

# Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting

November 18th, 2009 Godfather's Pizza St. Cloud, MN 7:30 p.m.  
(Gunderson)

**Call to Order:** Mike Grinager called to order at 7:35 pm

**Attendance:** Pres. Mike Grinager, Secretary Heidi Gunderson, Treasurer Jamie Johnson, O40 Emmett Davis, Toby Boeta, JoJo Varner, Billy Lodermeier, Jeremy Wagner, SW Matt Tellegen, TR Cody Neisius, CBR Kelly Neisius, Terry Grinager, BR Josh Trest, Molly Trest, Tony Carlson, Mark Gunderson, Chris Baumgartner

**Motion to approve October Meeting Minutes:** Jamie Johnson/ Toby Boeta  
October Meeting Minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Johnson Balance of \$2,904.15 State of budget was discussed. We have shown a 2 year trend of financial loss.  
Report on file. MMS Toby Boeta, Emmett Davis Motion carried.

**Secretary Report:** H. Gunderson

**Queen's Report:** Rachael Peterson/Rita Hamilton

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

### 1. Rule Proposals, Changes, and Additions:

- Stock Contractor Rule: Change from 4 MRA rodeos with one first sanctioned rodeo, to 3 MRA rodeos with one first sanctioned rodeo to qualify to bring stock to the finals.  
MMS Toby Boeta/JoJo Varner, Motion carried
- Add Mixed Team Roping: No added money, only to be ran in the slack, same steers as the team roping, enter 1 times, 1 year trial period ~ not at the finals for first year~not to count for all around. Enter when you get there. Chute run the cattle. Just want to try it at a few of the rodeos and see how it works, does not need to be a mandatory event. Must be an MRA member or pay the \$15 permit fee. To follow the Team Roping rules.  
MMS JoJo Varner/Heidi Gunderson to table until the next meeting until more information and clarification is made on exactly the rules and stipulations they would like to have listed for this event.
- Over 40 Calf Roping: To let contestants enter both the O40 and the Calf Roping at MRA Rodeos and can qualify for both events at the finals. MMS Ron Dales/Toby Boeta  
MMS Matt Tellegen/Heidi Gunderson to not approve the rule. Motion carried.

### 2. 2009 Finals Report:

- Jamie will bring in a detailed report of 07, 08, 09 to the next meeting. Using this financial information will start to make decisions on the 2010 Finals.
- We had discussion on our thoughts about having the Finals at Red Horse Ranch. The trend has shown that we have lost money the last few years. We discussed what we could possibly change and look at for next year such as: location, time of year, negotiating contract with the place.
- At the next meeting please bring your events ideas of what time of year they would like, location and pricing.
- We can put a poll online for members to vote on some of these issues:
  - Time of Year: September-March
  - Location: I 90, Red Horse, State Fairgrounds, Outdoor, Verndale
  - Number of Performances
- Information to be gathered by the January meeting. Cut off voting by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. URA Sanctioning Update:**

- Mike Grinager reported.
- The URA has invited Mike to come to a Directors Board meeting instead of their finals meeting to discuss issue. They seem to be very willing to work with us to resolve any issues we may have.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Contract Positions for 2010:**

- Secretary: Heidi Gunderson
- Point Secretary: JoJo Varner
- Treasurer: Jamie Johnson

### **2. Horse Expo Booth:**

- Do we want a booth again this year? No, to St. Cloud, Yes to Minnesota Horse Expo in the cities. Our cost in ½ of last year because of our non-profit status and we will be in a better location.
- Goal: To promote the MRA
- Raffle of a trailer (JoJo Varner will look into finding a sponsor to help with cost)
- Handout of an item with MRA info in it. (Magnet, keychain, flyer, hats, ect.)
- Find a sponsor to cover or help with costs of handouts.
- Sell sweatshirts/T-shirts or sellable merchandise (Jamie Luedemann will look into costs of these items)
- MMS Josh Trest/Billy Lodermeier

### **3. Meetings:**

- Location and Time: Mike Grinager will call Locations around the St. Cloud area to try to find a
- Face to Face meetings vs. conference calls

- Try a conference call in December to see how it will work. This would be a great month to try as a trial with less information to be discussed.
- Date of Conference call: December 16, Heidi Gunderson to email out information to everyone about phone number to call and how it will work.

#### 4. Looking forward to next year:

- Finals Dates: to be talked about
- 2010 Rulebook: Audit of Rulebook, I would like put together to print in February. I am asking that every event director look through their events section of the rulebook to check for mistakes, inconsistencies. We need to have all rule changes in before the new print. In January we will put together a committee to set a date to review rulebook before we go to print.

#### 5. 2010 Committees:

Mike Grinager will put together a list of which people to put on each committee. If you have a preference of which committee you would like to be on then please contact Mike. Does not need to consist of only board members. Anybody who would like to be involved is welcome to stand on one of these committees.

- Budget:
- Finals:
- Jackets:
- Awards:
- Rules:
- Other:

#### 6. Other:

- 2009 Rodeo of the Year: Bemidji
- 2010 Hall of Fame Inductee: Mike Grinager
- Mike Grinager gave a report on the survey he handed out at the Finals. 52 surveys were submitted.
- The association will continue to post news on the website and submit news to the Wrangler. No additional Newsletters will be mailed to people who do not have Website access. Wrangler Membership's need to be purchased on your own. They will not be included in your membership.
- JoJo Varner brought up a fundraiser opportunity for the MRA to put on a horse sale. Will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Toby Boeta would like to be reimbursed for \$120 for finals expenses for himself. MMS Matt Tellegen/Jeremy Wagner to reimburse Toby for his expenses. Motion carried.
- Emmett Davis reported that there will be an MRA/SDRA Rodeo in Estelline, SD. Needs contestant help as it is the first year of the rodeo.

**Next Meeting Date: Conference call on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Information to be emailed out.**  
 Meeting **adjourned** by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ at 9:30 pm.