

## SD 4-H Rodeo Lay Board

October 28, 2017

Ft. Pierre, SD

President Roger Theobald called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge were recited. Roll call was taken. Present were Kasey Hanson - Burke, Bryan Hanson - Burke, Mary Kay Sell - Bennett, Mike Steiger – Dewey (?), Don Bergeson - Blunt, Cheryl Severson - Clark, Richard Westfall – Hub Area, Loren Helmer – Hub Area, Paul Sundermann – SESD, Dustin Schmidt – Mellette, Gene Hight – Mellette, Darla Tibbs, Kristi Moran – SESD, Regina Maier – CSD, Joyce Leafgreen – CSD, Joy Meyer – Heartland, Casey Hunter – Heartland, Bruce Kessler, Justin Robertson – new Underwood, Heather Shoultz – Finals, Kim Larson – Finals, Kathy Monnens – ED, Treg Cowan – Hyde Hand, Bret Hanson – Meade, Karri Hanson – Meade, Clayton Etkorn – Blunt, Karla Trautman – SDSU, Donna Bittiker – SDSU, John Keimig – SDSU, Casey Cowan, Shelly Cowan, Terri Henninger, Travis Hartshorn and Roger Theobald.

Motion was made by Hub Area Rodeo to approve the Secretary report from 2016. Second made by Mellette Co. Motion carried.

Roger introduced Casey Cowan as the facilitator. Casey asked to limit the discussion time to keep the meeting moving. He then introduced the members present from SDSU. They are Donna Bittiker, John Keimig and Karla Trautman. Donna explained their expectations and stressed that they are here to support SD 4-H Rodeo. She stated that they would like to move to divisions and to remove the words Boy and Girl from the entry forms, rule book and all awards.

Each rodeo present was given the opportunity to ask questions.

Meade – asked if entering Jr goat tying, which rules will they go by. **This will be determined by which Division they are entered in. If they enter the previous Jr. Girls Goat Tying (Division 1), they will use those rules. If they enter in the previous Jr. Boys Goat Tying (Division 2), they will use those rules.**

Will the board agree to move someone into the correct division if they enter the incorrect one? **Once entered into a Division, they will remain in that Division all year.**

Roger Theobald mentioned that these changes will be effective in 2019.

Southeast SD – Once entered into a Division, will they stay that way all year? **Yes**

Hyde-Hand – In the future, will it be open to all, no separate events in divisions of Juniors or Seniors? **SDSU does not see anything coming further in the future.**

If a girl gets hurt in a boy event, who takes the brunt? **Katla stated that 4-H is responsible. Waivers should be signed and all precautions in place.**

Burke – Keep the program....what does that mean? **Keep SD 4-H Rodeo as part of the projects in SD 4-H.**

Mellette – One division or the other, can it be changed? **No**

Bennett – no questions at this time.

Eastern Dakota – Why can we have no discrimination in gender, but 4-H is limited from 8-18 for age? **4-H is a youth program with the age parameters for youth age 8-19.**

Heartland – How many others states offer 4-H Rodeo? **New Mexico is the only other state and their events are open to all Juniors and all Seniors. They do not operate the same way as SD does.**

Blunt – no questions at this time.

Clark – Jr. Jr. division does not qualify for state. Jr Jr contestants must be 4-H members and can compete together in events. **Yes that is correct.**

New Underwood – no questions at this time.

Central SD – Do they have to pick one division or the other? **Yes**

Roger Theobald asked about sexual harassment? If a girl is riding a bucking horse and the pickup man grabs her to get her off and touches her inappropriately, what happens? **Will deal with that situation when and if it happens.**

Opened for discussion. All divisions must be offered. Sponsorship will be harder to get if it is not associated with 4-H. We have a rich history with 4-H rodeo and would like to see it continue.

A straw ballot was taken and most would like to keep it 4-H rodeo. Karla Trautman stated that they would like to keep it divided into divisions and not go like New Mexico, with all events being open to both boys and girls.

SDSU was asked about IGrow vs. 4-H. Karla stated that any program that is 4-H has to use the 4-H clover and that IGrow is just the SD website. It was mentioned that in 2017 there was no 4-H emblem on the contestant numbers.

It was asked if there are more changes coming in the future? They stated not that they were aware of, but that you should never say never. They are not sure of anything coming as of now.

How involved is SDSU in 4-H rodeo? They assist with getting the forms ready and the website. They take questions from 4-Hers. Keep records for financials, insurance and keep a 4-H presence. Ron Skovly promotes 4-H rodeo at the Black Hills Stock Show, they get the entry forms from each rodeo and send on to Kathy. They take the brunt of the questions and if unable to answer completely, then they forward on to the board or finals secretary. How involved is the county extension in local rodeos depends on how much you want them to be. They provide no financial help only provide insurance availability and file the forms. They will be as involved as each regional rodeo wants them to be.

