

SD 4H Finals Rodeo, Inc. Committee Meeting

April 18, 2017 Conference Call

President Don Bergeson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Present on call: Don Bergeson, Kasey Hanson, Teri Heninger, Shelly Cowan, Kim Larson, Regina Maier, Dawnita Forell, Leann Gaer, John Keimig, Treg Cowan, Kathy Monnens, Roger Theobald.

Approval of Secretary Minutes

- Don entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting. Kasey Hanson so moved, seconded by Dawnita Forell to amend the minutes to read "The Rodeo will be held on Saturday from 2-4 p.m. They are anticipating 40-60 entries. Motion carried. Kim Larson moved, seconded by Dawnita Forell to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2017 as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report –

- Teri Heninger presented the Treasurer's report. Checking account balance is \$40,229.52. The only expense for the past month was \$43.09 for check reorder. Treg Cowan moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Kim Larson. Motion carried.

Old Business

Kathy Monnens provided a brief update on the regional rodeo entry forms. All but three rodeos have completed the entry process. She noted communication with two of the rodeos and they will be submitting their forms right away; however, she has not heard from Hub Area but will reach out to them to determine their intentions.

- Kasey Hanson asked for clarification to be added to either the ground rules of the finals or the bylaws regarding how we handle NSF checks at regional rodeos. Per discussion, it was recommended to post a bylaw change indicating regional rodeo secretaries will attempt to rectify a NSF check on their own, if this has not been cleared up by the Finals rodeo, the Finals secretary will become involved to make sure it is taken care of prior to participation at the finals. Kasey will work with Kathy regarding wording of this clarification.

Kasey Hanson suggested an email be sent to the regional secretaries explaining the \$700 daily fee goes towards awards at the Finals Rodeo.

- Heather was not available for call but had previously noted approx. 450 entries have been received to date. Generally we have about 1250 entries each year.

New Business

- Special Needs Rodeo – Kasey updated group on Special needs rodeo which is chaired by Rhonda Fuhrer of Belle Fourche.
 - Awards – committee asked if 4H rodeo web page could ask for donations for old ropes, buckles, jewelry, hats or other rodeo items to give to participants.
 - Insurance – The HS Finals rodeo added their SNR as an additional performance to their rodeo through SPI. Shelly is checking into this. There were questions as to what type of waiver, if any, entrants/guardians sign regarding liability if entrant is injured. They will sign Ft. Pierre waiver. Kasey will check with group and report back at next meeting.
- The board reviewed a proposal from Teresa Gillaspie to design the program. No action taken.
- Don Bergeson and Kasey Hanson summarized the SDHSAA meeting they attended earlier in the day. The SDHSAA has moved the football season up one week for all 9 and 11 man schools for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. The first games of the 2017 football season will be Friday, August 18th, which coincides with the first performance of the 4-H Finals. Bergeson and Hanson expressed their concern to the SDSHAA and how the change affects the Senior Boys Division. Discussion followed.
- SDSU meeting update – Don gave an overview of our meeting with SDSU in regards to Title 9, our 501c3 status, and communication issues with SDSU regarding our entry form and waivers. We are continuing to work with SDSU for a better understanding of our position under their guidance.

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Rodeo Committee Reports/Updates:

- Rodeo Manager: Mike was not on call but Don gave update about filling roping box positions.
Timers: Lee Ann Gaer is lining up timers and had no concerns at present.
- Stalls: 2017 Stanley County/4H Finals Form is up and available on the website
- Ambassador Committee – Britney Hunsley reported they had met with hotels in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area on 4-10-17 and all but 2 hotels had donated rooms. She will continue to generate a list and then will work with Lee Ann to assign rooms.
Britney noted Jon Poncelet with the Pierre Bid Board encouraged our group to apply for “Heads in Beds” money. This is similar to Ft. Pierre’s Bid Board. In Shelly’s absence, Don will pick up form and we will work to fill it out.
- Saddles – Roger reported saddles are on schedule. Teri has a few more sponsors and we are close to all saddle sponsors being filled.
- Gate/Ticket Sales – Shelly had made contact with Lex Heathershaw. Unfortunately he is no longer girls coach and is asst FB coach so he would not be able to organize the girls to help but he is willing to ask other coaches/athletes at Stanley Co to assist. Friday night will be an issue due to football games.
- Rodeo Announcers – Don has lined up Keith Gebhart for Barrel/Pole arena. Justin Stampe and Allen Odden will again share the grandstand arena duties.
- Buckles – Kathy Monnens is working with Tres Rios. Prices similar to past year.
- Other Awards: Teri/Vicki Heninger:
- Contestant BBQ - Regina Maier will head the contestant BBQ during the Sunday performance. Kasey has a potential sponsor of the meat and will report back at next meeting.
- Photography – No update. Contract has been signed with Starrography
- Concessions – No update. Stanley County AAU Wrestling Club
- Ambulance – It was requested ambulance be present around 7:15 am for horsemanship as last year they were a few minutes late.
- Rodeo Insurance - Shelly is submitting application.
- Saturday night Contestant Dance – Blake Paxton has agreed to put on the dance for the gate.

Additional Business

Envirotech will donate trash services again and Don B. is working with Women’s prison for clean up services.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM via teleconference.

There being no further business, Kim Larson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Kathy Monnens. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kasey Hanson, VP
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