

Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting Via conference call

May 16th, 2012—7:30 pm (Gunderson)

Call to Order: 7:30 pm by Shawn Manee

Attendance/Roll Call: Members in attendance are highlighted

President **Shawn Manee**

VP: **JoJo Varner**

Secretary: **Heidi Gunderson**

Treasurer: **Alicia Mengelkoch**

Bull Riding: **Casey Berends** & Tommy Riggs

Calf Roping: **Mikey Loiseau** & Toby Boeta

Over 40 CR: **Mike Filcouski** & **Emmett Davis**

Barrel Racing: **Sharon Munn** & **Bailey Webb-Olson**

Team Roping: **Eric Nelson** & Bill VanLith

Breakaway Roping: **Mariah Kusilek** & **Katie Pitzen**

Steer Wrestling: **Matt Uttermark** & **Jeremy Wagner**

Judges Director: **Greg Caron**

Bareback: **Dru Wilking** & Jason Lenzen

Saddle Bronc: **Wes Jensen** & **Mark Gunderson**

Queen Director: **Alicia Mengelkoch**

Stock Director: **Scott Berends**

General Members:

Treasurer's Report: Alicia Mengelkoch

End of 2011 – Finals Report

MMS to Approve Treasurer's Report

\$17,702.72 balance

Some outstanding checks to clear

Bill for door - \$1741.07 Shawn to talk to Andrew about why their insurance is not covering. Alicia to send me the bills – We will send Bubel's the check for the portion of \$400 that is their damage.

No copy of treasurer's report has been submitted

MMS Jeremy Wagner/Katie Pitzen motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Minutes from April Meeting MMS to approve – Alicia Mengelkoch/Katie Pitzen (Motion carried)

Changes made to website: Directors page

As soon as I get champion pictures from the photographer I will update current 2011

Champions-

Hope to send out sponsor pics the first of next week as well.

Membership: 170 members

Committee Reports:

**** Note new committee Assignments (Anyone missing a job?)**

Add Breakaway Ropers

Queen: Alicia Mengelkoch

- None

Stock: Scott Berends, Eric Nelson, Mike Filcowski, Dru Wilking, Jeremy Wagner, Casey Berends

- None

Awards: Heidi G, Alicia Mengelkoch, Bailey Webb Olson, Mark Gunderson, Jason Lenzen

- None

Fundraising: Shawn Manee, JoJo Varner, Emmett Davis, Alicia Mengelkoch, Heidi G, Bailey Webb Olson, Wes Jensen

- Raffle Permit – received from the state
- Verify prizes before printing – no beef this year – 8 prizes ok
- We got a \$6500 Polaris 4 Wheeler from Bemidji Sports Centre for Price of \$4000.
- Raffle tickets will be mailed first week of June
- Remember that the tickets are yours-you paid for them in your membership-so sell them and send them back, or send them back with your name on them.
- Drawing to be held Sunday at Clearwater Rodeo again. I will print this on Tickets.

Budget: JoJo Varner, Shawn Manee, Alicia Mengelkoch, Heidi Gunderson, Emmitt Davis

- Look at 2011 year (Alicia Mengelkoch to work on Treasurer's report and update budget with expenses and profit from 2011.)

Nominations: Sharon Munn, Bill VanLith, Matt Uttermark, Mikey Loiseau, Tommy Riggs

- None

Rules and Bylaws: Shawn Manee, Greg Caron, Heidi G, Sharon Munn, Mike Filcowski, Scott Berends

- **Rule Proposals- Submitted by Bailey Webb Olson:**
- **MMS to accept rule proposal as written JoJo Varner/Bailey Webb Olson. Motion carrie. THIS RULE WILL BE VOTED ON TO ACCEPT AS A NEW RULE AT THE MAY MEETING- Vote**

• THE FOLLOWING Rule Proposal voted down. Rule Proposal below does not pass.

- 12.2. Dress Code
- 12.2.1. Contestants appearance must be neat, clean and professional. Any contestant whose appearance is deemed unprofessional will be fined. The fine will be \$100.00.
- Contestants must wear long sleeve shirts that are collared and have either buttons or snaps on the front of

- the shirt, jeans without holes, western boots and western hat must be worn for all rodeo performances and slack

Finals: Toby Boeta, Shawn Manee, Heidi Gunderson, Mike Filcowski, Alicia Mengelkoch