The main points were again discussed. Going to Divisions and no boys or girls on entry forms, in rule book or on awards. It was brought up that any dollars raised under the 4-H title, need to stay with 4-H. Chartering allows rodeos to use the emblem. Currently all regional rodeos are chartered.

Mary Kay Sell made a motion to use 2018 as a trial for moving into compliance. Each region can participate on a volunteer basis. Justin Robertson New Underwood made an amendment to add, remove all mention of Boy /Girl and only use divisions on entries and awards. Justin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion and amendment passed.

A new Sisseton area group has asked to add a rodeo at the college location. It was agreed that they were welcome to do so as long as they completed the same requirements as all other regional rodeos.

Each rodeo was asked for their 2018 rodeo dates. Dewey May 27, new Sisseton rodeo – sometime in May, Meade June 22, Burke June 22 & 23, SE SD June 23, Hyde-Hand June 24, Hub Area July 7 & 8, Bennett July 7, Eastern

Dakota July 14 & 15, Heartland July 21 & 22, New Underwood July 28 & 29, Clark July 28 & 29, Blunt July 21 & 22, Central SD Aug 4 & 5, State Finals Aug 17, 18 & 19.

Roger asked for consideration of the proposed rule changes.

## **1. 4-H Rodeo Lay Association Constitution and By-Laws - Article IV – Officer, Duties of Officers, Term of Office**

A. The officers of this Board of Directors shall be President, Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer and two directors at large. The President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Directors-at-Large, will be elected by ~~and from~~ the Board of Directors and will be called the Executive Board. One of the Directors-at-Large will be the representative from the State 4-H Finals Committee.

Paul Sunderman made motion to approve, Hub Area second the motion. Motion Carried.

## **2. 4-H Rodeo Lay Association Constitution and By-Laws - Article III - Membership**

A. General Membership in this Lay Association shall be persons interested in promoting the 4-H Rodeo Project and Board Membership shall be one elected representative from each of the sanctioned 4-H rodeos, with no person representing more than one rodeo. These Representatives will constitute a Board of Directors.

Hub Area made motion to approve, Kasey Hanson second. 9 yes votes, 5 no votes. Motion approved.

## **3. 4-H Rodeo Lay Association Constitution and By-Laws - Article III - Membership**

C. Each member of the Executive Board, and each Sanctioned rodeos ~~shall~~ ~~would~~ have one vote per rodeo and ~~shall will~~ vote on Rules and Regulations. No person, by virtue of holding a position on the Executive Board, may also vote as a sanctioned rodeo Representative. Voting by proxy in any meeting of the Board of Directors or the Executive Board shall not be permitted.

Hub Area made motion to approve, New Underwood second, motion approved.

## **4. 4-H Rodeo Lay Association Constitution and By-Laws - Article III - Membership**

E. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by a petition signed by at least five (5) Directors, on 10 days' notice to each director with ~~personally~~ delivered notice by mail, media, or electronic communication ~~or telephone~~. The meeting shall be held at such time and place as is specified in the notice thereof in a central location.

## **5. 4-H Rodeo Lay Association Constitution and By-Laws - Article IV – Officer, Duties of Officers, Term of Office**

C. The terms of office of all officers elected at any annual meeting shall commence at the adjournment of that meeting and shall serve until adjournment of the next annual meeting. In the event of a vacancy of the position of President, or of the President's temporary or permanent incapacity, the Vice President shall become the Acting President until an election can be held at the next annual meeting. In the event of a vacancy in Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer,

or Directors-at-Large, the President may appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, a person to serve the remainder of the term of office until an election can be held at the next annual meeting.

## 6. 4-H Rodeo Lay Association Constitution and By-Laws - Article IV – Officer, Duties of Officers, Term of Office

D. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors the annual meeting shall be held the last Saturday in October in the city of Pierre or Fort Pierre, SD, at a place designated by the President. The Secretary/Treasurer shall by mail, media or electronic communication, send notices of meeting to the members at least 10 days prior to the meeting and the date, time, place shall be published in the SD 4-H Finals Rodeo Program.

Items #4, #5 and #6 were voted on together. New Underwood made motion to approve. Hub Area second, motion approved.

