

Meeting Minutes MRA Meeting
Little Falls Fairgrounds
September 15, 2012- 9 am (Gunderson)

Call to Order:

Attendance/Roll Call: highlight members in attendance

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 Filkouski & 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

Total balance of \$42,372.42 Will send out report to board. (This does not include all sanctions from rodeos yet. Quite a few left to come in.)

Also we will send 10% of our NET from the raffle to Western Wishes.

Alicia to work on the expenses and profits of our raffle to send to board.

MMS to approve Treasurer's report Dru Wilking/Heidi Gunderson-Motion carried.

Secretaries Report:

End of year membership: 273 members, includes General, Youth, and Associates

End of year membership in 2011: 305 members including all General, Youth, and Associates

End of the year membership in 2010: 297 members including all General, Youth, and Associates

August meeting minutes are online and emailed to the board

August Meeting minutes to be approved:

MMS to approve August minutes: Katie Pitzen/Alicia Mengelkoch-Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Queen: Alicia Mengelkoch

- Kayleen Erickson is working with the Sanford Center to help promote the finals in Bemidji with Radio Ads and Posters.

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

- Dru Wilking to talk to contractors (Buffington and Berends) about horses for the roughstock.
- Mike Filkouski to speak with Arlan Brooks about pricing all timed event cattle for finals.

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

- Last year jackets cost around \$80 for jacket and embroidery.
- Alicia Mengelkoch to get jacket pricing similar style as past year, different colors.
- Toby Boeta gave us a catalog and contact info for a lady in Wisconsin that can possibly beat our previous pricing as well.
- To present options at next board meeting with pricing.

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

- Raffle winners were announced in Clearwater! Congrats to our winners. Alicia Mengelkoch mailed out checks.
- \$200 extra drawn, I paid for out of my checking, my mistake.

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

- Calf Roping and Over 40 awards fees still incoming for Morris, Herman, Preston, and Glenwood. Forgot to send, check is coming. (are not included in alicia's report)
- Alicia to work on a finals budget. We should be able to budget pretty close about what we need to have going into finals because we have more exact costs this year than in previous years.

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

- Secretary position to open January 1st, 2013. Will advertise and send out emails to members to begin submitting bids now so that we can act on new secretary in November/December Meeting. This will give me enough time to help them get files set up and ready to take over.

Rules and Bylaws: Shawn Manee, Greg Caron, Heidi G, Sharon Munn, Katie Pitzen, Scott Berends

- New Rule Proposal: Submitted by Sharon Munn

I could not find in the rule book any reference to this issue other than one for stock contractors.

All officers and board member/event directors be subject to a nation wide criminal background check, Convicted Felons and or anyone with a criminal record will not be eligible to serve as a Officer/representative or director for the Minnesota Rodeo Association.

(This rule is going to be tabled and brought before the membership at the 2012 MRA FINALS general membership meeting.)

- There was discussion about 14 and under boys roping. Katie Pitzen to draft a rule proposal. Because of our finals being later in the year and the rule on birthdays to rope, there are some instances when the boys are 16 years old when they are roping at the finals. Katie is going to write a rule proposing that after the date of boys 15th birthday they are no longer eligible to compete in the Breakaway Roping event.

Finals: Toby Boeta, Shawn Manee, Heidi Gunderson, Mike Filkouski, Alicia Mengelkoch
We have two proposals on the table to vote on tonight:

- Finals contracts were read aloud to board.
- Sign Contract with Sanford Center-MMS to approve and sign contract Mike Filcowski/Heidi Gunderson-motion carried
- Sign Contract with Beltrami Fairgrounds-on file-MMS to approve and sign contract Mike Filcowski/Heidi Gunderson-motion carried
- Voting of staff for finals: October meeting (Will send email ballots out prior to meeting)
- 2013 (anticipated) Henderson Rodeo (Count for 2012 or 2013 points?) (read fiscal rule above) Keep in mind we need time for paperwork and contestants need to know ahead of time if they have made the finals or not.

New Business:

- **Hartington NE Sanction:** FYI we only got a 2% sanction from this rodeo, no finals fees were collected as when the money was collected the secretary was not aware of our association sanctioning the rodeo. The committee member (Mike Berchum) has sent me emails and is very sorry this happened. He hopes that it does not effect our decision in sanctioning for future years. (Midstates sent us the check for 2% after me talking to their secretary)—**For future—if this rodeo is approved make sure to check with midstates if they are first approval to make sure there is an understanding of agreement between MRA and Midstates before approving.**
- **2013-2015 Rulebooks will need to be printed after the first of the year.**
- **It was brought up to put the physical address for each rodeo on the Rodeo Schedule page. This will be added to the 2013 Rodeo Approvals so that we can get that information from the committees to post.**

- **Need to send 1% of our Estelline Sanction to the NRCA as they were left out of sanction \$ collected. MMS Dru Wilking/JoJo Varner (Motion carried)**
- **There was a motion made by Heidi Gunderson/Seconded by Alicia Mengelkoch that all points accumulated after the first of the year (Jan. 1, 2013) will count towards the yearend standings for the 2013 FINALS. (Motion carried)**
(Example: Henderson Rodeo 2013 will count towards the 2013 Year end Point standings)

Next Meeting Date: Via conference Call 3rd Wednesday in October. October 17th-- 7:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: MMS Bailey Webb-Olson/Alicia Mengelkoch (Motion carried)