

SD 4-H Finals, Inc.  
Minutes of August 6, 2012

The August 6, 2012 Teleconference meeting was called to Order by President Dave Gaer.

**Members in Conference:** Dave and Lee Ann Gaer, Treg Cowan, Teri Heninger, Heather Schoultz, Rod Geppert, Roger Theobald, Genice Gebhart, Amy Franks, Kathy Monnens, and Don Bergeson.

Roger Theobald made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from May 14, 2012. Amy Franks seconded it. Motion passed, minutes approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Teri Heninger gave the Treasurers Report of a balance of \$19,325.13 in Checking Account, \$5,018.70 in Money Market and \$2,013.40 in CD. Total of \$26,357.23. Lee Ann Gaer made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Heather Schoultz seconded it. Motion Approved.

**Old Business:** There are still three members that would like to turn some of their responsibilities over to someone else. So if you know of anyone that would be interested in taking over Kathy Monnen's job with the Finals prizes, Roger Theobald's job of saddles or Mike Steiger's job of Arena Manager. Talk to one of these three, a board member or Dave Gaer. Lee Ann talked to Royal Flush about the six porta potties and they are willing to discount their rate for 2012 from 600.00 to 500.00.

**New Business:** Kathy Monnens contacted Dave and Lee Ann about having Starrography take pictures this year at Finals. Lee Ann contacted Starrography and they are willing to take pictures with no charge to the Finals and will still give the free 4x6 pictures for the plaques and also for next year's programs. SPI Insurance has raised the insurance for the 2012 Finals but after calls and emails between Lee Ann and SPI they have settled on a cost of \$1,104 for this year and in the past it had been \$1,350. Dave signed the contract for the American Medical Response Ambulance, SPI Insurance and also with Starrography. Dave reported for Mike Steiger that the pickup men and bullfighters were as follows: Treg Cowan, Kirk Schuelke, and Donnie Mohr. Bullfighters are Adam and Andrew Oden. After many years of timing in the Large Arena Sharon Roseland will no longer be able to help at Finals as she is battling cancer. We would like to thank Sharon for her many years of dedication to the 4-H Finals and wish her the best in her fight against cancer.

Kathy Monnens reported that all prizes and buckles are on the way and everything has met budget.

Roger Theobald reported that all saddles are accounted for except one that was delivered to the Blunt Bank and was intended for Dacotah State Bank in Watertown. Casey Cowan will bring the saddle in before the Finals. Prices for saddles stayed the same as last year: 14 saddles @ \$800.00, 1 steer wrestling saddle @ \$880.00, 6 saddles at \$750.00, and 4 all around saddles @ \$850.00.

Don Bergeson reported that the infield has been filled and packed. They have raised the pens behind the bucking chutes, sorting areas and alley ways. Roger Theobald will drop off the second chute this weekend for Don to get all set up in the track arena. The animal transport unit that was purchased last year was bent by the county when they had moved it but they plan on taking it up to Bottom Line Welding and having it fixed.

The County is interesting in taking over the stalling of horses during the 4-H Finals. As of now we contract the stalls out to a third party vendor but the County is considering making this one of their projects and they could take over and collect some money to put back into the facility. Don Bergeson discussed the purchase of a pull behind trailer for the Finals which would house all the equipment that is stored at the rental storage building we currently pay for. We pay \$360 a year for a storage shed and then it takes many trips to haul all the equipment, banners,

and etc to and from the Finals each year. Kathy Monnens made a motion for the Finals to purchase a motion trailer to store all the Finals equipment in at a cost of \$2,500.00 or less. Teri Heninger seconded it. Motion approved. Don and Roger will look at the trailer and try and get the best price they can.

Discussion of moving the weekend of Finals earlier one week was discussed. We have run into so many contestants that have been able to do a set performance because of sporting events that weekend. We are also losing so many of our last year contestants due to having to be at college the same weekend as the Finals. This will be tabled to the annual October meeting where it will be discussed further and voted on.

Genice Gebhart reported that the ambassador committee has been working hard on getting rooms, silent auction items, and raffle tickets ready. There are a total of 9 ambassadors for this year.

Amy Franks reported that the vendor fee for the year is \$150.00 or pay \$100.00 and donate an item estimated at \$50.00 to the silent auction table for the ambassadors.

Heather Shoultz reported that all programs are good and getting ready to print as soon as she and Lee Ann have all the final contestants organized.

Teri Heninger will talk with Diana Melvin and see if she is all lined out for the prison inmates to clean after each performance and on Sunday when we are done.

We would like to Thank Rod Kusser and Venture Com for allowing us access to have our conference calls. Next meeting will be our annual October 27 , 2012, 10:00 Central Time at the Casey Tibbs Center.

Amy Franks made a motion to adjourn meeting. Treg Cowan seconded it. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Gaer  
4-H Finals Secretary