

# SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H FINALS ANNUAL FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

## CASEY TIBBS RODEO CENTER, FORT PIERRE SD

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The SD 4-H Rodeo Finals Annual Fall meeting was called to order by President, Tyson Paxton.

The Pledge of Allegiance and 4H Pledge were recited.

**Members Present:** Tyson Paxton, Justin Robertson, Helen Jane Paxton, Sue Van Liere, Teri Heninger, Don Bergeson, Regina Maier, Treg Cowan, Karrie Geffre, Scott Healy, Will Haugen, Cortney Haugen, Bubba Ridings, Kathy Monnens, Lynn Slaney, Audra Fergen, Jenny Wilk, Elke King, Mary Kay Sell, Robyn, Floyd, Tom Heitsch, Cheryl Severson, Kelsey Arthur, Deana Fulton, Paige Cordes, Kasey Hanson, Bryan Hanson, Jada Cuney, Collette Maier, Todd Rose, Pauline Witte, Janet Wright

**Secretary's Report:** Teri Heninger made a motion to dispense the reading of the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes and approve them as written. Treg Cowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Helen Jane Paxton reported that there is currently \$33,769.84 in the checking account. Total income for the 2020 rodeo season was \$110,300.00 and total expenses were \$117,311.03. A detailed report was handed out to all who were present that itemized all expenses and income. Helen Jane reported that there were several reasons there was a loss this year. Some examples given were: paying for cleaning services during the Finals, several more prizes, including buckles and saddles awarded this year due to the added events and \$9,000 less in fees by the regional rodeos due to cancellation of several regional rodeos. Treg Cowan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Kathy Monnens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

- **President' Report:** Tyson Paxton reported that he felt overall, the rodeo went very well. He thought with all of the changes; added events, new stock contractor, new lay out of arenas and all the issues with COVID, the rodeo was successful! He didn't think there were as many issues with stalling as in the past. He does think minor changes are needed with timers and announcers as far as logistics go. Specifically, it was difficult for there to be 6 timers and one announcer in the large crowd's nest and some spectators mentioned not being able to hear the announcer in the small arena from the grand stand. Another change that may be needed for next year would be switching some of the events to different arenas.
- **4-H Rodeo Secretary's Report:** Kim Larson reported that there were 1,113 4-H Rodeo contestants in 2020. There were 497 Finals contestants in 2020. Kim reported that there were some problems with printers on the timers not working during the Finals. Otherwise, Kim thought everything went well.
- **Fairgrounds/Stalls:** No areas of concern were brought up.
- **New events:** Overall, everyone thought the new events were a success.
- **Regional Rodeos with Outstanding Balance:** It was reported that Perkins Co. had not yet paid their dues. Tyson Paxton agreed he would get this taken care of right away.

### **New Business:**

- **2021 Finals Dates:** It was proposed that the dates for the 2021 State Finals be held August 20, 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021. Teri Heninger made a motion to approve these dates. Don Bergeson seconded. Motion carried.

- **2021 Gate Fees:** Teri made a motion to keep the gate fees as they have been, \$20/weekend or \$8/performance. Regina Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Bids:** It was decided that bids for the photographer, saddles and program be opened up and then decided on at the winter meeting. Anyone wishing to place a bid can submit to Susan Van Liere or Helen Jane Paxton.
- **Changes to Entry form:** A section will be added to the entry form explaining the Return Process and the \$5 reprocessing fee. Kim Larson brought up that every year there are several entry forms that have to be returned because people forget to initial the "Insurance Box." She and John Keimig are working on making this more noticeable on the entry form.
- **Discussion of Tie Breakers:** Discussion was had as to what to do if there are ties for the event or all around winners. It was brought up that every year it seems that a different decision is made for handling ties during the Finals rodeo. We as a board wanted to discuss the best and most fair way of handling this. Options are to either honor all ties even if that means purchasing more saddles/buckles or figuring out appropriate tie breakers such as using a high point ride or fastest time to determine a winner. Treg Cowan made a motion to honor all ties and bring up the 5<sup>th</sup> place person to 4<sup>th</sup> place and so on. Scott Healy seconded the motion. The motion was voted on with 23 yeses and 3 nays. Motion passed.
- **Items to order or replace:** Kim Larson brought up that we need to purchase stop watches that go to the 100<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Monnens made a motion for new stop watches to be purchased. Treg Cowan seconded. Motion carries. Kim Larson agrees to purchase the new stop watches.
- **50<sup>th</sup> Annual SD 4-H Finals Committee:** The 2021 SD 4-H Finals Rodeo will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are looking for anyone interested in being on a committee to help with making this an extra special event. Please contact Susan Van Liere or Helen Jane Paxton if you are interested. Regina Maier has volunteered to be on the committee. Kasey Hanson and Casey and Shelly Cowan have also expressed interest in the past of being on this committee. It was brought up that we should include DRG News and SDP TV as well for increased publicity.

