

# Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting October 17th, 2010 Minnesota Equifest Rodeo St. Paul, MN (Gunderson)

**Call to Order:** 10:15 am by Mike Grinager

**Attendance:** TR Cody Nesius, Secretary & BCR Heidi Gunderson, President Mike Grinager, O40 CR Emmett Davis & David Slipka, SB Tyler Sohnenstahl, Stock Contractor Scott Berends, Judges Director Shawn Manee, Members: Greg Caron, BR Rudy Borntagger

**Motion to approve September Meeting Minutes:** MMS Emmett Davis/Shawn Manee, motion carried

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Johnson ~\$7961.15 ending balance. View attached report of event balances and breakdown of expenses. MMS to approve Scott Berends/Emmett Davis Motion carried (Changes \$240 in steer wrestling account, Toby Boeta gave \$200 cash to add to the Calf Roping account. David Slipka to check on the money that was submitted for the 2009 Over 40 Calf Roping auction as we cannot find record of that deposit. If we do then \$140 of that money should go to the calf roping account.

**Secretary Report:** H. Gunderson

~ Will send out 2011 Membership cards for memberships purchased here next week. Raffle tickets will be sent out when we decide on awards and order tickets for 2011 raffle.

~Fine list has been is updated online and is current to date.

~If directors want pictures or information put on their event page online please get that to me. You can put award pictures, letters to your event, or fundraiser event flyers on your page.

~Sponsor Thank yous will be sent out as soon as I receive a CD of pictures from the photographer. I send out a letter and picture of the top 15 to every sponsor. It is still nice for the sponsors to receive individual thank yous from the winners of the awards.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Queen:** Rita Hamilton & Alicia Mengelkas (None)

**Stock:** Scott Berends, Cody Nesius, David Slipka, Dustin Schilling, Lance Schwartz

- Letter sent to Jeff Belkham for pens for the finals -200 fine. -300 Trucking to Scott Berends. Scott has already been paid for trucking so an additional \$300 will need to be sent to Jeff Belkham.

**Awards:** Heidi G, Jamie J, Dustin S, TJ Marino, Kelly Nesius

## **Saddles/Awards Covered per event:**

Bareback~ Champion saddle & Average Champion Buckle

Saddle Bronc ~ No Awards

Bull Riding ~ Champion Saddle & No Average Champion award

Breakaway ~ Champion Saddle & Average Champion Saddle

Team Roping ~ Header and Heeler Champ Saddle & Header and Heeler Average Saddle, plus they ordered champion header and heeler buckles. (already paid for)  
Calf Roping ~ Champion Saddle & Average Champion Saddle  
Over 40 Calf Roping ~ Champion Saddle & Average Champion Saddle  
Steer Wrestling ~ Champion Saddle & Average Champion Saddle  
Barrel Racing ~ Champion Saddle & Average Champion Saddle  
Queen ~ No money turned in for 2010 saddle

**Fundraising:** Mike Grinager, Karl Johnson, Emmett Davis, Jamie J, Heidi G, JoJo Varner

- Raffle prizes for 2011 raffle
- Check into go partners with Western Wishes on getting a free four-wheeler using their 501c3 tax status. Mike Grinager to contact Rex Kent to find out what kind of a percentage he would like to take in a partnership.
- \$10 tickets again this year
- Prizes to be the same as last year.
- Mike Grinager to get a permit again and start working on prizes

**Budget:** Mike Grinager, Jamie Johnson

- 2010 Yearend Balance & Details
- See detailed report (from Jamie Johnson)
- Sanctioning rodeos: We may have enough money in our account to be selective on the rodeos that we sanction 2011.
- Look at going to the 2011 Fair convention to promote the MRA and get more rodeos in talking with the fair committees.

