

# **Meeting Minutes** Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting **November 22, 2011 via Conference Call, 7:30pm** (Gunderson)

Call to Order:

Attendance:

President **Mike Grinager**

Vice President Karl Johnson

Secretary **Heidi Gunderson**

Treasurer Jamie Johnson

Bareback: **Dru Wilking** & Jason Lenzen

Saddle Bronc: Tylor Sonnenstahl & 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: **Alicia Mengelkoch**

General Members: **JoJo Varner**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jamie Johnson

## **Secretary Report:**

Minutes from October MMS to approve Alicia Mengelkoch/JoJo Varner. Motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Queen:** Alicia Mengelkoch

- Queen contestants for 2012 (3 girls running, Kayleen Erickson, Stephanie Kleidon, Courtney Simenson.)

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

- Timed Event Stock for finals
- Cody spoke with Bruce at RHR/Bruce is going to get back to Cody. Sounded interested. Priced at \$600 a pen.
- Check with other options as well for timed event.
- Cody spoke with Brett Belkham/Melvins would have calves at that time of year.
- Need to have finalized by first of the year.
- Roughstock directors to talk to Scott Berends about stock for finals.

- Toby Boeta reported that David Slipka priced calves from Iowa. It would be \$3500 for 3 pens of CR calves. (45 head) With slack you would only need 30 head.
- Still looking at options for Timed event cattle and accepting bids from other contractors

**Awards:** Heidi G, Jamie J, Kelly Neisius, Tyler Sonenstahl, Jason Lenzen

- Reminder: Reserve buckles will not be ordered until after the first of the year. However, if there is not enough money in account to cover Champion awards then Reserve buckles will not be purchased. I plan on ordering buckles through Tres Rios Silver again, they will sponsor the all-arounds for free.

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

- When we have the raffle permit I will print tickets to be mailed with memberships
- Bemidji Sports Centre will allow us to purchase the 4 wheeler again this year. Heidi working on drafting a letter to Bemidji Sports Centre to give them details of past raffles to pitch to the four-wheeler companies and get us the best deal they can.

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

**Nominations:** Kelly Neisius, Bill VanLith, Mike Kuka, Randy Melby, Mike Klimek

- Up in March: President, VP
- Also Secretary, Treasurer, and Point Secretary Bids are being accepted for the 2012 season. These positions are open for bids yearly.
- Event Directors are 2 year terms...
- Bull Riding: (1 for Rudy Borntragger)
- Calf Roping: (2 for Toby Boeta/Randy Melby)
- Over 40: (1 for David Slipka)
- Barrel Racing: (2 for Kelly Neisius/Sherry Sampson) Two people have called me about interest in these positions-Bailey Webb-Olson and Stephanie Kleidon
- Team Roping: (1 for Cody Nesius)
- Breakaway: (2 for Heidi Gunderson/Jamie Johnson) Katie Pitzen may be interested

**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

- FINALS STAFF: (vote was sent out by email)
- Secretaries: Jill Berends & Kayla Dambrotten
- Pickup men: Mark Gunderson & Scott Berends
- Bullfighters: Dustin Nelson & Nick Miller
- Judges: Shawn Manee & Greg Caron

- Photographers: Interested photographers, Al Braunworth, Tessa Smith of Photo Assets, Chis Kleidon, Toby Boeta to check with Marty at rodeoflicks.com. To be decided upon at a later meeting
- Friday Night/queen's contestants to take tickets
- Mike G. to check with Mounted posse to see if they would be interested in taking tickets. They are bringing it up at their December Meeting and will get back to us.
- Performance times: 6:30 pm nightly
- Price: Same ticket prices as 2010
- Live Band (Thunder Ridge) both nights: following the rodeo performance
- HS Rodeo Alumni is interested in having their mid-winter round up Noon/afternoon on Saturday. They would sell rodeo tickets with their dinner tickets. We will finalize our schedule and then we will pass that on so they can work their time around our schedule.
- **Slack at finals:**
- **MMS JoJo Varner/Dru Wilking to have all timed events in Slack. Motion passed.**
- **MMS David Slipka/JoJo Varner to have slack Friday after perf and before the perf on Saturday. Motion passed.**
- **MMS Heidi Gunderson/Toby Boeta. Friday-Top 8 stay in performance/remainder to run in Slack after performance. Saturday Performance- run top 4 in standings, top 4 in average. If there is overlap in these criteria, then next performance position would go to next person in the standings. Rest of contestants to compete in slack. Friday Order of Contestants will be ran 1st place to 15<sup>th</sup> in standings. Saturday will be 15<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed.**
- Heidi G. to work on Finals posters to be done first of the year. Maverick Design has said he will again design our posters free of cost in exchange for banner to be hung and advertisement on our website.
- David Slipka spoke with Rex Kent of Western Wishes and he would like to be involved with our finals.
- Events that are **not** full at finals...MMS by Dru Wilking/Alicia Mengekoch to invite competitors that are not in standings and or have not competed at 3 first sanctioned rodeos. Members must have had purchased their memberships before September 1<sup>st</sup> and have competed at least ONE MRA sanctioned rodeo. These competitors will be eligible for all money won, not eligible for any year-end or finals average awards. (Motion passed)
- Motion: MMS Heidi Gunderson/JoJo Varner pre-entry forms must be paid in full and postmarked by January 30<sup>th</sup> or you will not be eligible to compete. No Late Entries accepted, no exceptions. Motion passed.
- Pre-entry forms are downloadable online and are due January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Also pre-entries will be mailed to top 20 in the standings.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINES:** (None)

**Next Meeting Date: NO DECEMBER MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 7:30 pm via conference call**

Meeting **adjourned** by JoJo Varner/Toby Boeta (Motion passed)