

**SD 4H Finals Committee Meeting
October 23, 2022
Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center**

Present, or by means of Zoom, were:

Justin Robertson, President and New Underwood 4-H Rodeo
Tyson Paxton, Vice President and Dewey County 4-H Rodeo
Teri Heninger, Final Board Secretary
Kim Larson, Finals Rodeo Secretary
Treg Cowan, Lay Board President and Hyde-Hand 4-H Rodeo
Don Bergeson, Lay Board Vice President
Kathy Monnens, Lay Board Secretary/Treasurer and Eastern Dakota 4-H Rodeo
Joy Meyer, Lay Board Member at Large and Heartland Rodeo

Pennington County – Taylor Mohnen
Sioux Empire – Chase Albers and Melissa Bohnenkamp
Meade – Reggie Kennedy
Burke – Kasey Hanson
Perkins – TW Schalesky and Faye Schalskey
Sioux Area – Mandy Healy and Sam Kastner
Hub Area – Julie Nelson and Lauren Helmer
Brule – David Reis and Brenda Reis
Harding – Colt Floyd and Robin Floyd
Bennett – Mary Kay Sell
Eastern Dakota – Lynn Slaney
Haakon/Jackson – Dalton Porch and Shawn Reis
Tripp – Rusty Heenan
Ziebach – Justin Thorstenson and Julie Thorstenson
Heartland – Ben Meyer and Bill Hupp
Blunt – Clayton Etkorn and Sean Lauing
Clark – Kristine DeBerg and Cheryl Sorenson
New Underwood – Bryce ???????
Sisseton – Maurine Nelson
Central SD – Regina Meier and Dawnita Forell

Others in attendance included Amber and Leon Garrett; John Keimig, SDSU Liaison; Trevor Hupp and Jacey Hupp.

Call to Order:

President Justin Robertson called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM.

Robertson asked for any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, the meeting commenced.

Secretary Report:

Robertson entertained a motion to approve the July 27, 2022 meeting minutes as dispensed. Heninger so moved, seconded by Cowan. **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report:

Heninger provided a current Profit and Loss as well as a comparative P&L. Year-end balance last year was \$3,086. This year's balance is \$5,108. Outstanding sponsorship receivables total \$9,000 and outstanding Regional Rodeo Sanctioning fees total \$2,000.

Discussion followed. In response to Trevor Hupp's question of the significant difference in the Rodeo Expense account, Heninger explained the committee purchased panels last year.

Treg Cowan moved, seconded by Don Bergeson to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

President's Report:

Robertson presented Past 4-H Finals President Tyson Paxton and Past Treasurer Helen Jane Paxton with buckles for their service on the board.

Robertson continued by summarizing the 2022 Finals Rodeo. With the increased number of contestants, he felt the rodeo went very well, with no major surprises. He thanked the fairgrounds for all the work they put into the finals.

Robertson addressed all those in attendance and reiterated the need for volunteers during the Finals. In response to Robertson's comment, discussion followed ways to simplify volunteer coordination.

Rodeo Secretary Report

Due to a poor Zoom connection, Teri Heninger presented Kim Larson's report. Of the 1,342 total contestants entered in 4-H rodeo, 683 qualified for the Finals. Registration totaled 664 contestants.

A brief summary of performance times for each arena were provided, noting the large arena ran longer than the other two.

Heninger stated Kim was in need of a computer and printer upgrade. Her current computer crashed twice during this year's finals. The current computer is at least 5-7 years old. Quotes from Computers N' More in Winner and CommTech in Pierre were supplied.

Kathy Monnens made mention of the tremendous job Kim does as the Rodeo Secretary.

Fairgrounds Committee Report

With the additional number of contestants, the fairgrounds engaged the National Guard to help with parking.

Toni Deal shared a new policy on the camping hookups. Hookups will be reserved on a first come first served basis and reservations will be made available on specified date at a specified time. It will function the same way as high school finals.

Stalling will work similarly with reservations open for 30 days, from June 12-July 14. Follow up phone calls or emails will be sent to those who have reserved stalls at the end of each day during the 30 day window.

Toni continued by sharing 600 stalls were set up this year. She noted the fairgrounds could not accommodate any additional stalls or parking.

Discussion followed. It was suggested that infield camper/trailer parking be made available to contestants only.

NEW BUSINESS

Robertson called for discussion on admission fees. The current price is \$25 for weekend pass and \$10 for performance pass. Kathy Monnens moved, seconded by Kasey Hanson to increase the weekend pass to \$30 and leave the performance pass at \$10. **Motion carried.**

The 2023 Entry Form was tabled for further discussion on fairgrounds accommodations.

