

SD 4-H Finals Rodeo Meeting Minutes

JUNE 11, 2020

TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER: President Tyson Paxton called the meeting to order shortly after 8pm CST on June 11, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Sue Van Liere, Helen Jane Paxton, Pauline Witte, Kathy Monnens, Jada Kraft, Teri Heninger, Kerrie Geffre, Mandy Healy, Elke King, John Keimig, John Hight, Anne Aamott, Richard Westphal, Jessica Tekrony, Scott Healy, Julie Nelson, Cheryl Severson, Treg Cowan, Don Bergeson, Kim Larson, Janet Wright, Justin Robertson, Barb Williams, Amy Checowski, Jill Heiberman, Bubba Ridings, Regina Maier, Diana Melvin

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion made by Kathy Monnens to dispense the reading of the secretary's report from the May 6th meeting. 2nd by Justin Robertson. Motion passed. All meeting minutes can be found on the SD 4H rodeo website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen Jane Paxton reported that there is currently \$54,915.44 in the account. She has paid for all of the saddles. Helen Jane reported that as of date we have received \$21,750 in sponsorships but this is almost \$20,000 short of where we were last year in sponsorships taken in. It is speculated that businesses were waiting to see what decision is made in regards to 4H rodeo for this summer. Justin Robertson made the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Don Bergeson 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion: Prior to this meeting, members of the lay board and the State Finals board, along with John Keimig from SDSU, met to make a decision on whether or not we would be able to go ahead with 4H rodeos and/or the State 4H Rodeo Finals due to COVID19. Tyson Paxton reported that per the recommendations of Dr. Tim Tanner from SDSU, 4H rodeos could begin starting July 1st IF, each regional rodeo completed a letter to Dr. Tanner requesting a waiver of approval. The letter must be written in conjunction with each regional rodeo's County 4H advisor. The letters must also include how they will attempt to make their regional rodeo COVID19 compliant based on recommendations from the CDC. It was recommended that the letters state specific ways in which shows an attempt being made to make each rodeo as safe as possible. It was reiterated that these letters explain each rodeo's plan and include that each rodeo strongly encourage rodeo committee members, volunteers, participants, and spectators abide by these recommendations and hold them in high regard to help ensure the public's safety. Once the letter is received by Dr. Tanner he will either approve or disapprove the letters. If he approves, he will sign a waiver allowing that region rodeo to be held. If the letter is not approved, that rodeo committee along with their County 4H Advisor should make changes to their letter and resubmit the letter to Dr. Tanner. It was discussed that it is very important that each region rodeo also needs to contact their local government and get permission from them to hold a 4H rodeo this summer. Numerous questions were asked and answered to the best of the board's ability. With this being said, this may change pending a surge in cases of COVID19. Per John Keimig, SDSU plans to go to Level B precautions starting July 1st. If there is a surge in cases they may reconsider and stay at Level A or go back to Level A. In this case, the board will also have to reconsider the immediate future of 4H rodeo in 2020. The board would like to Thank everyone for their patience as it has been a difficult process to work through. We feel that we have reached a workable solution that will hopefully get as many kids as possible back on the rodeo trail!

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Contestant List:** Per Kim Larson as of today, there were 1111 contestants approved to 4H rodeo this summer.
- **Back Numbers:** Helen Jane has been in contact with the company letting them know that things had been undecided but now that it looks like 4H rodeo is a go, she will call them and get them ordered.

- **Insurance Update:** Helen Jane reports that all insurance forms have been filled out and submitted.
- **Timing System:** Kim Larson, no updates
- **Fairgrounds Update:** Don Bergeson reports that there are 53 new campsites that have electrical hookups. The campsites have been widened and they are much easier to access. The Stanley County Fairgrounds has purchased a new sound system, many new lights have been installed, a new warmup arena, the barrel/pole arena has been moved towards the west and a new roping box/chute has been put in that arena. They have added more bleachers as well.
- **Rodeo Passes:** Helen Jane will be mailing out rodeo passes to arena sponsors, back number sponsors and saddle sponsors.
- **Order of Events:** Tyson and Don will discuss at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Public Relations:** Tyson will get a hold of Amanda Bacon to discuss PR in the papers and radio stations. There will be an updated form on the 4H rodeo website for folks to fill out and send to their local newspapers with results from the State Finals.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

RODEO MANAGER: Tyson Paxton and Don Bergeson. They will visit with Mike Steiger to get his to do list and any recommendations from Mike.

Timers/Judges: Don will talk to Leann Gaer to see if she has been lining up timers and judges.

Ambassador Committee: Pauline Witte reports that they have been on stand still with not knowing if there would be any 4H rodeos this summer. They are very concerned about going to the local hotels to ask for room donations as so many of the hotels have been empty for the past few months.

Saddles: All ordered and paid for.

Photography: Tyson will talk to Whitney Knippling to let her know we are a go.

Stalls: No updates.

Rodeo Announcers: Tyson will get them lined up.

BBQ: Regina Maier, no updates

Ticket Takers: Sue Van Liere, will talk to Stanley County School to get the contact information for the new girls BB coach as we were told they would be interested in doing this again in 2020.

Registration: Sue Van Liere, no updates

Concessions: Stanley County Wrestling Club

Go-Round Prizes: Helen Jane, Sue and Regina. Have some of them lined up. They will work on getting the rest ordered.

Awards Ceremony: Marci Stevens

Dance: Helen Jane, on hold. Will probably not be able to have it due to COVID19 precautions.

AMR: Contract in place.

Garbage: Helen Jane has been in contact with Capital Area Refuse. Contract is in place.

Portapotties: Helen Jane has been in contact with Wheelhouse Plumbing. Contract is in place.

Cleaning: At this time the SDWP inmates are not allowed to do work release. We are looking for a cleaning service or community group looking for a fundraiser to help clean bathrooms, pick up trash and keep the eating areas picked up and clean.

Additional Business: At the next meeting we need to decide on vendors, BBQ, concession stand and dance.

Next Meeting: Wednesday July 8th, 8pmCST via teleconference

Adjourn: Motion made by Kathy Monnens, 2nd by Don Bergeson, motion passed