

SD 4-H Finals, Inc.
Minutes of October 27, 2012

The October 27, 2012 Annual Meeting was called to Order by President Dave Gaer. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Members Present were: Dave and Lee Ann Gaer, Treg Cowan, Teri Heninger, Heather Schoultz, Rod Geppert, Roger Theobald, Keith and Geneice Gebhart, Amy Franks, Kathy Monnens, Don Bergeson, Kasey Hanson, Misty Koan, Kara Koan, Delores Melvin, Mark and Diana Melvin, Karrie Geffre, Regina Maier, Cherie Hill, Dana Iversen, Kaycee McDaniel, Mark Rowen, Mike Huber, Burt and Pauline Witte, Diane Hoffman, Sheila and Natalie Prins, Tom Heitsch, Julie Maude, Wade Vos, Angela Lytle, Todd and Tresa Hemmingson .

Mike Huber made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from August 6, 2012. Kathy Monnens seconded it. Motion passed, minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Teri Heninger handed out Profit and Loss and also Balance Sheets to all members to review and discuss. She reported that the Finals income brought in for the year was \$90,071 and the costs associated with putting on the rodeo was \$95,818. There was a loss of \$5,746.39 for the 2012 Finals Rodeo. Teri gave the Treasurers Report of a balance of \$6,448.23 in Checking Account, \$5,018.70 in Money Market and \$2,013.40 in CD. Total of \$13,480.33. Kathy Monnens made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Lee Ann Gaer seconded it. Motion Approved.

Old Business: Don Bergeson reported the improvements that were made to the rodeo grounds were better this year. He believes the grounds were safer for the animals and also contestants. Don said that he heard many good things about the rodeo and thought that it ran very smooth. Kathy Monnens reported that there was some concern of the barrel and pole arena being a little hard and wondered if we could find a disk that would dig a little deeper into the ground.

New Business: Rod Geppert, Peter Nielson, Lee Ann Gaer, Teri Heninger, Don Bergeson, and Carolyn Theobald met with the Department of Revenue in September to discuss the sales tax revenue on the Finals gate admission. Don Bergeson discussed that all members need to write or contact our legislation and try and have the bill 10-45-91 appealed and removed. This bill allows the state to collect sales tax on gates for any event that has rodeo or horse activities involved.

Stanley County Commissioner, Dana Iverson, spoke of the new upgrades they are in the process of working on for the fairgrounds. They hope to have new bucking chutes in and working by the time of the Casey Tibbs Match of Champions. They are working on designing a new crow's nest at the large arena that will also have an office underneath it. New entry gates into the fairgrounds which will help on entering the grounds. Also they are working on adding more campsites for the future.

Regina Maier advised us of a new ambulance service, Med Star, in the Pierre area that might be cheaper for the Finals then the current AMR contract we have ever year.

Saddle sponsorship was discussed and **Diana Melvin made a motion "private entities will have saddle sponsor priority and regional rodeos will be on a rotating basis, with a May 1st notification of name for saddle and sponsorship paid by October 1st". Angela Lytle seconded motion. Motion Approved.**

There are currently 6 businesses that sponsor a saddle that are not associated with a regional rodeo. Roger Theobald has been taking care of the saddle ordering for many years and has now turned over this position to Angela Lytle. He will assist Angela with the saddles for the 2013 year.

Kathy Monnens has also been in charge of the awards for many years and has turned over this position to Cherie Hill and Diana Melvin.

Cherie Hill explained that there is a Monsanto Fund that allows farmers to apply for a drought grant worth \$2,500. If a farmer receives the grant he is able to designate it to any group of his choice.

Discussion of sending out a sign up list for each regional rodeo to designate a time slot of volunteering in the arena, we would like to have enough volunteers to be able to switch after each event and each performance. This would give some relief to the volunteers that are stuck in one spot for the entire weekend. We will try and make a list for the internet that each regional rodeo can sign up for and will be responsible to get the help to that arena for that event.

Mark and Diana Melvin reported that the stalls went well with approximately 280 rented out for the weekend. With the price of everything going up Mike Huber made a motion to raise the price of the weekend stalls from \$35 to \$40 with \$5 of the money going back to the Finals. Diana Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regina Maier reported that the BBQ went well and they fed over 600 people. She has also said they will be willing to do the BBQ again next year.

There were only 4 vendors this year at the Finals and discussion of vending fees will be tabled to the January Meeting.