#### **Proposed Rule and By law changes for the SD 4-H Finals Rodeo:**

- **Proposal:** Hold Jr. events on Friday/Sunday and Senior events on Sat/Sat. starting in the year 2021. Todd Rose discussed that he submitted this proposal with the hopes it would alleviate conflict of Senior contestants from having to choose to participate in Friday night school activities vs. participating in the 4-H Finals Rodeo if they draw up on Friday night. It was discussed that with the trade out rule now being in effect that it shouldn't be an issue with there being a conflict with HS sports and the 4-H Finals rodeo. Motion made by Treg to strike the proposal. Teri seconded. Motion carries with all 26 yays, 0 nays.
- **Proposal:** Offer a slack for Senior Contestants who have conflicts resulting from High School activities. Don Bergeson made a motion to strike this proposal. Jada Cuny seconded the motion. Motion carried with 24 yays, 2 nays.
- **Proposal:** It was proposed that the draw for barrel racing and pole bending be Friday night/Saturday morning and Saturday night/Sunday morning. The reason for this proposal was to keep horses from having to run twice or even 4 times in one day. Several girls use the same horse for both barrels and poles. Motion made by Teri to strike this proposal. Seconded by Kathy Monnens. Motion carried with 24 yays and 2 nays.

#### **Election of Officers for the Final's Committee:**

- The only office up for election is for the Final's Secretary. Motion made by Teri to elect Susan Van Liere to continue as the Final's secretary. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion made by Don for nominations to cease and seconded by Teri. Both motions carried.

▪ **2021-2022 SD 4-H Finals Committee Board Members**

President-Tyson Paxton

Vice President-Justin Robertson

Board Secretary-Susan Van Liere

Treasurer-Helen Jane Paxton

**Committee Reports:**

**Rodeo Manager:** Tyson Paxton, previously documented

**Ambassador Committee:** Pauline Witte gave a report about the 2020 Finals Ambassador contest. She reported that it went well without any issues. Pauline brought up that she would like the 4-H Finals ambassador be given All-Around points. She said that in the past when this was discussed, it was recommended that regional rodeos need to initiate this process on the regional level. Pauline reports that at least 6 of the 8 regional rodeos that have an ambassador competition have started giving the ambassador all around points. To her knowledge there were not any negative consequences or reports from this. Tom Heitsch made a motion to add All-Around points for the ambassador. There was more discussion about this process and it was decided that more information or feedback was needed from the regional rodeos. At this point Tom withdrew his motion. The subject has been tabled to the Winter Meeting.

**Grounds:** Don Bergeson/Jeremy Cass: Don reported that the Finals board did pay Jeremy \$195 for the use of Jeremy's tractor and arena disc.

**Buckles/Knives:** Kathy Monnens had nothing new to report.

**Saddles:** Tyson Paxton read the saddle report that had been submitted by Kasey Hanson and Tom Heitsch.

**Sponsors/Advertising:** Will and Cortney Haugen. Will thanked all the people that stepped up to make calls to businesses. They were happy with the continued support of so many generous people and businesses especially during this unprecedented year.

**Go-Round Prizes:** Sue Van Liere and Helen Jane Paxton –It was mentioned that since it will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 4-H Finals Rodeo, we give buckles for the go-round prizes.

**Vendors:** Kerry Hostutler-\$2,500 was brought in from vendor fees

**Program:** Cortney Haugen-Cortney would like to do some changes to the program. She mentioned maybe just doing day sheets in the program so that all of the sponsor logos can fit nicely on the pages.

**Concession Stand:**

**Gate/Ticket Sales:** Sue Van Liere-It went well with the new crew. No issues to report.

**Grounds Cleanup:** Helen Jane Paxton-Helen reported that Carissa Shearer did a very good job of cleaning. There was an issue with there being enough cleaning and toiletry supplies.

**Ambulance/Port a Potties/Garbage:** No issues to report.

**BBQ:** Regina Maier-

**Contestant Dance:**

Next Meeting: January **16th, 2021**. Casey Tibbs Center, 10am CST

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Teri to adjourn the meeting. Don seconded. Motion carried

