

Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting October 26, 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 Sonenstahl & 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 to send out financial report tomorrow 10/27/11

MMS to approve Alicia M./Karl Johnson (Motion carried)

Secretary Report: 225 Regular Members, 65 Youth Members, 16 Associate

All sanctions have been turned in as of today. Fine list updated online.

Minutes from September MMS to approve Karl Johnson/Toby Boeta (Motion carried)

Committee Reports:

Queen: Alicia Mengelkoch

- Queen contestants for 2012 (3 girls running, Kayleen Erickson, Stephanie K., 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.

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.

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

- Raffle Items for 2012
- When to start?
- 2012 Raffle: Draw at Clearwater Rodeo, same items as last year.

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

- \$42,000 current. Will have \$40,000 around finals. Events need to bring in award/sponsorship money. Projected \$5000 after finals if we have same income from finals as last year. We will know more when budget is finalized.

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

- Up in March: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer....
- 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)
- Team Roping: (1 for Cody Nesius)
- Breakaway: (2 for Heidi Gunderson/Jamie Johnson)

Rules and Bylaws: Shawn Manee, Mike Grinager, Heidi G, Sherry Sampson, David Slipka, Scott Berends

- Executive Council Proposal: To go before board at annual meeting in finals.
- New Rule Proposal: (Under Rodeo Entry page 30 add #30) Contestants must pay fees before entering the rodeo arena. This applies before competing and/or warming horse up in the arena prior to competition. Failure to pay fees before entering the rodeo arena will result in a \$25 fine, payable to the rodeo secretary.
- Discussion was brought forward....majority felt that we already have a rule that states you must pay your fees before you compete. We also have a rule that says you cannot interrupt the secretary while someone else is competing. Rulebook covers this problem. As this above rule is written it is very hard to police who is riding in arena before paying fees.
- **Rule was voted against.** Rule can be written if person proposing would like to.

Finals: Toby Boeta, Mike Grinager, Heidi Gunderson, David Slipka, Jamie Johnson

- RHR Contract: New director from RHR sent Toby Boeta a new contract. Insurance policy must be a 2 million dollar coverage. Also must vacate premises before 10 pm on Sunday. Toby spoke with new director from RHR. Has a signed contract.

- STAFF CARDHOLDERS ELIGIBLE:
- Secretaries: Karla Coon, Stephanie Schumacher, Kayla Dambrotten, Jill Berends, Tanya Deerpalsing (Black River falls sec.)
- Judge cardholders: Shawn Manee, Greg Caron, Tracy Busswitz
- Pickupmen cardholders: Scott Berends, Mark Gunderson
- Bullfighters: Dustin Nelson, Kyle Olson, Nick Miller
- Vote by Email Ballot/will send out in the next week/to be sent back week before next meeting.
- Friday Night/queen's contestants to take tickets
- Mike G. to check to see if Mounted posse would be interested in taking tickets.
- Performance times: 6:30 pm nightly
- Price: Same ticket prices as 2010
- Live Band both nights: following the rodeo performance
- **Slack at finals:** emails from general membership were read and discussed by board members. Pros and Cons were discussed. Some contestants feel very strongly about being able to compete in the performance during the finals. However, some agree that we need to put on a rodeo 2 ½ hours vs. 3 ½ hours. We are trying to put on a show for the crowd as well. **MMS to have slack at finals Cody Neisius/Karl Johnson (7 yes/4 no) Motion approved to have slack at our finals.**
- We will talk next meeting about how to run slack. Some possibilities include: Option to run slack Fri after rodeo/slack Sat. during the day before perf. Possibility to have some people run in the slack if they request it. Option to run all barrel racers in performance. Option for only roping events in slack. (Top 8 stay in performance/2nd day run top 4 standings, top 4 average)Friday would consist of Top 8 in standings to be in perf/other 7 in standings to run in slack. Saturday would consist of top 4 in point standings/top 4 in average to compete in performance. If there is overlap in this criteria, then next performance position would go to next person in the standings. Rest of contestants to compete in slack. **These are only options and discussion items .All of these decision to be made at November meeting.**
- Heidi G. to work on Finals posters to be done first of the year.
- David Slipka to speak with Western Wishes to see if they want to involve anything with our finals.
- Next meeting to discuss rough stock finals qualifications.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Next Meeting Date: TUESDAY, November 22nd via conference call 7:30 pm.

Meeting **adjourned** by David Slipka/Karl Johnson