**SD 4-H Rodeo Lay Board**

**October 29, 2016**

**Ft. Pierre, SD**

Treg Cowan, VP called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken. The following rodeos were represented, Burke, Hyde-Hand, Southwest, Hub Area, Eastern Dakota, Heartland, Blunt, Central SD, and State Finals.

Kathy Monnens, Sec. read the 2015 Annual Lay Board Minutes. Heather Shoultz made motion to approve the minutes, Pauline Witte second, Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Kathy Monnens reported that the SD 4-H Rodeo Rules Book is currently up to date with previous rule changes.

There was no other old business.

**New Business:**2017 Rodeo Dates were presented by rodeos that were present.

The group discussed the following proposed rule changes.

1. All 4-H rodeos are to be open to all 4-H members in the state who are currently enrolled in the 4-H program and have their 4-H records up to date. 4-H members must be in good standing, not ruled undesirable for misconduct. The following clause ~~must~~ may be included in ~~all~~ entry blanks for certification by the member’s club leader or by the 4-H Youth Program advisor: “I do certify that this 4-H member is in good standing in his or her project work and meets the conduct qualifications of our state 4-H association.” Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 4-H Club Leader or 4-H Youth Program Advisor

This procedure is not currently being used by regional rodeos and should be changed if not enforced at the regional level.

2. To enter an approved rodeo…

* No methods other than those above are acceptable. The State 4-H Office has developed a waiver of liability, indemnification, and medical release form that all 4-H rodeos ~~will~~ may be required to use as part of the entry form. This must be signed and notarized.

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3. To enter an event at the State 4-H Rodeo Finals, a contestant….Every 4-H rodeo participant must also fill out the SD 4-H Rodeo Entry and 4-H Finals Entry Forms and have them turned into ~~their local Extension office~~ the State 4-H Finals Secretary by May 1st.

This procedure has changed in the past year and needs to be updated in Rule Book.

Shelly Cowan made a motion to approve the changes for Items #1, #2 and #3. Kasey Hanson second. Motion carried.

4. GENERAL RULES FOR CONTESTANTS

1. If a contestants meeting is held, all contestants will be required to attend a meeting with the judges and arena director before the first performance to hear all ground rules explained.

Heather Shoultz made a motion to approve item #4 A. Julie Maude second the motion. Motion carried.

1. Contestants can be disqualified by judges, by the Executive Committee, by the arena director, or by the chute director – in the event that the chute director has been authorized to check for illegal wraps and tucks in bareback bronc and bull riding. 4-H members who have been disqualified from further participation in a 4-H rodeo due to rule violations or infractions may file an appeal and appear before the sponsoring rodeo’s arbitration board and present cases. Only contestants will be allowed to appeal. Contestants must submit the South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Contestant Packet forms before the deadline and be assigned their back numbers to be eligible to compete in any 4-H Rodeo.

Heather Shoultz made a motion to approve item #4 B. Kasey Hanson second the motion. Motion carried.

5. INSTRUCTIONS FOR BARREL RACING COURSE

The cloverleaf pattern is designed to test the speed and maneuverability of the horse. When measuring the area for the barrel course, there shall be a minimum of 20 yards from front of barrels to starting line, a minimum of 20 feet from any barrel to arena fence or wall, a maximum of 90 feet between the two first barrels and a maximum of 105 feet from the front two barrels and the back barrel

Heather Shoultz made a motion to approve item #5. Pauline Witte second the motion. Motion carried.

6. GOAT TYING (30-second time limit)

The contestant must be mounted on a horse…any three of its feet tied together with a leather string, pigging string or rope ~~thong, or piggin string~~, and the goat stood clear of by the roper.

This language mimics the NHSRA rules and allows for a rope to be used which is the current equipment primarily used.

Item #6 died to a lack of a motion.

7. RIBBON ROPING (30-second time limit)

The decision as to which ear the ribbon should be attached is left up to the local rodeo committee, but should not be placed on an ear that currently has a tag (number or fly) in it.

This wording is for the safety of the livestock and competitor.

Item #7 died to a lack of a motion.

8. AMBASSADOR CONTEST – QUALIFICATIONS

Any contestant that has won the State Finals Ambassador Contest will be ineligible to win that award a second time.

Pauline Witte made motion to correct wording with Item #8. Heather Shoultz second. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Item # 9.

9. AMBASSADOR CONTEST

**Upon being crowned Ambassador, you must fulfill all expected duties expected, including but not limited to attending the 4H Finals as the reigning Ambassador, up to and including the crowning of your successor. If you are unable to fulfill these duties, the saddle, crown, buckle, and any and all awards must be surrendered to the Ambassador Committee.**

The Ambassador committee felt that this was a rare instance and it was handled within the committee. Item #9 died for lack of a motion.

John Keimig was at the meeting and helped to explain more details of Title IX. Don Bergeson made a motion to hold a Special Lay Board meeting at the January meeting to discuss Title IX and further the process to become more in compliance.

Election of 2017 Lay Board Officers was decided to leave as is until the January Special meeting.

Next meeting date – January 7, 2017

Heather Shoultz made motion to adjourn, Shelly Cowan second. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,  
Kathy Monnens, Lay Board Secretary