

SD 4-H FINALS COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 23RD, 2021

CASEY TIBBS CENTER, Ft. Pierre, SD

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Tyson Paxton. Tyson started the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Roll Call: Those who were present were: Justin Robertson, Bryce Chambliss, Dawnita Forell, Brad McGirr, Mary Kay Sell, Regina Maier, Chad Chauncey, Todd Rose, Scott Deal, Toni Deal, Shane Kramme, Will Haugen, Cortney Haugen, Kim Larson, Kathy Monnens, Pauline Witte, Don Bergeson, Tyson Paxton, Sue Van Liere, Helen Jane Paxton. Those who joined via Zoom: Jada Kraft, Diana Melvin, Andy Moon, Elke King, Heidi Reis, Maureen Nelson, Kelsey Arthur, Kasey Hanson, Bryan Hanson, April Smith, Abby Olson, Kristine DeBerg, Scott Healy, Kelly Dunkleberger, Mandy Healy, Shawn Wilk

Secretary's Report: Helen Jane made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 14th meeting. Justin Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by treasurer, Helen Jane Paxton. Helen reports that there is currently \$6,755.95 in the account. A detailed Profit and Loss report was provided. Motion was made by Will Haugen to approve the treasurer's report. Pauline Witte seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **President's Report:** Tyson Paxton reported that he thought the rodeo was very successful. There were 637 contestants entered but there were a few draw outs. Tyson would like to see the steer wrestling be moved to the large arena. It was also discussed that the Senior girl's ribbon roping should be moved to one of the larger arenas. It is felt that having this event in the track arena is very dangerous. The calves don't have anywhere to go except back towards the horse and rider.
- **4-H Rodeo Secretary's Report:** Kim Larson also reported that she felt the rodeo and rodeo season went well with very few issues. Kim reported that there were a total of 1285 contestants that were signed up for 4-H rodeo in 2021. She said that over all the entry process went well but there are still issues with getting everyone to initial the insurance section on the entry form. She and John Keimig continue to work on a way to make this section on the entry form more prominent so it doesn't get missed. Kim reported that the copier we were given a few years ago quit working on the first day of the Finals. She was able to have a copier brought in by Century Business for a \$150 rental for the weekend and 2 cents per copy. Kim would like to continue renting a copier vs. trying to get the old one fixed. Kim then discussed the trade out rule. She reported that it did get used more this year than it did a year ago. There were 32 trade out requests, with 29 trade outs granted. The other 3 were not granted due to not having emails to Kim in time. Kim told the group that utilized the trade out rule more than any of the other contestants with the main reasons being to even out their events so they wouldn't be up in all events on the same day. The trade out rule was also used for kids wanting to leave to get to college and still be able to compete. There did not seem to be an issue with getting the changes to the printer in a timely manner due to the trade outs.
- **Fairgrounds/Stalls:** Scott Deal was present to report on stalls and parking issues. Scott told the group that there simply wasn't enough room to accommodate the amount of stalls needed. He

reported that there were a total of 610 stalls. Scott explained that he plans to do things differently next year. He is adamant that stalls will be assigned. He would like to see that as stall applications come in, each person will be assigned a stall at that time. He says the first person to send in a stall application will get stall #1 and so on. He says that the stall application deadline will be August 1st. If a stall application is sent in and isn't needed, a refund will be issued to that person. He also acknowledged there was a tremendous issue with parking. Both with contestant parking and spectator parking. He is mandating that the fairgrounds be locked and there will be no contestant parking until Thursday, August 18th. He feels that he will probably have to hire a group to assist with parking trailers. He also reports that there will be new striping and fire lanes will be marked in the grandstand parking lots. Also new for 2022, he will be charging a fee for use of the fairgrounds. Scott hasn't decided how much will be charged. He says it will probably be a fee per contestant. With this charge comes the use of the fairgrounds, security, cleaning, stocking of bathroom supplies and also Scott himself will be available 24/7. Scott also plans to take over all camper hook-up reservations. It will be decided at the next meeting when reservations for camper hook-ups will be due.

- **50th Anniversary:** The group reported that everything done for the 50th Anniversary was very nice. It was appreciated by many all of the extra work put in to make this year more special. Runnings donated over 500 buckets, can koozies and caps to the contestants. CHS donated 550 t-shirts to each contestant as well. A very big "Thank You" goes out those businesses!

New Business:

- **Approval of the date for the 2022 4-H Finals:** Motion was made by Kathy Monnens to table this discussion until after the lay board meeting as several of the by law and rules proposals would directly affect the dates of the 2022 Finals rodeo. The motion was seconded by Regina Maier. Motion passed. Please see the Lay Board minutes re: the rule/proposal changes. After the Lay Board Meeting, the 4-H Finals committee met again to vote on the dates for the 2022 4-H Finals meeting. The dates will be August 19-21, 2022. The Ambassador horsemanship competition will be the evening of August 18, 2022.
- **2022 Gate prices:** Motion was made by Kathy Monnens to increase the weekend fee pass fee to \$25 and performance pass to \$10. Kim Larson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Changes to entry forms:** Kim again reported that the main issue or reason she is having to charge people a reprocessing fee is due to the insurance question not being initialed by a parent. She and John will again try to make this area on the entry form more noticeable. Kim also wanted to let people know that it would be so much easier if parents would just mark every event on the form instead of trying to add an event later in the season. Kim states she does allow the addition of events but only if submitted to her before the June 1st deadline. She wants everyone to be aware that on the SD 4-H rodeo website there is a list of eligible contestants and a list of ineligible contestants. It is important for everyone to watch those lists to be sure their kids are all eligible. Chad Chauncey brought up discussion that on-line application be offered vs mailing them in.
- **Items to order or replace:** Kim Larson requested a new laptop and printer be purchased as what she is using is from 2014. It was updated in 2018 but it is starting to slow down and it is getting harder to keep up with the Window's updates. Kim provided some different options/costs for a new laptop and printer. It was recommended that Kim check with John Keimig to see if she could get an education discount through SDSU for the Window's program.