- Looking forward for 2012:
- MMS Heidi Gunderson/Alicia Mengelkoch to hold a Spring finals in 2012. Motion carried. (April Meeting)
- Red Horse has opening April 5th and 6th, 2013
- Contract at RHR will be similar as past years.
- Winona would want \$6000 for the weekend. They want no gate and MRA would get the stall fees. Mike Filcowski checked – doesn't know what open dates are, can check. Mike Filcowski will check more into this and report back.
- At RHR we paid out roughly \$8000.00 in stalls, shavings, and hookups.
- There was much discussion about having it at RHR vs other locations. We are going to look at our options, Mike F. going to look at options.
- Have another Finals Meeting May 30th. 7:30 pm and we will finalize location and date.
- Check into a 3 days finals. (Costs for rental of facility)

OLD BUSINESS:

- MN Horse Expo Booth- Report-
 - Hotel Reimbursed – Heidi Gunderson paid for Hotel for queen Kayleen Erickson for 2 nights stay
 - Also purchased 2 chairs, candy to hand out, and cable to run our slide show.
- 1. JoJo to discuss Youth opportunity-**
 - JoJo Varner to do discuss
 - Buffington and Berends are both interested in pursuing.
 - More details to be discussed.
 - 2. Outstanding Business at Red Horse Ranch:**
 - We received a bill from RHR for damage to overhead door. Shawn Manee to talk to Andrew at RHR – also we will check on our insurance, possibly cover?
 - Invoices will be sent to Heidi and then she will send out to appropriate people.
 - Bubel's are covering the one charge
 - 3. HS Alumni**
 - Tracy Busswitz would like to contact the MRA to talk about a get-together for 2012. Shawn has been unable to talk to Tracy about this as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rodeo Approvals:

Wadena MN- URA/MRA MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Katie Pitzen- motion denied

Wadena, MN

Buffington Rodeo Company

June 30th

Performances: June 30th 6 pm

Slack: following performance

Entries: Monday, June 25th 10 am-5pm 605.733.2030

Emergency #: 769.1278, 769.0020

Added Money: \$200 all nine standard events

Entry Fees: \$53 BB, SB, BR, \$73 CR, O40CR, SW, BCR \$67 CBR \$69 TR

This rodeo is the first of the Buckle Series-You must be present for Buffington Rodeos to receive buckles and compete at everyone.

Membership applications must be postmarked on or before June 25th for points to count for this rodeo.

Fertile MN- URA/MRA MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Katie Pitzen- Motion denied

Fertile, MN (Fairgrounds)

Buffington Rodeo Company

July 12th

Performances: July 12th 7 pm

Slack: following performance

Entries: Monday, July 2nd 10 am- 5pm 605.733.2030

Emergency #: 769.1278, 769.0020

Added Money: \$300 all nine standard events

Entry Fees: \$53 BB, SB, BR, \$73 CR, O40CR, SW, BCR \$67 CBR \$69 TR

BOA Bullriding and Open Barrel Race July 11th at 7 pm \$2000 added for the bullriding.

This is the 2nd rodeo for the Buffington Buckle Series

Membership applications must be postmarked on or before June 25th for points to count for this rodeo.

Gonvick Lions Club Rodeo- URA/MRA MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Katie Pitzen Motion Motion denied

Gonvick, MN

Buffington Rodeo Company

July 14th and 15th

Performances: July 14th 2 pm and July 15th 2 pm

Slack: following performance

Entries: TUESDAY, July 3rd 10am-5 pm 605.733.2030

Emergency #: 769.1278, 769.0020

Added Money: \$400 BB, SB, BR, CR, TR, CBR, SW \$200 BCR, O40 CR

Entry Fees: \$53 BB, SB, BR, \$73 CR, O40CR, SW, BCR \$67 CBR \$69 TR

This is the 3rd rodeo of the Buffington Rodeo Buckle Series. Rodeo dance and fish fry to follow on Saturday night.

Membership applications must be postmarked on or before July 3rd for points to count for this rodeo.

Cedar County Fair and Rodeo Midstates/MRA/IRA MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Dru Wilking - Motion carried

Hartington, NE

Williams and Long

July 19th

Performances: July 19th 7:30 pm

Slack: July 19th at 2 pm

Entries: Wednesday, July 11th 10 am - 6 pm

Callbacks: July 12th Noon-6 pm

Emergency #: 402.841.0287

Added Money: \$400 Rough Stock \$300 Timed event (Team Roping per end)

**Bull Riders: Winner of Bull Riding will get on a bounty bull for a chance at an extra \$500 with qualified ride.

Entry Fees: Rough stock and Barrels \$80.50, CR, O45 CR, BCR, SW, TR \$83.50

Membership applications must be postmarked on or before August 13th for points to count for this rodeo.

