**Members on the call:** Don Bergeson,Shelly Cowan, Teri Heninger, Kasey Hanson, Mike Stieger, John Keimig, Treg Cowan, Roger Theobald, Heather Schoultz, Shaun McKay, Diana Melvin, Mark Melvin,Regina Maier, Pauline Witte.

Mike Stieger made a motion to dispense of the reading of the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes and approve them as written with the exception of the Ribbon Roping bid amount. Treg Cowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Teri Heninger reported a balance of $37,477.14 in the checking account. There were no expenses to report since the last meeting. Treg Cowan made motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Roger Theobald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business**:

Don Bergeson reported the ribbon roping bid was inadvertently left off the official bid form and in the past the ribbon roping cattle had been charged at the same rate as the breakaway. Discussion followed. Diana Melvin representing Melvin Timed Events agreed to the breakaway rate of $17.50 for the Ribbon Roping cattle. Mark Melvin made a motion to approve a rate of $17.50 per Ribbon Roping run. Regina Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was a motion to approve the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes with the corrected Ribbon Roping cattle amount- $17.50 by Treg Cowan. Kasey Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

* Heather Schoultz gave an update on the entry process. Thus far she has processed 644 4H Rodeo entries which are available to SDSU extension and county agents by an excel spreadsheet. She is opening approximately 200 more today and expects to receive a couple hundred more over the weekend. John and Heather reported the new process seems to be working fairly well. It is a learning process for families and extension.
* Entry forms are needed for 4 Regional Rodeos: Perkins County, Mellette County, South Central and New Underwood. Reminders have been sent to the rodeo secretaries. –**please send in your 2016 Rodeo Entry Forms to Kathy Monnens @kathy.monnens@edgewoodvista.com**
* The SD 4H Finals Rodeo, Inc. has been notified it will be awarded a $2,000.00 from the Ft Pierre BID Board after the conclusion of this year’s event when the final paperwork is turned in. This money is to be spent on marketing, advertising, promotion.

 **Rodeo Committee Reports:**

* Rodeo Manager: (Mike Stieger/Don Bergeson) Mike reported he has begun to line up judges.

LeeAnn Gaer reported timers for the 2016 4H Finals Rodeo have been confirmed.

Barrel/Pole Area: Megan Gregg, Penny Heenan, Paula Lind

Track Arena: Danelle Mutchler, LaDonna Hupp, Kenda Nutter

Roughstock Arena: Mel Musick, Amy Franks, Robin Norman

There will be a mandatory meeting on Friday before the rodeo for judging and timing officials from 3:00 to 3:30 under the grandstands. Notification will go out in the packets sent to the officials with their passes and room assignments.

* Programs/Advertising – no update
* Grounds (Scott Hoyt) – No update – Morris is providing equipment.
* Stalls (Don) –The new Fairgrounds Manager, Aaron Brewer, begins his position May 2nd – Don will follow up with Aaron on stall agreement.
* Gate/Ticket Sales – No update . Stanley County Girls Basketball will handle – contact is Lex Heathershaw
* Ambassador Committee (Pauline) – The 4H Ambassador Committee has secured motel/hotel room donations for the 2016 Finals. The Econolodge and Quality Inn will not be donating rooms. Pauline reported that My Place Inn and Suites in Ft Pierre will give a 10% discounted room rate to 4H families.
* Awards (Buckles & Go-Around) -Kathy Monnens –buckles have been ordered thru Tres Rios.

Terri Heninger reported prizes will be: 1st place go around saddle blankets thru Triple R Tack. 2nd place will be a buckle case. 3rd place- headstall or similar item from Triple R Tack. 4th place – photo certificate from Starrography.

* Saddles – Roger reported only short 1 ½ saddle sponsors at this time– otherwise all saddles have been sponsored. Discussion regarding American Bank & Trust saddle sponsorship – Roger reported he would visit with Regina Maier regarding this saddle sponsorship.
* Contestant BBQ - Regina Maier will head the BBQ
* Photography – No update. Contract has been signed with Starrography
* Rodeo Announcers – No update. 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. Rod Kusser’s system is available and works well.
* Concessions –No update. Stanley County AAU Wrestling Club
* Ambulance – AMR contract is pending. Times to remain the same as last year.
* Rodeo Insurance – Shelly is working with SPI – premium will remain at $1,472.00 – the same as 2015.
* Saturday night Contestant Dance – Blake Paxton has agreed to put on the dance for the gate.

**Additional Business**:

Treg Cowan led discussion around the issue of contestants having their numbers on before entering the arena. Contestants who do not have their number or do not have their own number on will be disqualified. The rodeo will not be held up due to a contestant not having their number when they are called. This will be discussed at the mandatory officials meeting before the rodeo so that all rodeo personnel are aware.

The next meeting will be held by conference call on **July 7th at 8:00 p.m**. - Central.

Teri Heninger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. LeeAnn Gaer 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cowan

SD 4H Finals Rodeo, Inc

Committee Secretary