Robertson called for action on a new laptop and printer for Kim Larson. Mary Kay Sell moved, seconded by Treg Cowan for Kim Larson to purchase a new laptop and printer. **Motion carried.**

Treg Cowan provided a brief summary on the saddles. With today's supply chain issues, he explained the saddles had to be committed by October 1st in order to have them here by Finals. He noted the trees were ordered through Triple R again this year. However, this does not ensure that the final product will be completed prior to Finals for display in businesses.

PROPOSED RULE/BYLAW CHANGES

1) Proposed Rule Change:

Due to the number of entries in Jr. Cattle Riding and Jr Bareback Steer Riding, all cattle in these events will be chute drawn. The event cattle will still come from separate pens for each event and there will be separate pens for each performance. This will speed the process and free up some limited pen space.

Proposed by:
Chad Chauncey

Robertson called for a Roll Call vote. **Proposal struck unanimously.**

2) Rule Change: Regional Rodeo Software Program

To be an approved qualifying Regional Rodeo, you must use the state approved Software Program.

Proposed by:
Kim Larson, 4-H Finals Secretary

Robertson called for a vote. **Proposal passed unanimously.**

3) Rule Change:

Eliminate the Trade Out Rule. The rule creates two extra days in the draw process and delays final draw by two days. It is a trickle effect on everything.

Proposed by:
Teri Heninger

Robertson called for a vote. **Proposal struck unanimously.**

4) Summary:

Propose to move the SD 4H Rodeo Finals to the 2nd weekend of August starting in the year 2023.

Overview:

2022 has proven that the current weekend of SD 4-H Rodeo Finals has become a challenge for many families. The list of conflicts include that many schools have started, many colleges have started, and sports events have begun. All these reasons have made it tough to get volunteers(both adults and HS students) that are vital to the finals rodeo.

Contestants/families are trying to manage between school, college, events and finals. This proposal would eliminate anyone having to make this choice regardless of how the calendar falls and school/college start dates.

Additional:

Currently there is a rule that the finals cannot be within 10 days of last regional rodeo. This rule would need to be removed or amended along with this proposal.

This proposal would need to be voted on prior to the finals board setting the date for 2023.

Proposed by:
Todd Rose

Robertson called for a Roll Call vote. **Proposal struck – 26 nay; 5 aye.**

The dates for the 2023 4-H Finals will be August 18, 19 and 20, 2023. Ambassador competition will be August 17, 2023.

ELECTION OF 4-H FINALS COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Robertson announced Susan Van Liere's term as Secretary is up. In addition, Vice President Tyson Paxton, who's term does not end until 2024, has resigned effective immediately.

Treg Cowan explained the current succession process would have placed Tyson as President in 2024. He asked the committee to consider extending our current president's term an additional year to allow the incoming Vice President two years to gain better knowledge of the Finals process. Discussion followed. Treg Cowan so moved, seconded by Kathy Monnens to extend the current president's term an additional year. **Motion carried.**

Robertson called for nominations for Vice President. Kasey Hanson moved, seconded by Jeanie ????? to elect Brandon Spencer as Vice President. **Motion carried.**

Robertson called for nominations for Secretary. Kim Larson moved, seconded by Teri Heninger to elect Mary Kay Sell as Secretary. **Motion carried.**

Robertson moved, seconded by Cowan to remove Susan Van Liere and Tyson Paxton as signatory's on the Dakota Prairie Bank checking account and add Brandon Spencer and Mary Kay Sell. **Motion carried.** These minutes will serve as notice to the bank for these account changes to occur.

4-H FINALS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rodeo Manager – Tyson Paxton announced he would continue as rodeo manager.

Grounds – Don Bergeson and Jeremy Cass will continue as grounds manager.

Ambassador Committee – Pauline Witte announced the Ambassador Committee is no longer interested in organizing the lodging accommodations for the Finals. Robertson tabled this for a later meeting.

Buckles/Knives – Kathy Monnens will continue to order these.

Saddles – Teri Heninger, Brandon Spencer and Treg Cowan will head this up.

Sponsorship/Advertising Program – Valerie Kelly and Emil Kiel will no longer head up this committee.

Vendors – Kerry Hostutler will continue as the contact for Vendors

Additional Business:

Sean Reis noted the Large Arena ran longer than the two other arenas and wondered if the events in each arena could be rearranged to allow for more consistent timing. Discussion followed. Robertson stated he would evaluate the events per arena.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.