Genece Gebhart reported on the Ambassador competition and the Silent Auction. She reported that the Silent Auction took in \$1,357.00 which goes toward the scholarships given out during the Finals. She also reported that Brittany Hunsley did a great job organizing the motels with 9-11 motels donating rooms for the weekend. The 2012 Ambassador Natalie Prins spoke on traveling to the SDRA, Cowboy Day and SD Fur Trappers on behalf of the 4-H Rodeo Program.

The Saturday night dance during the Finals was discussed and with a short volunteer list working long hours we would like input on a group that would like to take this over or visit with other entities about some different options that the contestants could participate in. Table this until the January meeting to see if anyone can come up with something else.

Moving the Finals a week earlier was discussed, along with letters and talk of affecting 4 County Fairs or Achievement Days. Heather Schoultz made a motion to move the Finals from the 4th weekend in August to the 3rd weekend in August. Julie Maude seconded the motion. At that time each Regional Rodeo had a vote to move the Finals or keep it the 4th weekend. There are a total of 33 Regional Rodeo votes.

There were 20 Regional Rodeo votes present and the vote was as followed:

- Dewey County (Timber Lake) – Yes
- Burke – Yes
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- Pennington County (Wall) – No
- SESD (South East South Dakota- Crooks) – No one present to vote
- Perkins County (Bison) – No
- Meade County (Faith) – No one present to vote
- Hyde/Hand County (Highmore) – Yes
- SWSD (South West South Dakota - Hermosa) – Yes
- Eastern Dakota (Watertown) – Yes
- Eastern Dakota (Watertown) – No
- Mellette County (White River) – No one present to vote
- Harding County (Buffalo) – No
- Bennett County (Martin) – No one present to vote
- Blunt – Yes
- Blunt – Yes
- Haakon/Jackson (Kadoka) – No one present to vote
- Butte County (Belle Fourche) – No one present to vote

- Tripp County (Winner) – No
- Missouri Valley (Chamberlain) – No one present to vote
- Ziebach County (Dupree) – No one present to vote
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- Heartland (Huron) – Yes
- SCSD (South Central South Dakota-Kennebec) – No one present to vote
- NURC (New Underwood) – Yes
- NURC (New Underwood) – Yes
- Clark County (Clark) – Yes
- Clark County (Clark) – Yes
- Central South Dakota (Fort Pierre) – No
- Central South Dakota (Fort Pierre) – No
- Glacier Lakes (Sisseton) – No one present to vote
- Sioux Empire (Sioux Falls) – No one present to vote
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Total: 13 Yes and 7 No; The 4-H State Finals will be moved to the 3rd weekend in August.

As the Finals will be moved a week earlier it should avoid most of the high school sports and college orientations so with that Roger Theobald made a motion to go away from the set performance or trade out rule for the State Finals. Wade Vos seconded the motion. The motion was amended to read as follows: **There will be no Set Performances or Trade Outs except for a major medical condition/treatment that is life threatening or a scheduled treatment that cannot or should not be switched to a different day. Amy Franks seconded the Motion. Motion Approved.**

Rod Geppert explained the new online enrollment for the State 4-H program and also stated that they hope to have the link for the May 1st rodeo deadline up and going soon to. If they get the program done for the rodeo you will be able to sign up for rodeo online the same as you did to become a member. There will be no exceptions for late entries; the rodeo program will quit taking paperwork as of Midnight on May 1st. They will also set up a link on the rodeo website to get to the paperwork and forms.

As all board members are placed on the board for a two year term there where two board positions up for election. First position was Vice President. Kathy Monnens made a motion to nominated Treg Cowan. Roger Theobald seconded the motion. Don Bergeson seized nominations. Congratulations to Treg Cowan for serving another two year term. Board Secretary was the second position. Kathy Monnens made a motion to nominate Lee Ann Gaer. Teri Heninger seconded the motion. Cherie Hill seized nominations. Lee Ann Gaer will serve another two year term.

Table the following for the January meeting: Overview of the budget, bid options on stock, approval of wording of the bid forms, discussion of back numbers that will stay with each contestant throughout the year.

Next Meeting will be January 12, 2013, 10AM CST at the Casey Tibbs Center in Fort Pierre.

Regina Maier made a motion to adjourn meeting. Keith Gebhart seconded it. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Gaer
4-H Finals Secretary