Heidi Gunderson, Board Rep Cody Nesius, Over 40 Directors David Slipka and Emmett Davis, Judges Director Shawn Manee. There was further discussion about the issue and rules that apply.
- Heidi Gunderson and Cody Nesius decided that at the next (May) board meeting they would recind their motions to write letters of apology to the people involved. Decision was made because it was decided that we (the board) cannot be liable for ALL mistakes made at the rodeos and if we write a letter this time, then we will need to do so for other instances that may follow.
- Heidi Gunderson/Cody Nesius to recind motions. Vote to accept recind. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MMS to Approve the following rodeos Karl Johnson/David Slipka (Motion carried)

- **Rodeo Approvals:**

- **Gonvick, MN URA/MRA**

- Buffington Rodeo

- July 9th & 10th

- Performances: July 9th and 10th 2 pm daily

- Slack: TBA

- Entries: 605.733.2030 June 28th 10 am-5 pm

- Added Money: \$400 BB, SB, BR, CR, SW, CBR, TR (per team)

- Entry Fees: SB, BB, BR = \$53, CR, O40, SW, CBR = \$73, CBR = \$67, TR = \$69

- Emergency Number: 605.769.0020 or 605.769.1278

- Membership applications must be postmarked by June 28th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

- **Note: 4 pack Buckle series. Points earned at all Buffington Rodeos. Buckles to be awarded at Superior WI Rodeo.

- **Cedar Co. Fair & Rodeo Hartington, NE IRA/MRA/MSRA**

- St. Peter Rodeo Company

- July 14th

- Performances: July 14th 7:30 pm

- Slack: **

- Entries: 308.836.2259 July 11th 9 am-6 pm Internet: July 6th Open at 6 pm

- Call back: July 12th 9 am – 1 pm

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

- Entry Fees: all \$63, except Barrels \$60

- Emergency Number: 402.841.0287

- Membership applications must be postmarked by July 11th to be eligible for points tabulation.

- **Timed events will have 12 in performance with the rest to follow performance.

- No Pasture pens as parking is limited.

- **Fairbault, MN URA/MRA**

- Buffington Rodeo

- July 22nd

- Performances: July 22nd 7 pm

- Slack: TBA

- Entries: 605.733.2030 July 18th 10 am-5 pm

- Added Money: \$200 all nine standard events

- Entry Fees: SB, BB, BR = \$53, CR, O40, SW, CBR = \$73, CBR = \$67, TR = \$69

- Emergency Number: 605.769.0020 or 605.769.1278

- Membership applications must be postmarked by July 18th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

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Monroe County Championship Rodeo Tomah, WI MRA/WPRA

JS Rodeo

July 29th

Performances: July 29th 6:30 pm

Slack: July 29th NOON

Entries: 651.439.0640 July 25th 2 pm-8 pm

Added Money: All nine standard events \$500 (Team Roping \$500 per end)

Entry Fees:

Emergency Number: 651.248.2663

Membership applications must be postmarked by July 25th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

Performance must be full before slack will be opened.

Warren, MN URA/NDRA/MRA

Buffington Rodeo

July 29th & 30th

Performances: July 29th & 30th 6:30 pm nightly

Slack: 9 am Saturday Morning

Entries: 605.733.2030 TUESDAY, July 19th 10 am-5 pm

Added Money: BB, SB, BR \$1500, CR, CBR, BCR \$1000, O40, SW, Per end TR \$500

Entry Fees: SB, BB, BR = \$53, CR, O40, SW, CBR = \$73, BCR = \$67, TR = \$69

Emergency Number: 605.769.0020 or 605.769.1278

Membership applications must be postmarked by July 19th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

**Note: 4 pack Buckle series. Points earned at all Buffington Rodeos. Buckles to be awarded at Superior WI Rodeo.

Scottie Stampede Rodeo Scotland SD SDRA/NRCA/MSRA/MRA

Hollenbeck Rodeo

August 13th & 14th

Performances: August 13th and 14th 6:30 pm

Slack: August 14th 9 am

Entry Info: South Dakota Central Entry

Added Money: BB, SB, BR \$600, CR, CBR, BCR, TR (per team) SW \$250 (NO OVER 40 Calf Roping)

Entry Fees: \$50 plus SD standard fees

Emergency Number: 605.464.0184

Applications must be postmarked on date of entry or before for points tabulation.

Great Northern Classic Rodeo Superior, WI URA/MRA

Buffington Rodeo

September 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Performances: September 2nd & 3rd 7 pm, September 4th 2 pm

Slack: TBA

Entries: 605.733.2030 TUESDAY, August 30th am-5 pm

Added Money: BB, SB, BR \$750, CR, CBR, BCR, SW, O40 \$500, TR \$250 per end

Entry Fees: SB, BB, BR = \$53, CR, O40, SW, CBR = \$73, CBR = \$67, TR = \$69

Emergency Number: 605.769.0020 or 605.769.1278

Membership applications must be postmarked by August 30th to accumulate points for this rodeo.

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2. 15 vs. 10 contestants at our finals:

- I would like to propose the following:
- I would like to submit that we do not take 15 entries for the finals in 2011.
- I would submit that we take a total of 10 members per event.
- Concerns were discussed that we shouldn't change in the middle of the year. Less contestants would mean less money in the payout.
- Pros-we are having trouble filling the performances for our finals with having 15. Having 10 would eliminate that problem. Plus our performances wouldn't be 3 hours long.
- We could have slack this year to eliminate the problem of a 3 hour rodeo. Still have 15 to our finals. At the finals meeting we need to have a discussion if we have trouble AGAIN filling our finals with the top 15. Next year we could maybe change it from 15 to 10 if we still have the problem.

3. Lack of attendance by board members at meetings:

- Although it appears that our by-laws will not allow us to be paid to attend meetings, it does allow for us to be reimbursed for expenses...
- I would propose that each board member by tally at the end of the year be reimbursed by \$20.00 a meeting for attending meetings. This would cover the cost of fuel etc. Even in a conference call this could be designated as a cell phone charge etc...This amount in turn could be adjusted due to our year end net results.
- I would further this action the each member that does not attend the meeting be fined the \$20.00, (which would be like an entry fee and an actual fine of \$15.00 for a total of \$35.00
- In the past directors were paid mile-age to come to the meetings.
- There was much discussion that directors should be fined...it is very important to have directors on the phone/or at the meetings. Without we cannot do business.
- Concern that we would NOT have people that want to be directors.
- This would be a rule change so, we would need to put it in writing, then it would need to be in print for 30 days, then it would need to be voted on.
- Another proposal was to fine directors \$10 per meeting not attended, they would go on the fine list. There would be no compensation for directors that do come to meetings. However, as the rule states currently in the rulebook directors that DO attend meetings get \$10 toward the next years card.

- Insert into rulebook under FINES, and after where it states that directors get \$10 per meeting towards next year's card.
- Mike Grinager to write rule and submit to office in writing. Will be put in print for 30 days and then voted upon.

Next Meeting Date: June 15th conference call 8:00 pm

Meeting **adjourned** by Toby Boeta/Karl Johnson 8:50 pm