Elke King also recommended that Kim apply for a 4-H grant to help with the cost of a new computer and printer. Justin Robertson made a motion to table the purchase of a new laptop and printer until Kim could research these options. Don Bergeson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Due date for bids:** Discussion was had that last year there were a few issues with some of the bids that came in for saddles. It took several weeks to get all of the bids ironed out and this made it difficult for the saddle committee to get saddle sponsors and to get the saddles ordered in a timely manner. It was also brought up that there has been discussion in the past to change the format of the Final's program. Cortney Haugen recommended that it would be beneficial to the sponsorship committee to know who is going to be putting the program together before sending out sponsorship letters. For example, if the program is going to be a half page program, the sponsorship letter should not include a "half-page" sponsorship option. Kim Larson made a motion that saddle, program and photography bids be due on December 1st. Cortney Haugen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bids can sent to:
 - **SD 4-H Rodeo Finals**
PO Box 1232
Pierre, SD 57501

2021 4-H Finals Committee Reports:

Rodeo Manager: Tyson Paxton—Will discuss moving some of the events to different arenas for the 2022 Finals

Ambassador Committee: Pauline Witte reported that there were 7 contestants at this year's 2021 Finals Rodeo. Danci Dunkelberger from Huron was crowned the 2021 Sr. Ambassador. Danci has been busy traveling to different events representing 4-H Rodeo. Pauline reported that the committee had invited all 49 of the past 4-H Finals Queens/Ambassadors to the Ambassador luncheon. She was very thankful to both Perkins and Pizza Ranch. Perkins once again donated the meal for the Ambassador luncheon and Pizza Ranch gave a large discount for the food for the supper that followed the Horsemanship competition. Pauline told the group that she worked with Julie Furchner at the Capitol Journal in getting a special section devoted the 50th Anniversary of the 4-H Finals. This special edition included pictures of all 49 past Queens/Ambassadors. Pauline was very appreciative of Julie's continued support of the 4-H Finals and for her willingness to help with this project. Pauline reported that the same schedule will be used in 2022 for the Ambassador competition.

Grounds: Don Bergeson reiterated that the steer wrestling and ribbon roping will probably need to be moved to different arenas.

Buckles/Knives: Kathy Monnens reported that Tres Rios was once again very easy to work with. She was extremely happy with the gorgeous buckles that were given out. These buckles had a very special 50th Anniversary commemorative logo on each buckle.

Saddles: Teri Henninger would like to step down from the saddle committee. If anyone is interested in being on the saddle committee, please contact one of the board members. You are welcome to call Teri if you have questions about the saddle committee.

Sponsors/Advertising: Will Haugen reported that there was \$78,000 brought in through sponsorships. Will reported that he had several people help make phone calls to sponsors reminding them to send in their sponsorships. Letters for next year will need to be sent out in December. Will and Cortney also indicated they would like to step down for the Sponsor Committee. They feel they have things very well streamlined and it

would be an easy transition for the new person who takes this over. Both Will and Courtney would be willing to help with any questions the new person may have. Please contact Will or Courtney if you are interested in doing this.

Go-Around Prizes: Helen Jane and Sue Van Liere reported that the kids seemed to be very happy with this year's prizes.

Vendors: Kerry Hostutler—not available for a report but it was noted that there were complaints from some of the Vendors that were set up at the Expo Center that they were not getting enough foot traffic. It was suggested that maybe a tent be set up closer to the grandstand.

Concession Stand: Stanley Co. Wrestling—no report given.

Gate/Ticket Sales: Sue Van Liere reported that the new group in charge of ticket taking was a very small group and they had trouble covering all of the shifts. There were several other groups that stepped in to help.

Grounds Cleanup: Helen Jane reported that the SDWP did the clean up again. No issues were reported.

Ambulance/Garbage/Port A Potties: No issues to report.

Contestant Dance: A dance was not held this year.

BBQ: Regina Maier reported that the BBQ cost about \$1,000. She says she was told by CHS that they may be retiring from doing the grilling for the BBQ. Regina says we may have to find another group to help with this next year.

Additional Business: Shane Kramme was there to represent the Fort Pierre Chamber of Commerce. Shane addressed the group and wanted everyone to know how much the City of Ft. Pierre appreciates the business brought in by the 4-H Finals.

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2022 10am at the Casey Tibbs Center, Ft. Pierre, SD

Adjourn: Kim Larson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Monnens seconded the motion. Motion passed.