

# SD 4H FINALS RODEO MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2020

## TELECONFERENCE

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**Call to Order:** Tyson Paxton, President called the meeting to order shortly after 8pm.

**Roll Call:** Sue Van Liere, Helen Jane Paxton, John Keimig, Cheryl Severson, Todd Rose, Karrie Geffre, Regina Maier, Jada Kraft, Elke King, Bubba Ridings, Scott, Healey, Don Bergeson, Kim Larson

**Secretary's Report:** Don Bergeson made a motion to dispense the reading of the secretary's minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting. Helen Jane seconded it. Motion passed, minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Profit and Loss and a Balance Sheet had been included in the email sent out on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Helen Jane reported that there is currently \$42, 810.91 in the account. She also reported that as of July 2, 2020 our net income is -12, 104.53. She reported that all saddles and most of the prizes had been paid for. She will pay the insurance bill next month. She is still expecting several sponsorships that had not yet been sent in. Cheryl Severson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Bubba Ridings seconded it. Motion approved.

**Old Business:** John Keimig was asked to talk about updates regarding COVID19 compliance. John reported that many of the regional rodeos had stated in their waiver request that they would make wearing of masks mandatory. John told the group that per SDSU this was not necessary. It is still highly recommended that people wear masks but it would not be mandatory. He reiterated that all other recommendations written in the letters be done and followed. John also reported that again, as brought up at the last meeting, if there is a significant rise in COVID cases, changes could again be made to all 4-H activities including 4-H rodeo. Scott Healey asked how we are going to handle rodeos that canceled being able to vote at the Fall and Winter meetings as by-laws state you must have put on a rodeo in order to be a voting entity. Both Tyson and Don Bergeson agreed that this was a lay board topic. They will talk to the other lay board members and will discuss what to do. The topic was tabled.

There were no rodeo schedule updates. According to Don Bergeson, Lee Ann Gaer will be mailing passes and hotel room assignments to the timers and judges along with the reminder telling them there will be a meeting for the timers and judges under the grandstands at 3:00 on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Kim Larson was asked to report on the new timing system. Kim proposed that with everything going on with COVID19 and the fact that getting a new timing system is a high dollar item maybe we should hold off on getting a new system this year. Kim states she will be sure that there will be plenty of the hand held timers that go to the thousands. It was agreed upon that we will hold off on getting a new timing system this year and will check into again for next year.

**New Business:** Tyson asked for recommendations for names of individuals to honor as our Distinguished Volunteers. The board members will discuss and decide on these individuals. If anyone has recommendations for this, please let one of the board members know.

The price of the programs and admission into the rodeo will stay the same as last year. The programs will be \$3.00 and each contestant will get a program in their contestant bag. Cost of admission into the rodeo is: 7 and under are Free, 8 and up \$20/weekend pass or \$8/performance.

Tyson Paxton has lined up Pat Clark to once again hold Cowboy Church on Sunday morning. Tyson has also been working on lining up judges, announcers and arena help.

### **Rodeo Committee Reports:**

**Rodeo Manager:** Tyson Paxton

**Timers/Judges:** Lee Ann Gaer

**Grounds:** Don Bergeson reported that there are still 55 campsites available. If you want a campsite you need to get a hold of Scott Deal to reserve. Kim Larson will have the information on prices of the campsites and Scott's contact information put on the SD 4H rodeo website.

**Ambassador Committee:** Helen Jan reported that members of the ambassador committee and Ambassador Katelynn Westphal went to many of the local hotels and were able to secure donated rooms for the 4H Finals. They were very pleased with the generosity of these businesses especially considering the poor economic year due COVID19.

**Saddles:** Kasey Hanson and Tom Heitsch. Helen Jane reported that she believes all the saddles are done or close to being done. It was noted that many of the businesses that are sponsoring saddles this year are closed. It was decided that all saddles will be shipped to the 4H Finals unless a business contacts Kasey, Tom or Helen requesting the saddle be displayed in their business prior to the Finals.

**Photography:** Tyson has talked to Whitney Knippling to let her know the Finals are a go. Whitney reported that she still plans on being there.

