The March 19, 2015 Conference Call was called to Order by President Treg Cowan.

**Members on the call:** Treg Cowan, Don Bergeson, Shelly Cowan, Teri Heninger, Scott Hoyt, Russ Maier, Roger Theobald, Kathy Monnens, Diane Hoffman, Tom Heitsch, Diana Melvin, Janet Wright, Lee Ann Gaer.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Teri Heninger reported $1,014.83 in the Money Market account and $22,406.86 in the checking account. $10,000 has been paid to Cowboy Classic Saddlery towards the 2015 saddles, $140.00 annual website fee has been paid. Kathy Monnens made motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Russ Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Only 3 Regional Rodeos have sent their 2015 entry blanks in. Shelly will send an e-mail to the Regional Rodeo Secretary’s asking to have the entries in to Kathy Monnens by April 1, 2015.

**New Business:** Contestant back numbers were discussed. The Committee will pursue new sponsors as both of the previous sponsors have chosen not to renew their sponsorship’s this year.

**Rodeo Committee Reports:**

*Rodeo Manager: (*judges/timers/regional rodeo event helpers) Don Bergeson reported that Mike Stieger has started to contact judges.

Treg Cowan reported that Justin Stampe has agreed to announce in the large arena. Don Bergeson reported that Zeb Husted has agreed to announce in the barrel arena.

*Stock:* Treg Cowan went over the bids that were received- all were received by the March 1st deadline.

One Goat Bid was received. Teri Heninger made a motion to accept the bid from John Hight for goats. Scott Hoyt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Three Timed Event Stock bids received. Kathy Monnens made a motion to accept the bid from Sutton Rodeo for Timed Event Stock. Diane Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

One Rough Stock bid received. Kathy Monnens made a motion to accept the bid from Korkow Rodeo for rough stock, bull fighters, pick up men, etc. as listed on the Bid Form. Russ Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Grounds:* Scott Hoyt and Treg Cowan reported they have been in contact with Morris Equipment. Morris will donate the needed equipment and plans to have the tractors on the grounds by 8:30 a.m. on Thursday.

*Stalls:* Stanley County Commissioners will handle the stalling.

*Gate/Ticket Sales:* Don Bergeson will follow up with SD National Guard

*Ambassador Committee:* Ambassador, Roni Jankord represented 4H Rodeo during a visit to the SD Legislature and met with Governor Dugaard. Roni also represented 4H Rodeo at the Rapid City Stock Show. The Ambassador Committee plans to meet in Pierre on Good Friday to visit the area hotels and begin working on room donations for the 2015 Finals.

*Awards (Buckles & Go Around):* Kathy Monnens reported she has been in contact with Tres Rios and the buckles are ordered. Teri Heninger reported she and Vicki Heninger have started the process of go-around prize selection.

*Saddles:* Roger Theobald reported 7 saddles ordered so far; sponsors for 5 more saddles have been received and those saddles will be ordered soon.

*Contestant BBQ:* Regina Maier has agreed to head the contestant BBQ.

*Photographer:* Peggy Gander with Cowboy Images was contacted and has agreed to be the 2015 Finals Photographer. Cowboy Images has offered the Finals Committee 8x10 photo certificates at half price - $15.00 and will only invoice us for the certificates redeemed. The prize committee is considering purchasing certificates as one of the go-around prizes.

*Sound System:* Don Bergeson is working on this. Treg reported that Rod Kusser’s sound system is available.

*Concessions:* Stanley County AAU Wrestling Club has agreed to a 1 year contract with $500/00 payback to the SD 4H Finals Inc.

The next meeting will be held by conference call on **Thursday, April 16th at 8:00 p.m**. - Central.

Kathy Monnens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Bergeson 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cowan

SD 4H Finals Rodeo, Inc

Committee Secretary