

4H Finals Rodeo Inc. – Committee Meeting

January 6, 2018
Community/Senior Center, Ft Pierre, SD

The January 6, 2018 SD 4-H Finals Rodeo Committee Meeting was Called to Order by President, Kasey Hanson. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Members present: Kasey Hanson, Bruce Kessler, Shelly Cowan, Kim Larson, Rod Kusser, Cole Reinert, Jill Reinert, John Keimig, Brittney Hunsley, Mary Kebach, Julie Maude, Pauline Witte, Kelly Wheelhouse, Tony Monnens, Kathy Monnens, Treg Cowan, Roger Theobald, Mike Steiger, Joy Meyer.

Treg Cowan made a motion to dispense of the reading of the October 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes and approve them as written. Kathy Monnens second. Motion Carried.

Teri Heninger, Treasurer provided a written report that was read by Shelly Cowan in Teri's absence-
Checking account **Balance:** \$45,981.78

Credits since last meeting: \$1,250.00 Ft Pierre BID Board (Grant) and \$700.00 Haakon/Jackson awards for 2017.

Debits since last meeting: \$301.98 Dept. of Corrections (cleaning grounds-Finals Rodeo) and \$225.00 ARTS Program.

Old Business

- 2018 Entry Forms- Final updates to the Entry Form were made and approved. John Keimig reported the 2018 Entry Form would go up on the website the week of January 8th.
- SD 4H Rodeo Rulebook- John Keimig reported that the Rulebook updates had been completed and is up on the iGrow website. SD 4-H Rodeo website link to the updated version has been updated also.
- Electric eyes, poles, box pads- Don B has ordered a set of poles, pole bases, 2 electric eyes and 1
- LED screen. Teri continues to work with Touchstone about replacing all the box pads.
- SDHSAA update- The conflict with the first football game and the Finals Rodeo will remain for 2018. Kasey Hanson and Bruce Kessler attended the High School Athletic Association Annual Meeting and requested an allowance for a Thursday football game option again in 2018 but the request was denied. There will not be a conflict with football and the Finals Rodeo in 2019 or 2020 per Kasey due to how the weekends fall. Roger Theobald made a motion to add the following language to the 2018 Entry Form and 4-H Rodeo website: **If a contestant will not be able to participate in their assigned draw position in any performance, they must notify the Finals Rodeo Secretary in writing by Wednesday, August 1st, 2018. This would be considered a notified turn out and the contestant will be allowed to compete in the second go around for that performance, but will not be awarded points towards average in that event or events nor will points from that or those events go towards all around.** Tony Monnens seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Title IX Compliance- All 4-H Rodeos should be working toward compliance by the 2019 rodeo season. This includes removing Boy/Girl designations from awards and entry forms.

New Business

- Stanley County Fairgrounds –Discussion regarding a 1 year vs. 5 year contract took place. Group asked Kasey to visit with Stanley Co to see if they would cover cost of port-o-potties for 2018 in addition to past agreement.
- Approve entry fees for the 2018 4H Finals Rodeo
The entry fee for 2014, 2015 and 2016 was \$47.00 for the first event (this includes the office fee) and \$20.00 per event after that.
Motion by Joy Meyer that the **Entry for the 2018 4-H Finals Rodeo remain \$47.00 for the first event and \$20.00 per event after that.** Kathy Monnens seconded. Motion carried.
- Approve 2018 Stock Bid Forms – The 2017 Bid Forms were reviewed.
Rough Stock Bid Form: Mike Steiger made a motion to **add an option to bid a flat fee for all stock, equipment and personnel as listed on form.** Kathy Monnens seconded. Motion carried.

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Timed Event Stock Bid Form: Treg Cowan made a motion to **add an option to bid half enough + 3 per event** in addition to 30% now listed on the bid form. Roger Theobald seconded. Motion carried.

Bid forms were approved and are available on the SD 4-H Rodeo website. Bid forms must be returned by March 1st and will be reviewed and awarded at the next meeting – March 7, 2018.

- Expo Center- The Expo Center would be available for use for the weekend for \$500.00. Possibly could have the contestant dance, BBQ and awards ceremony there. Action deferred until next meeting.
- Programs –Teresa Gillaspie proposal –we purchased a computer program to design the finals
- program in 2015. At present we are declining Teresa’s proposal but if she would like to present
- at a future meeting she is more than welcome. Kasey will make contact with her.
- The possibility of SD 4-H Extension agents attending and helping at the 4-H Finals Rodeo was discussed.

