

## SD 4-H Finals Rodeo

### Meeting Minutes

Teleconference, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

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**Call Meeting to Order:** Tyson Paxton called the meeting to order via teleconference on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8pm CST.

**Roll Call:** Will and Cortney Haugen, Diana Melvin, John Keimg, Kerri Geffre, Regina Maier, Cheryl Severson, Pauline Witte, Abby Olson, Kathy Monnens, Todd Rose, Jada Kraft, Don Bergeson, Kim Larson, Treg Cowan

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Pauline Witte to dispense the reading of the Secretary's minutes from the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Unavailable.

#### Old Business:

- Panels: Don Bergeson gave a brief update on panels. He has contacted couple dealers but at the time of the meeting had not received any prices or quotes.
- COVID Update: John Keimig updated the group in regards to SDSU's current status/level on COVID. John told the group that SDSU is using a color system and it is currently on color Orange. This means that SDSU has lessened its policies and restrictions somewhat. John reports that if they get to level Green the regional rodeos would not need to provide a waiver. John will let us know at the beginning of May. He recommends that the region rodeos hold off on sending any letters/waivers as the COVID restrictions may be lifted.
- Rodeo Schedule: Only two rodeos had given their dates. Those were Penington Co. which is to be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Dewey Co. on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. A new rodeo is being considered by the Sioux Area 4-H Rodeo committee.
- Expo Center: Helen Jane Paxton—no updates.
- Special Needs Rodeo: It was agreed that if COVID restrictions were lessened, we should have the Special Needs Rodeo. Diana Melvin agreed to make some calls to local schools and agencies to see if there is interest. We are looking for a volunteer to be in charge of lining up the Special Needs Rodeo, again, if it is decided to have it.

#### New Business:

- 2021 4-H eligible list and entry update: Kim Larson reported there currently are 318 approved forms and 21 that had problems that need to be

corrected before they could be approved. Kim reported that it seemed like she was having to return less than she did last year.

- Grant Updates: Sue Van Liere reported that she had completed the application process for a grant from the Ft. Pierre Tourism board but had not yet heard if it had been granted. Sue also reported that Helen Jane did find out we were awarded a \$20,000 grant from the COVID relief program.
- Stock Bid Committee recommendations: This committee met on Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Their recommendations are:
  - Goats: C&C—Cheryl Severson
  - Timed Event Cattle: Melvin Timed Event-Jace Melvin
  - Rough Stock-Chauncey's

Don Bergeson made a motion to accept the stock bid committee's recommendations. Treg Cowan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: No updates. Don asked about inviting Governor Noem to be a part of one of the Grand Entries. Treg mentioned having a Military Recognition night.
- Honorees: It was asked that we start thinking about who we will give special recognition to this year. If you would like to nominate someone, please notify one of the board members. It was also discussed that we need a running list of who has been recognized in the past.

### **2021 Finals Committee Reports:**

Rodeo Manager: Tyson Paxton—It was decided that each region rodeo will again be asked to volunteer to work an event. If the region rodeos don't pick an event or area to work, they will be assigned a job.

Rodeo Timers/Judges: Tyson Paxton. Teri Heninger is going to help line up timers.

Grounds: Donnie Bergeson and Jeremy Cass—Don reported that when he last talked to Jeremy, Jeremy is willing to help work arenas again this year.

Ambulance: Helen Jane—The contract has been sent to AMR.

BBQ: Regina Maier—No updates. Waiting to see what restrictions might be in place at that time.

Buckles: Kathy Monnens—Kathy received a bid from Tres Rios. The buckles will be \$100/buckle and Tres Rios is going to sponsor 20 buckles!

Saddles: Teri Heninger—Teri was not on the call but according to Don reported that Triple R will be who we get the saddles from. We will be awarding Scott Thomas saddles this year. Don also reported that we currently have 6 new saddle sponsors.

Sponsors/Advertising: Will and Cortney Haugen—Will reported that we currently have had \$3,750 come in from sponsorships. This is very close to where we were last year at the same time.

Go-round Prizes: Helen Jane and Sue—Sue reported that she and Helen Jane have been looking at ideas and will soon be ordering the prizes. We did decide that we will be giving buckles to the first place winner in each Go-round.

Vendors: Kerry Hostutler

Programs/Printing: Cortney Haugen

Concessions: Tyson

Ambassador Committee: Pauline Witte reported that Addyson attended the BHSS and Rodeo for 4 days. On Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> she visited the SD state legislators and was introduced to both the Senate and House of Representatives. She also met Lt. Governor Larry Rhodes. On April 5<sup>th</sup> she will be coming back to visit local hotels/motels to ask for rooms to be donated to the Finals.

Contestant Dance: Helen Jane

Gate/ticket Sales: Sue Van Liere

Grounds clean up/inmate supervision: At this time we do not think the SDWP inmates are doing any type of work in the community. We may have to take bids again.

Photography: Knippling Kustoms

Contestant Check in: Sue

Awards Ceremony: We are still looking for a volunteer to help line this up.

**Additional Business:**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8pm(CST) via teleconference

**Adjourn:** Don made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.