SD 4-H Rodeo Board Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2024 Fall Meeting

The board of the SD 4-H Rodeo Board met on Sunday October 20, 2024, at 1pm in the Casey Tibbs Center conference room in Ft. Pierre. Those present were: Brandon Spencer, Mary Kay Sell, Teri Heninger, Kim Larson, Treg Cowan, Bryce Chambliss, Kathy Monnens, Joy Meyer, Regina Maier, Pauline Witte, Shane Kramme, Denton Good, John Keimig, Melissa Bohnenkamp, Kelly Dunkelberger, Mandy Healy, Chase Albers, Rusty Heenan, Penny Heenan, Valerie Peppel, Shannon Fagerhaug, Elke King, Joyce Leofgreen.

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Brandon Spencer followed by the flag salute and 4-H pledge.

Kathy Monnens made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 31 meeting and Treg Cowan seconded the motion with all voting yay.

Teri Heninger presented the treasurer's report with \$16861.94 in the checking account and all bills paid to date. There is still \$20000 to be collected in sponsorship money and \$420 in entry fees from no show contestant at finals. Bryce Chambliss made a motion to accept the treasurer report and Treg Cowan seconded the motion. All voted yay and motion carried.

On to Old business with the Finals Rodeo reports:

Finals Secretary – Kim Larson – Reported that there was a total of 1305 contestants that competed throughout the year in 4-H Rodeo. 686 of those contestants qualified for the finals and 653 actually competed at the finals.

Vendor Report – Keri Hostutler – most vendors were satisfied with being under the bleachers. She held an informal vote with them after discussing pros and cons if they moved to the Expo Center. Of those there the majority wanted to stay under the bleachers. Suggestions and considerations for next year would be to see if there was any way to clean the floor before vendors moved in and possibly some big fans to help with air circulation.

Concession stand – Brandon Spencer/Shane Kramme – The group was very satisfied with the way it ran and are willing to do it again next year. Maybe a little overwhelmed the first day but got through it. Those attending the meeting also thought it was ran good. Shane thought the concession stand after the rodeo at the Expo Center was beneficial as well. It gave the personal a chance to get something to eat after the rodeo performance was over with.

Ambassador – Pauline Witte – Everything went well.

BBQ – Regina Meir – Everything went well with about 500 to 600 attending.

Stock – Denton Good - Thought everything went well. He asked if the draw could be done a little earlier to give more time to sort the stock, if he got some sponsorship money for the pickup men and bullfighters that they get paid more with the sponsorship he collects, and if we could get three bullfighters instead of the two? After discussion it was decided that all these suggestions could be met without any problems.

Event Rearrangement – Kim – For the most part went really well and helped with the doubling in being up in two arenas at the same time. There were still some that were up in two but for the most part it helped.

Teri made a motion to accept all the reports that were given and Treg once again seconded the motion. All approved.

First on the new business was the appointment of the new president for the board which was Brandon Spencer.

Nominations for vice-president was taken. Brandon nominated Bryce Blake. There were no other nominations, so Bryce won unanimously.

Nominations for board secretary opened. There were no nominations made at the time, but Denton Good said T Merrill might be interested but she needed more information. Mary Kay said she is willing to talk to her about it if she gets ahold of her. This will be brought up again at the next meeting.

The 2025 SD 4-H Finals dates will be set by the Lay Board.

In other business discussions there was the congestion of the parking within the fairgrounds. Ideas were discussed but will be discussed again after talking to Scott Deal.

The sponsorship head will be Teri Heninger for now since Tracy Hauk resigned at the finals. Shelly Cowan also stepped down as website administrator at the finals and Martee Larson is now doing that. Martee has agreed to do website and social media for \$750 per year.

The next meeting will be on January 12, 2025, at 1pm CST. The location will be determined and then posted on the website.

Treg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rusty Heenan seconded the motion. All voted yay, motion carried.