**Stalls:** Tyson will talk to Scott to be sure plenty of stalls are available.

**Rodeo Announcers:** Tyson has had people contact him voicing interest in being announcers for the Finals. He will be talking them some more and will decide on who the announcers will be.

**Contestant Registration:** Sue, no updates

**Sponsors/Advertising:** Will and Cortney Haugen, Helen Jane reported that so far this year we have brought in \$32,000 in sponsorships. Last year we brought in \$46,000 in sponsorships. Helen states that there are still several businesses that have promised sponsorships but have not paid. If all the sponsorships that have been promised we will have a total of \$48,000 in sponsorships.

**Finals Awards Ceremony:** Helen Jane and Marci Stevens, no updates

**Buckles and Knives:** Kathy Monnens, no updates

**Go Around Prizes:** Sue, Helen Jane, and Regina Prizes have been ordered and will be here in time.

**Ambulance:** Helen states the contract is in place. The cost has gone up a little bit but not significantly.

**BBQ:** Regina Maier, It was decided that due to COVID19, we will not be able to have the contestant/family BBQ this year.

**Gate Ticket Sales:** Sue-Stanley Co. Girl's BB had agreed earlier this spring to again be the ticket takers. The coach who had been lining this up is no longer at the school. I reached out to the athletic director to see if a new coach had been hired, one has not. He told me they do not currently have a girl's BB coach to line this up. He has talked to the volleyball coach to see if she would be interested in spear heading this project. He thought that with earning \$1,500 he should be able to find a group willing to take this on. I have asked him to let me know by the end of the week.

**Concessions:** Stanley Co. Wrestling- Shaun Cronin

**Dance:** Helen Jane, Helen reports that due to COVID19 we will not be able to host a dance. If there is a group not affiliated with the 4H Finals and they would like to host a dance off site they should contact Helen to discuss this.

**Garbage and Port a Potties:** Helen Jane has contracts in place

**Grandstand Cleaning:** Due to the SDWP not allowing prisoners out for work release, a post had been put on FB asking for bids to do the cleaning and garbage pickup. Helen received 2 bids. Kasey Hall's bid included sweeping, cleaning the bathrooms, wiping tables and garbage pickup. She stated in her bid it would be herself, maybe one other adult and her kids. The other bid came from Carissa Shearer. Her bid included sweeping, garbage pickup, cleaning bathrooms and wiping down tables. She will have 6 people helping her. She asked for \$75/person per performance. So for 5 performances this would come to \$2,250. It was discussed that with Kasey's bid of only 1-2 adults and her children this would be really hard for them to do. Tyson brought up that with 10-12 prisoners it took an hour and a half to 2 hours to do the cleaning after each performance. Don Bergeson made a motion to accept Carissa Shearer's bid. Jada Kraft seconded the motion. A vote was taken by those present with voting privileges. All were aye's. Motion passed for Carissa Shearer to provide cleaning services during the 4H Finals Rodeo.

**Additional Business:** Bubba Riding asked to discuss the issue of only taking the top 4 place winners to state. He voiced concern about there being less rodeos to qualify at and fewer weekends to go to different rodeos, that there may be a lot less contestants at the Finals. Tyson pointed out that many of the kids that win, win at a lot of the rodeos. With more rodeos

being held on the same weekends this year it was felt that there may actually be more kids qualify. It was decided that if more rodeos cancel and if it looks like the number of contestants is going to be significantly lower, we could relook at the situation and decide if we can take more qualifiers from each rodeo.

Regina Maier asked Tyson about kids in the Jr. Team Roping asking to use a quick release. If a Jr. contestant wants to use a quick release it must be approved by the lay board prior to the rodeo.

Tyson wanted to remind everyone that is planning on going to the Dupree 4H rodeo that the check points are still up on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. If you are going to Dupree you will want to plan your time accordingly.

**Next Meeting:** There will not be another general meeting prior to the Finals. The board members may meet to finalize everything.

**Adjourn:** Don Bergeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bubba Riding seconded it. Meeting adjourned.