

SD 4-H Finals, Inc.  
Minutes of January 21,2012

The January 21, 2012 Annual meeting was called to Order by President Dave Gaer. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

**Members in Conference:** Dave and Lee Ann Gaer, Amy Franks, Rod Geppert, Paula Lind, Teri Heninger, Diana Melvin, Delores Melvin, Karrie Geffre, Kathy Monnens, Peggy Wittnebel, Pam and Heather Schoultz.

Kathy Monnens made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from October 29, 2011. Delores Melvin seconded it. Motion passed, minutes approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Teri Heninger gave the Treasurers Report of a balance of \$590.54 in Checking Account, \$2,012.79 in Money Market and \$5,018.70 in CD. Total of \$7,622.03. Teri reported that there is still \$2,800.00 in outstanding saddle sponsorship money. The following counties or businesses have not paid for their sponsorship: South Central, Minnehaha, Haakon/Jackson, Perkins, and Fort Pierre Livestock. Diana Melvin made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Amy Franks seconded it. Motion Approved.

**Old Business:** Dave has visited with Jim Korkow on purchasing the ride through bow gate that was bent during finals. Jim will purchase the gate not to excide \$700.00 and the 4-H Finals will reimburse him. At that time the Finals will take possession of the bent gate. Clarification was made to the Secretary position pay and they will be paid \$3.00 an entry on all contestants that enter 4-H regional rodeos not everyone that marks rodeo as an interest. Then they will be paid \$2.00 for every contestant that attends 4-H Finals. Amy has visited with the Kiwanis Club about man powering the gates on Thursday from noon until 9 and then again Friday morning, as we are losing gate money from people arriving early. They didn't believe they would be able to supply the man power to do this and also continue on throughout the weekend. Teri Heninger was going to ask a couple local organizations to see if they would be willing to take on these times.

**New Business:** After discussion of tax forms and wages. Diana Melvin made a motion that Rough Stock Contractors must include bullfighter and pickup men wages on their bid. Amy Franks seconded it. Motion Approved. Discussion of bid packets being mailed out so all contractors could put a bid in for Finals stock was talked about and Dave tabled this until the Annual October, 2012 meeting. Dave stating that Korkows do supply more then just stock for the rodeo. They also supply us with a semi trailer of panels to make our third area, bobcat and etc. Rod Geppert handed out a draft of the regional rodeos for 2012. This has not yet been finalized as he is waiting on regional rodeos to verify their rodeo dates. The trade out rule was discussed as this always is a concern for the secretary during Finals time. Discussion of changing the trade out rule will be tabled to the Annual October 21, 2012 meeting. The May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is approaching fast and talk of the Extension Offices making sure all contestants have their appropriate paperwork in and also expressing how important it is to have all events checked and signed if a contestant plans on adding an event sometime during the summer. If the contestant fails to mark that event on the May 1<sup>st</sup> paperwork he/she will not be eligible to compete in that event at any regional rodeo or Finals. Also if you miss the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline you will not be eligible to compete at any regional rodeo as they are all qualifying rodeos for state. Kathy Monnens asked about the importance of each regional rodeo having to be notarized for every contestant. After discussion on this subject it was decided that all regional rodeos must be notarized to protect each rodeo from any mishaps. Amy Franks added that she will be taking over the website and all the duties for 2012. Shirley Erickson will update everything for 2012 and then will meet with Amy to go over the website. The question was asked that on the regional rodeo forms if a leader can sign the entry form in lieu of the extension office and Rod Geppert stated that a leader qualifies as a proper signature. Rod stated the only two that are approved signatures are the 4-H youth Program Advisor or the 4-H Leaders. Secretaries position was

discussed and since there were no applicants for this position Heather Schoultz and Lee Ann Gaer will share this responsibility. Lee Ann will take in all the contestant paperwork, go through all of it and add it in the computer. She will take all phone calls and all changes. Finals weekend Lee Ann will help Heather in the office. Heather has helped Shirley Erickson for many years in the 4-H Finals office and has the knowledge of how everything should be run. As a result of Heather being a good secretary she is not able to do all of the duties as she is secretary for many other high school, regional rodeos and does the sponsorships for the 4-H Finals. We would like to thank Heather for taking on one more task. Lee Ann and Heather both discussed the ARTS Software and all the functions of the system. Diana Melvin made a motion to purchase the ARTS Software for \$650.00 and then a charge of \$150.00 a year to maintain and have support of the program. The contract must also list that the \$150.00 per year cost will not change and he will be able to answer any questions the weekend of the 4-H Finals. Teri Heninger seconded it. Motion Approved. Heather and Lee Ann will contact Brian and get the ARTS Program set up. Pam Schoultz has sent out all the new 2012 saddle sponsor letters and forms this week. She has also sent out 204 Good Luck Ads. It would be nice if the Extension Office and Regional Rodeos could have some of the Good Luck Ads set out so that parents or family members could see them and add their Good Luck Ads to the 4-H Finals Programs.

Next meeting will be March 12, 2012 @8:00 CT. It will be held via conference call. Kathy Monnens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Delores Melvin seconded it. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Gaer  
4-H Finals Secretary