The March 16, 2016 Conference Call was called to Order by President Don Bergeson.

**Members on the call:** Don Bergeson, Shelly Cowan, Teri Heninger, Kasey Hansen, Mike Stieger, John Keimig, Scott Hoyt, Kathy Monnens, Diana Melvin, Pauline Witte.

Teri Heninger made a motion to dispense of the reading of the January 23, 2016 meeting minutes and accept them as written. Pauline Witte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Teri Heninger reported a balance of $32,007.14 in the checking account. $12,000 has been paid to Cowboy Classic Saddlery towards the 2016 saddles. Kathy Monnens made motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Russ Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business**:

* 4H Finals Lay Board has approved the recommendation that the Scholarship Awards be given at the 4H Finals Rodeo on Sunday following the Ambassador crowning. Funds will be presented at that time to the recipients and photos will be taken of scholarship winners. Recipients must be present to receive funds.
* All Regional Rodeos have returned their 2016 approval forms to John Keimig/SDSU
* There are a handful of Regional Rodeo Entry Forms still needed –please send in your 2016 Rodeo Entry Forms to Kathy Monnens @kathy.monnens@edgewoodvista.com

**New Business:**

* Diana Melvin reported that the River 4H Club would like to sponsor an annual award/scholarship at the 4H Finals Rodeo in honor of Delores Melvin. She will provide further information when available.
* Stock bids: Sealed bids from Korkow Rodeo for Roughstock, Sutton Rodeo and Jace Melvin for Timed Event and the Lumber Ranch (John Hight) for Goats, were opened and read to the members on the call.

Kasey Hansen made a motion to accept the bid from John Hight for goats at $8.00 per run (will also provide water tanks, feed, and panels for pens and a contact person with goats at all time and responsible for set up and tear down of panels.) Mike Stieger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Teri Heninger made a motion to accept the bid for Roughstock from Korkow Rodeo at $16,500.00 inclusive. (includes bull fighters, pickup men, turn back fence, back pens, water tanks, feed and panels for pens) Kasey Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kasey Hansen made a motion to accept the bid for timed-event stock from Melvin Timed Event at $19.00 tie down, $18.00 team roping, $22.50 steer wrestling, $17.50 breakaway, $19.00 ribbon roping (This amount amended on April 28, 2016 to $17.50) (includes feed, water tanks, panels and crew to handle stock) Pauline Witte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Rodeo Committee Reports:**

* Rodeo Manager: (Mike Stieger/Don Bergeson) Mike reported he has begun to line up judges.
* Kathy Monnens, Mike Stieger, Kasey Hanson discussed timers/Rough Stock/Track Announcer assistant.
* Sponsorships – Teri Heninger reported sponsorships are coming in, but a little slower than last year.
* Grounds (Scott Hoyt) – Tractors, UTV’s, skid steer has been lined up thru Morris Equipment.
* Stalls (Don) – Stanley County Commissioners are in the process of hiring a new Fairgrounds Manager. Will need to get the stalling contract updated with the new manager when in place.
* Gate/Ticket Sales – Stanley County Girls Basketball will handle – contact is Lex Heathershaw
* Ambassador Committee (Pauline) – The 4H Ambassador and committee members will visit areas motel/hotels on March 25th to thank them and ask for their continued support by donating rooms for Finals rodeo volunteers .
* Awards (Buckles & Go-Around) -Kathy Monnens – working with Tres Rios for buckles. Vicki Heninger working with Triple R for go-around prizes
* Contestant BBQ - Regina Maier will coordinate – looking for possible sponsor for the meat for the BBQ
* Photography – contract has been signed with Starrography
* Rodeo Announcers – Justin Stampe has agreed to announce in rough stock/track arena. Keith Gebhart has agreed to announce in the barrel/pole arena.
* Sound Systems (Don) – applied for a grant thru the SD Community Foundation for new sound system
* Concessions – Stanley County AAU Wrestling Club

The next meeting will be held by conference call on **April 27th at 8:00 p.m**. - Central.

Teri Heninger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pauline Witte 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cowan

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Committee Secretary