**Nominations:** Matt Tellegen, Steve Kuntz, Ryan Olson, Kelly Neisius, Bill VanLith

- **All directors are two year terms.** Those in bold are in for two years. Those not in bold will be up for new directorships in 2012.
- New 2011 Directors are:
- Bareback: **Dru Wilking/Jason Lenzen**
- Saddle Bronc: Tyler Sonenstahl/**Wes Jensen**
- Breakaway Roping: Heidi Gunderson/Jamie Johnson
- Steer Wrestling: **Mike Kuka/Jeremy Wagner**
- Team Roping: Cody Neisius/Bill VanLith
- Barrel Racing: Kelly Neisius/Sherry Sampson
- Calf Roping: Toby Boeta/**Randy Melby**
- Over 40 Calf Roping: Emmett Davis/David Slipka
- Bull Riding: **Rudy Borntragger/Mike Klemek**
- Judges: **Shawn Manee**

**Rules and Bylaws:** Greg Caron, Mike Grinager, Heidi G, Josh Trest, Matt Tellegen, Sherry Sampson

- New rules have been added to the online rulebook and rulebook inserts will be printed after this meeting.
- Rule Proposal to be voted on (As revised by Over 40 Calf Ropers at the September General Membership Meeting)

- Dragging of Calf: A neck rope must be used on the horse and contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If the horse drags the calf at least 5 feet then the field judge may stop horse. The fine for unintentionally dragging calf five feet but less than ten feet shall be \$25. The fine for unintentionally dragging a calf ten feet or more shall be \$100. Intentionally dragging a calf, regardless of distance, shall result in a \$250 fine for each offense, plus possible disqualification. Intentional shall be defined as caused by contestant.
- (As taken from the PRCA Rulebook)
- Calf Roping rule pg 60 Rule 12c and 12b will need to be omitted
- Rule 16 also will need to be omitted.
- MMS David Slipka/Emmett Davis made a motion to approve. Will be posted for 30 days in print and then will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Heidi Gunderson will rewrite up a rule about date of purchase of membership for points to count. Proposal to be that you can purchase your card at the rodeo before you compete and your points **WILL** count.

**Finals:** Toby Boeta, Mike Grinager, Heidi Gunderson, Greg Caron, Jamie Johnson

- Success of 2010 Finals...discussion
- 2011 Finals:
- Date: March 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 MMS Heidi Gunderson/David Slipka. Motion carried. (one opposed)
- Location: Red Horse Ranch (same financial arrangement as the past) MMS Heidi Gunderson/Ty Sonenstahl. Motion carried.
- Number of contestants in the performance: Discussion: Max of 10 in the perf and then the rest in the slack....put a whole event in the slack (swapping in and out events each day) We will discuss these options in more length at the next meeting.
- There was discussion on about we need to change something if we want to put on a show. We need to change the time of year if we want to put on a show and we need to change the number in the performance. If we are just wanting a rodeo to put on a rodeo and not a show then things can stay the same, however our ultimate goal would be to make the finals a way to bring in income with people in the stands, ect.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Rodeo of the Year:**

- Clearwater was voted 2010 Rodeo of the Year
- Heidi Gunderson to call Dustin Schilling (has a family member that makes the plaques)
- Make Rodeo of the Year Plaques for 2010 (Clearwater) and 2009 (Bemidji) Rodeo of the Year.

### **2. Event Fundraiser Fees:**

- Team Roping voted at the September meeting to add \$3 fundraisier fee per entry that will go towards 2011 finals awards.
- O40 adding a \$5 fundraiser fee again this year to entries that will go towards 2011 finals awards. MMS
- Bull Riders adding a \$5 fundraisier fee this year to entries for 2011 awards.
- Bronc Riding adding a \$5 fundraisier fee this year for 2011 awards.
- MMS David Slipka/Emmett Davis to accept all proposals. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Rookie of the Year:**

- In the past 2 years rookie of the year was a sponsorship from J & B Tack Store. The sponsor was collected by Dan Bergerson. J & B sponsored a rookie buckle for men & women's rookie. Will we award rookie buckles for 2010?
- Heidi Gunderson will call J&B to see if they will follow through with the same sponsorship again this year.

### **2. Casino Rodeo Discussion:**

- Emmett Davis talked about a discussion he had with some casino managers to have a rodeo on the ND SD line. They will work on a package deal. Emmett Davis will continue to talk with him and see if he can get a deal going along with other rodeos along I 29.

**Next Meeting Date: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 phone conference. Info will be emailed to directors.**

Meeting **adjourned** by Heidi Gunderson                      seconded by                      Emmett Davis  
at            12:30                      pm.