2018 Rodeo Committee Reports

Ambassador Committee Report: (Pauline Witte, Kelly Wheelhouse, Mary Kebach, Brittney Hunsley, DeAnna Smith)

Due to concerns from contestants/parents and regional rodeos having difficulty finding judges the following changes are planned for 2018- Promote our contest and the scholarship opportunity through website. Reach out to Regional Rodeo’s to let them know they can use 4 total judges instead of 8. Include a letter for Regional Rodeo’s to pass on to their judges offering judging guidelines.

Requested that the Horsemanship be moved to Thursday night for 2018 – this was tabled pending assurance that arena/equipment will be ready and available Thursday night. If moved to Thursday the ambulance agreement and insurance coverage will need to reflect the change.

Ambassador Committee is proposing for 2019:

- No silent judges
- Move state competition to a Thursday/Friday competition with Coronation Friday night. Ambassador would reign over the Finals Rodeo.
- Ambassador contestants whom do not qualify in another event would not get to enter an event.
- All-Around points would be awarded for the Ambassador, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up.
- If these changes occur – Ambassador Committee/contestants would not have Silent Auction, sell raffle tickets for scholarship fund, clean arena, help with water run for judges/officials.

The Ambassador Committee will submit their changes for posting and action at the 2018 Annual SD 4-H Finals Rodeo Committee Meeting held in October.

Rodeo Manager: Mike Steiger

Mike continues to look for a volunteer willing to assist and take over this position. In 2018 the mandatory contestant/timers meeting will be held Friday afternoon before the first performance.

LeeAnn Gaer -will line up timers and rough stock/track arena announcer assistant – work with Ambassador Committee to assign rooms and line up cowboy church service on Sunday a.m.

Rodeo Secretaries: Kim Larson & LeeAnn Gaer

Rodeo entries will go to Kim Larson. Kim will work with John Keimig to create a spreadsheet of eligible contestants to be posted on the SD 4H Rodeo website weekly or as needed.

2018 Back Number Sponsor – Croplan Ag will again sponsor back numbers for the 2018 rodeo season.

Grounds: Treg contacting possible volunteer to help with the grounds and will work with Bruce Kessler to determine what equipment needs to be lined up for the 2018 Finals.

Stalls: Stanley County Commissioners

Rodeo Announcers: Main arena Justin Stampe. Kasey will contact Keith Gebhardt about East Arena. Rod Kusser will assist where needed.

Sound System: Rod Kusser’s system is available for use as long as it is used as a stand-alone system and not hooked into other equipment.

BBQ: Regina Maier & CHS

Buckles: Kathy Monnens – working with Tres Rios. They will provide 6 buckles for free this year, others quoted at

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\$115/each.

Saddles: Roger Theobald will work with Teri to update his replacement.

Sponsors/Advertising: Teri is currently getting sponsorship letters out.

Go-around Prizes: Teri Heninger

Gate/Ticket Sales: Stanley County Athletics

Vendors: Shelly Cowan

Programs: Teri/Shelly/Kim

Concessions: Stanley County Wrestling

Awards Ceremony: Kasey Hanson

Saturday night entertainment: Dance -Blake Paxton/Helen Paxton

Photography: Starrography

Garbage: Capital City Refuse- Bruce Kessler

Portapotties: Wheelhouse- Kasey has lined up.

Ambulance: Shelly-will begin contract process with AMR when Ambassador Horsemanship contest time has been decided

Special Needs Rodeo: – Will be held Saturday afternoon

Additional Business:

Grant Applications:

- Fort Pierre Tourism and Promotion Marketing Grant Letter of Intent Deadline: February 1, 2018- Letter of Intent sent- Shelly
- Marketing & Grant Application, Pierre Business Improvement District 1 Deadline: April 2018
- Kasey Hanson added as Admin to the SD 4H Finals Rodeo Facebook page. Kim Larson added as admin to the SD 4-H Rodeo website
- Verendrye Museum fundraiser (rib cook off)/Art in the Park planned for Finals weekend to be held in Lily Park.

The SD 4-H Finals Rodeo Meeting will be held by conference call Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 central. Call-in information will be added to website when available.

Treg Cowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Wheelhouse seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cowan

Committee Secretary, SD 4H Finals Rodeo Inc.