

SD 4-H Rodeo Finals Board Minutes
For meeting
October 29,2023 (fall meeting)

The fall meeting of the SD 4-H Rodeo Finals Board met on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at the Casey Tibbs Center in Ft. Pierre, SD.

The meeting was called to order by President Justin Robertson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledges being recited.

Roll call was taken with Brandon Spencer, Mary Kay Sell, Teri Henninger, Treg Cowan, Kathy Monnens, Joy Meyers, Pauline Witte, Regina Maier, Carissa Scherer, Tracy Hauk, Kim Larson, Shane Kramme, representing Ft. Pierre Chamber of Commerce, Taylor Mohnen along with representatives from the Sioux Empire, Meade County, Burke, Sioux Area, Hyde-Hand County, Brule County, Harding County, Bennett County, Eastern Dakota Regional, Haakon/Jackson County, Tripp County, Heartland, Clark County, New Underwood, Central SD 4-H rodeos all in attendance.

Justin asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mary Kay made the motion and Treg seconded. All voting yea, motion carried.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with Treg making the motion to approve and it was seconded by Teri. All voting yea, motion carried.

Teri gave the treasurer report with a checking account balance of \$4878.16. This is without paying the rodeo finals secretary as an outstanding bill. Motion to approve report was made by Treg and seconded by Taylor Monnens. All voting yea, motion carried.

Old Business – 4-H Finals Rodeo Secretary's report. Kim Larson reported that there were 689 contestants that qualified for the finals this year. This is up 6 contestants from 2022. There are 3 contestants that qualified for the finals but have not paid their entry fees as they were non-notified turn outs. Overall, Kim thought the finals went well.

Other committee reports were given. Those that discussions were held were,

- fairground report – Scott Deal is working on getting off location stalls.
- Brandon Spencer gave the concession stand report. It was noted that this was the first year for the group that did the concession stand and they had no idea what to expect. Now they have an idea and will make improvements next year if they do it again. Brandon will work them on staying open longer and having more help.
- Ground cleanup – there needs to be more communication between the committee and Scott. It needs to be arranged that the dumpsters be emptied before the grounds start filling up for each day's performances.
- The dance report stated that everything went well. Runnings donated water and gave discounts for prizes and the pizza was ordered from Pizza Ranch. Door prizes were given out. Money for prizes and pizza came from donations from the regional rodeos.
- BBQ – Regina Maier reported that about 520 attended the free BBQ. Everything went well with the same crew cooking the beans and such for several years. She asked if she could give gift cards to the cooking crew. With the grant money, permission was granted.

The meeting then moved onto new business. The first item was the resignation letter from Colleen Harris who was the Website/Facebook administrator. The board accepted the resignation letter. Brandon stated that he had talked to Shelly Cowan to take the position. Tracy Hauk then presented a proposal from 3 Working Bears for social media marketing services for the 2024 SD 4H Finals Rodeo. After discussion Justin made a motion to accept the 3 Working Bears proposal for \$3000 yearly to do the social media and Shelly Cowan to do the website. Taylor Mohnen seconded the motion. All voting yea, motion carried. Tracy will get an updated contract from 3 Working Bears and will present it to Justin for approval.

There were three proposed rodeo rule/by law changes that were posted at the finals in Ft. Pierre. (See attached for each proposal). Proposal 1 was defeated by roll call vote unanimously. Proposal 2 was defeated by roll call vote 1 to 21 and proposal 3 was defeated by roll call vote 8 to 14.

The 2024 SD 4-H Rodeo Finals will be held August 16, 17, and 18, 2024 in Ft. Pierre, SD. The queen contest will be held on August 15, 2024.

Saddle bids were discussed. Bids were from Double D with a Circle Y saddle for a total cost of \$56283.70, Ray's Western Wear with Teskey's saddles for \$53860.00 and Triple R with Scott Thomas saddles for a total of \$40320.00. Triple R was awarded the bid. Saddles will be displayed in the sponsors place of business till the finals.

Shane Kramme representing the Ft. Pierre Chamber of Commerce thanked the 4-H Finals for continuing to be held in Ft. Pierre. They are very grateful for the amount of people that come to Ft. Pierre in conjunction with the finals.

Teri brought up the current entry fees as the rodeo needs to boost the income to cover the expenses. After a lot of discussion being held and different ideas presented, Joy Meyer made a motion to have a \$20.00 office charge per kid to be mailed in with the May 1st entry. This will be a non-refundable charge. Kathy Monnens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be the Winter meeting on January 16, 2024. It will be held by zoom at 7pm Mountain time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Teri and seconded by Treg. All voting yea, motion carried.