

SD 4-H Finals, Inc.
Minutes of February 16, 2013

The February 16, 2013 Annual Meeting was called to Order by President Dave Gaer. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Members Present were: Dave and Lee Ann Gaer, Treg Cowan, Tony and Kathy Monnens, Roger Theobald, John Hight, Diana Melvin, Delores Melvin, Burt and Pauline Witte, Jim Korkow, Sam Seymour, Mike Steiger, Pam and Heather Shultz.

Kathy Monnens made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from October 27, 2012. Delores Melvin seconded it. Motion Passed, Minutes Approved.

Treasurers Report: Lee Ann Gaer reported the checking account balance of \$5,097.90 and the money market at \$1,013.81. Total of \$6,111.71. Outstanding balances for year 2012 are Kiwanis Club \$600.00 for working the gate, Faye Deal Scholarship and one \$250 4-H Scholarship. Sam Seymour made a motion to approve the Treasures Report. Roger Theobald seconded it. Motion Approved.

New Business: Lee Ann Gaer showed the new enrollment forms for the online rodeo enrollment. All rodeo contestants will enroll online the same as they did to enroll for 4-H. The system will automatically shut down May 1st at 11:59 pm. You must enroll online or take all forms to the Extension Office before May 1st and the Extension Office will enroll that contestant. All contestants must still turn in a hard copy of all rodeo forms as we must have the Extension Office sign off, the Stanley County form notarized and all parent signatures. If a contestant is not enrolled in 4-H or misses the May 1st deadline they will not be eligible to compete at any Regional Rodeos or Finals.

Diana Melvin reported on the recent County Commissioners Meeting and the bid sheets for construction of the Stanley County Fairgrounds.

Dave Gaer reported that he had stopped and visited with Joe Connet with Touchtone Energy and they would like to be a finals sponsor if we can provide a list of items that need to be replaced or updated. Touchtone Energy would like to provide help with items needed without adding on new items to our budget.

Heather Shultz reported that she has spoke with Wilbur Ellis and Legend Seeds and they might be willing to sponsor our back numbers. The back numbers would be mailed out to all contestants and these are numbers that would be used at 4-H Regional Rodeos and Finals. We would provide two numbers for each contestant and it is the contestant's responsibility to have their numbers at all rodeos.

Dave Gaer and Mike Steiger explained the process of how the rough stock and timed event bids will be done this year. If an entity would like to put in a bid for timed event stock they must bid all timed event stock, provide pens, water tanks, hay and also have their own people to run the cattle. The rough stock bid will consist of all rough stock, water tanks, feed, turn back fence, bullfighter, pickup men, calf chute, third arena panels (assembly and disassembly), bobcat to load and unload and their own people to work chutes. Bids are on the 4-H website and must be faxed to Dave Gaer by March 18th, 2013 to discuss at the next conference call meeting. **The committee has the right to accept or reject any bids at their discretion.**

Pam and Heather Shoultz reported on advertising and program updates. Don Bergeson would like to have Medicine Creek Bar and Grill as the sponsor of the back page of the programs.

Don Bergeson reported on Senate Bill 217, which is sales tax the rodeos are paying on the gate fee money to the Department of Revenue. Somehow the night before the Senate Bill Hearing 217 it was switched to the Appropriations. Next Appropriations Hearing will be February 19, 2013. Don Bergeson has designed an analysis of the economic impact for areas that host rodeos. The economic impact to a surrounding area is huge and really affects a lot of the surrounding areas.

Mike Steiger made a motion to have Don Bergeson apply for a lobbyist badge and represent the 4-H Finals at the upcoming Appropriations Hearing and the board will pay for the fee of the lobby badge. Heather Shoultz seconded it. All Approved. Motion Carried.

Kathy Monnens mentioned that there were comments to see if our program booklets could be set up to follow the same order as the rodeo events.

Table the following items to the next conference call meeting:

Should vendors pay more to have a vendor booth or additional items to the silent auction table.

Cost of entry fees and gate admissions.

The Queen Committee would like the Finals to provide 4 rooms and the catering for the Queen activities as the Ramkota usually donated these items but with the Finals moving a week earlier the motel is booked.

Next Meeting will be March 18th, 2013 at 7MT/8CT via conference call.

Burt Witte made a motion to adjourn meeting. Kathy Monnens seconded it. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Gaer
4-H Finals Secretary