Rice County Fair- URA/MRA MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Katie Pitzen – Motion denied

Fairbault, MN

Buffington Rodeo Company

July 20th

Performances: July 20th 7 pm

Slack: following performance

Entries: Monday, July 16th 10am-5 pm 605.769.1278 *note different phone number

Emergency #: 605.769.0020

Added Money: \$200 all nine standard events

Entry Fees: \$53 BB, SB, BR, \$73 CR, O40CR, SW, BCR \$67 CBR \$69 TR

This is the 4th rodeo of the Buffington Rodeo Buckle Series.

Membership applications must be postmarked on or before July 16th for points to count for this rodeo.

Jackson County Fair Open Rodeo - MRA only MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Katie Pitzen – Motion carried

Black River Falls , MN

Pirate Rodeo/Joe Feaster Buckin' Bulls

August 2nd and 3rd

Performances: August 2nd and 3rd 7 pm nightly

Slack: August 2nd following performance

Entries: Tuesday, July 24th 6:30 pm - 10 pm 715.424.0204

Emergency #: 715.424.0204

Added Money: \$500 all nine standard events (Team Roping per team)

Goat tying is offered - not sanctioned MRA no added money

Entry Fees: Follow MRA Scale Above

Membership applications must be postmarked on or before July 24th for points to count for this rodeo.

Clearwater County Ag Society Rodeo- URA/MRA MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Katie Pitzen – Motion denied

Bagley, MN

Buffington Rodeo Company

August 3rd and 4th

Performances: August 3rd 7 pm and August 4th 7 pm

Slack: following performance

Entries: Monday, July 30th 10am-5 pm 605.733.2030

Emergency #: 605.769.0020

Added Money: \$200 all nine standard events

Entry Fees: \$53 BB, SB, BR, \$73 CR, O40CR, SW, BCR \$67 CBR \$69 TR

This is the 5th rodeo of the Buffington Rodeo Buckle Series. To be eligible you must compete in all the Buffington Rodeos.

Membership applications must be postmarked on or before July 30th for points to count for this rodeo.

Winnebago MN- IRA/MRA/MSRA MMS to approve Mikey L./Emmett Davis – Motion carried

Winnebago, MN

St. Peter Rodeos

August 4th

Performances: August 4th 7 pm

Slack: August 4th 9 am

Entries: Monday, July 30th 9 am- 6 pm 308.836.2259 (4 Rodeos entry line)

Email entries Wed. July 25th – Monday July 30th 6 pm. Tkessler4rodeos@yahoo.com

Call backs: Tuesday, July 31st 9 am – 1 pm

Emergency #: 712.304.2321

Added Money: \$500 Roughstock, \$300 TR (per team), CR, O45 CR, SW, CBR, BCR

Entry Fees: Timed Event \$60 + 8 + 5 + 6, Barrels \$60 + 4 + 5 + 6, Roughstock \$50 + 8 + 5 + 6.

Membership applications must be postmarked on or before July 30th for points to count for this rodeo.

Morris, MN- URA/MRA MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Katie Pitzen – motion denied

Morris, MN

Buffington Rodeo Company

August 11th

Performances: August 11th 7 pm

Slack: following performance

Entries: Monday, August 6th 10am-5 pm 605.769.1278 * note different number

Emergency #:605.769.0020

Added Money: \$200 all nine standard events

Entry Fees: \$53 BB, SB, BR, \$73 CR, O40CR, SW, BCR \$67 CBR \$69 TR

**Great Northern Classic Rodeo- URA/MRA MMS to approve Katie Pitzen/Jojo Varner
Motion carried**

Superior, WI

Buffington Rodeo Company

August 31st, September 1st and 2nd

Performances: August 30th 7 pm, September 1st 7 pm, and September 2nd 2 pm

Slack: following performance

Entries: FRIDAY, August 24th 10am-5 pm 605.733.2030

Emergency #: 605.769.0020

Added Money: \$750 Roughstock BB, SB, BR \$500 CR, O40 CR, BCR, CBR, SW, TR
Entry Fees: \$53 BB, SB, BR, \$73 CR, O40CR, SW, BCR \$67 CBR \$69 TR
Wild ride after for the Bronc Riders who place in each performance. Hospitality room for all contestants and family. Rodeo dance following each evening performance. Church Sunday Morning. Western Wishes rodeo for children and adults with disability. This the last Buckle Series rodeo. The buckles will be awarded after the Sunday Performance. Membership applications must be postmarked on or before July 24th for points to count for this rodeo.

Discussion: Shawn Manee to call and to follow with a letter to Buffington Rodeo Association and let them know why the rodeos were disapproved. Because the board would like to see more MRA first approved rodeos to follow the MRA rulebook.

**Next Meeting Date: May 30th at 7:30 pm via conference call. For FINALS FINALIZATION.
MMS to adjourn – motion passed**