## 7. 4-H Rodeo Lay Association Constitution and By-Laws - Article V

This Constitution and By-Laws of this organization, and the 4-H 175 South Dakota Rodeo Rules & Regulations may be amended at the annual membership meeting of the members. Each sanctioned rodeo must have representation at the annual membership meeting to be eligible to host a sanctioned rodeo the following season. Any proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, or the South Dakota Rodeo Rules & Regulations, must be submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer and posted at the Rodeo Office of the State 4-H Finals and posted to the SD 4-H Rodeo website. The Secretary/Treasurer shall distribute copies of the proposed amendments to all Directors 10 days prior to the meeting by mail, media or electronic communication.

Hub Area made motion to approve, Kasey Hanson second. Motion failed.

## 8. 4-H Rodeo Lay Association Constitution and By-Laws - Article III - Membership

E. ~~A simple quorum of elected directors shall constitute a quorum.~~ A quorum for the transaction of business shall be the voting membership present.

## 9. South Dakota Rodeo Rules & Regulations – General Rules

6. ...Non-Qualifying rodeos are able to and are encouraged to participate in all 4-H Rodeo meetings ~~and are allowed one vote per approved rodeo at Lay Board meetings;~~ however, non-qualifying rodeos cannot vote ~~on issues the pertain only to the State Finals Rodeo.~~

**NOTE:** The SD 4-H Rodeo Rules & Regulations allows Non-Qualifying rodeos a vote at the annual SD 4-H Rodeo Lay Board meeting, however, this does conflict with the SD 4-H Rodeo Lay Board By-Laws. This would change the Rules & Regulations to match the 4-H Rodeo Lay Board By-Laws.

## 10. South Dakota Rodeo Rules & Regulations – General Rules

5. ...They will also be asked to complete an application form for hosting a 4-H Rodeo (Rodeo Approval Form) annually and that will need to be approved by the State 4-H Office. Entry

blanks will be available [on the SD 4-H Rodeo website or](#) in Extension offices by May 1. No 4-H Rodeo may be “co-approved” with any other rodeo association.

## **11. South Dakota Rodeo Rules & Regulations – General Rules for Contestants**

11. Any contestant who scratches or is turned out of any event after registration (when you pick up your number [or check into Secretaries office](#)) will be disqualified from that event for all goes, unless the Arbitration Board rules otherwise.

## **12. South Dakota Rodeo Rules & Regulations – Official Rules and Regulations**

5. To enter an approved 4-H rodeo at any level, contestants must be enrolled in the insurance plan approved by the State 4-H Advisory Committee, or have on file in their county Extension office a signed, ~~notarized~~ form verifying eligibility either for personal health coverage equal to or greater than that provided under the state plan.

**NOTE:** The current Insurance Declaration Form 1 to Participate in 2017 South Dakota 4-H Rodeo does not require a notary.

Items #8, #9, #10 #11 and #12 were voted on together. Hub Area made motion to approve. New Underwood second. Motion approved.

## **13. ADD JR. DALLY TEAM ROPING**

Travis Hartshorn proposed adding Jr. Team Roping to the list of events. Discussion was held. This would add 2 more sets of awards at Finals. New Underwood made motion to approve, Clark second. Motion failed.

### **▪ Proposed SD 4-H Rodeo Policies & Procedures – see separate document**

It was suggested to appoint a committee to review policies and procedures. Hub Area made a motion to review, Kasey Hanson second. Motion approved.

The late entry process was discussed as a housekeeping task. At a previous Finals meeting it was currently states that late entries will be accepted up to 30 days or until June 1<sup>st</sup> to add a late entry at the cost of \$150 per contestant. This rule needs to be approved by the Lay Board. Hub Area made motion to approve, New Underwood second. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding this cost when it is a family. \$150 for each family member seemed quite costly. Paul Sunderman made a motion to make this fee \$150 for the first family member and \$50 for each additional family member. Clark second the motion. Motion carried.

### **Election of 2018 Lay Board Officers**

Kathy Monnens nominated Treg Cowan for President. Hub Area second the nomination. Paul Sunderman made motion for nominations to cease. New Underwood second. Treg Cowan was voted in as President.

Mary Kay Sell nominated Justin Robertson as Vice President, Hub Area second the nomination. Burke made motion nominations cease, Crooks second. Justin Robertson was voted in as Vice President.

Hub Area nominated Kathy Monnens as Secretary/Treasurer. Bennett second the nomination. Hub Area made motion nominations cease. Justin Roberts second. Kathy Monnens was voted in as Secretary/Treasurer.

Hub Area nominated Dean Moncur as Director at Large. Paul Sunderman second. Dean was voted in as Director at Large.

Kasey Hanson as President of the SD Finals board will serve as the other director.

Hub Area made motion for meeting to adjourn, New Underwood second the motion. Motion carried.

The next Lay Board meeting will be held October 27, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Monnens  
Secretary