The October 29, 2016 Annual Meeting was Called to Order by President, Don Bergeson. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4H Pledge were recited.

Members present: Shelly Cowan, Kasey Hanson, Don Bergeson, Treg Cowan, Heather Shoultz, John Keimig, Pauline Witte, Brittney Hunsley, Diana Melvin, Kathy Monnens, Julie Nelson-Janisch, Morgan Janisch, Chris Maxwell, Julie Maude, Teri Heninger.

Treg Cowan made a motion to dispense of the reading of the August 3, 2016 meeting minutes and approve them as written. Julie Maude seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

Teri Heninger provided the January 1 thru October 28, 2016 Profit and Loss Report.

Income 1.1.16-10.28.2016 $109,148.50

Expenses $101,742.62

Income $ 7,405.88

Current checking account balance $40,993.52. One outstanding bill from Starrography for the 4th place finals prizes will be invoiced in January. Kathy Monnens made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Treg Cowan seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

2016 SD 4H Finals Rodeo

* Don Bergeson, President, reported the 45th Annual SD 4H Finals Rodeo went well with 540 contestants, great weather and increased spectator attendance. The Finals Committee is working with the Stanley County Fairgrounds on a 5 year agreement. The Regional Rodeos are asked to announce during their rodeos information on how to reserve stalls for the Finals Rodeo. The SD 4H Rodeo website (<http://sd4hrodeo.org/>) will be updated to include all stalling information for the 2017 Finals Rodeo.
* Chris Maxwell, Ft Pierre Tourism explained that their purpose is to find ways to promote and support events in Ft. Pierre. They are happy to support the SD 4H Finals Rodeo and look forward to continued work with the Committee. This year they were able to assist with increasing local sponsorships, contestant welcome bags and local printed news stories. Chris shared that 2017 will be Ft Pierre’s Bi-Centennial Celebration.
* John Keimig/SDSU Extension reported that the new entry process went well for the first year. Changes/additions to the entry form were discussed. Utilizing the SD 4H Rodeo website to list contestants whose entries have been received and are eligible to rodeo will be added to this years’ entry process.

A late entry process was discussed at length. Kasey Hanson made the following **motion**:

**LATE ENTRY PROCEES**

\*Entries postmarked by the May 1st deadline requiring corrections or that are incomplete, may be corrected up to May 20th and will be assessed a $5 reprocessing fee. The corrections must be in the possession of the 4H Finals Rodeo secretary before the contestant will be eligible to rodeo.

\*Late entries postmarked after May 1st thru June 1st will be assessed a $150 late entry fee to be included with the entry form. The entry must be in the possession of the 4H Finals Rodeo Secretary before the contestant will be eligible to rodeo.

\*No entries will be accepted after the June 1st deadline.

Julie Nelson-Janisch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

* All Regional 4H Rodeos have paid their 2016 fee. ($700.00/rodeo)
* Reminder to Regional Rodeos: If there no qualified rides in an event at your rodeo and you elect to draw for the prizes please ensure that the contestants awarded the prizes are made aware they will not be eligible to compete at the SD 4H Finals. Only contestants that earn 1st -4th place at a Regional Rodeo with a qualified ride or time will be eligible to compete at the 4H Finals Rodeo.
* Ambassador Committee: Pauline Witte introduced the 2016 Ambassador, Morgan Janisch. Morgan modeled the new Black Hills Gold traveling crown that was presented by Landstrom’s of Rapid City. This is one of only four Black Hills Gold Crowns in the nation. Photos available on the [**South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Ambassador**](https://www.facebook.com/South-Dakota-4-H-Rodeo-Ambassador-541615172549061/?hc_ref=SEARCH) Facebook page. She also gave a report of Ambassador Events she has attended representing SD 4H Rodeo including the SDRA Finals. Upcoming events include: Casey Tibbs Tribute, NFR Kick-off for Lisa Lockhart, Black Hills Stock Show. Also,on November 11th there will be a presentation of the new traveling SD 4H Finals Ambassador chaps from 2-4 pm at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center in Ft Pierre. The old chaps will be retired at this event and will be displayed in the 4H display at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center.

New Business**:**

* The **2017 SD 4H Rodeo Finals will be August 18, 19, 20th** (3rd weekend in August)
* **Election** of Finals Rodeo **Committee Board Secretary**. Kathy Monnnens nominated Shelly Cowan for Board Secretary. Treg Cowan 2nd the motion. Motion by Teri Heninger that nominations cease. Heather Shoultz 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
* **Special Needs Rodeo Performance**:

Kasey Hanson made a **motion** to form a committee to create a Special Needs Rodeo Performance to be held on Saturday afternoon during the 2017 SD 4H Finals Rodeo. Diana Melvin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Anyone who would like to be on the committee may contact Kasey Hanson at [*kahanson@goldenwest.net*](mailto:kahanson@goldenwest.net). Volunteers to date include: Cindy Nagel, Rhonda Fuhrer, Diana Melvin and Kasey Hanson.

* A separate discussion took place regarding special needs 4H members who are signed up and complete in 4H Rodeo but have never qualified to compete at the SD 4H Finals Rodeo. Heather Schoultz made the **motion**: A special needs contestant enrolled in 4H Rodeo and competing at the regional rodeo level that has never qualified for a 4H Finals Rodeo may; once in their 4H career, pick one event to perform in at the 4H Finals Rodeo during a designated performance, with the approval of the 4H Finals Rodeo Committee Board. Julie Nelson-Janisch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

2017 4H Finals Rodeo:

* Rodeo Manager: Mike Stieger
* Grounds: Scott Hoyt/Jeremy Cass
* BBQ: Regina Maier
* Buckles: Kathy Monnens
* Saddles: Roger Theobald
* Sponsors/Advertising: Teri Heninger
* Go-around Prizes: Vicki Heninger
* Vendors: Teri Heninger/Shelly Cowan
* Programs: Teri Heninger – All sponsors must provide an electronic version of a business card or ad for the program.
* Concessions: To be determined.

Additional Business:

Don Bergeson shared that we are in need of new flags for our rodeo. Kathy Monnens made a **motion** that the 4H Finals Rodeo purchase a set of flags for the Flag Race Event and new Judges Flags. Treg Cowan 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

John Keimig shared information regarding the SD 4H Volunteer Hall of Fame. He encourages nominations from the 4H Rodeo Community. Nominating forms can be found on the iGrow website. <http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/4-h-volunteer-hall-of-fame1/>

Kathy Monnens made a **motion** to buy one new electric eye with a printer and send the existing eyes to Farmtec for reconditioning. Treg Cowan 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

The next in-person meeting will be January 7th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. central in Ft Pierre at the Community/Senior Center.

Heather Schoultz made a motion to adjourn. Kathy Monnens second. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cowan

SD 4H Finals Rodeo, Inc.

Committee Secretary