

## SD 4-H Finals Annual Rodeo Committee Meeting

October 27, 2018

The October 27, 2018 Annual Meeting was Called to Order by President, Kasey Hanson at 10:07 a.m.  
The Pledge of Allegiance and 4H Pledge were recited.

Members present: Kasey Hanson, Treg Cowan, John Keimig, Kathy Monnens, Teri Heninger, Shelly Cowan, Mary Kay Sell, Regina Maier, Joyce Leafgreen, Joy Meyer, Justin Robertson, Kim Larson, Bret Hanson, Shannon Carmichael, Laurie Bergeson, Julie Nelson, Morgan Janisch, Diane Hoffman, Helen Jane Paxton, Elizabeth Smith, Mary Kebach, Mary Williams, Pauline Witte, Anita Heathershaw, Susan VanLiere, Sam Stoddard, Tom Heitsch, Diana Melvin, Tony Monnens

Teri Heninger made a motion to dispense of the reading of the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes and approve them as written. Tyson Paxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

Teri Heninger reported a checking account balance of \$55,099.23. Total income for the 2018 rodeo season was \$122,152.00 and total expenses were \$111,084.55 Treg Cowan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mary Kay seconded. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

Regional rodeos with outstanding balance for 2018-

- There is only 1 rodeo with a half saddle that remains outstanding. Teri has been in contact with that rodeo and the payment is forthcoming.

2018 SD 4H Finals Rodeo

- Kasey Hanson, President, reported the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual SD 4H Finals Rodeo went well with 537 contestants and over 1,800 runs. There were 569 stalls filled at the fairgrounds. New items in 2018 included: a new LED board, new pole bases and poles, box pads, north exit from fairgrounds. Items to improve for 2019 include: inmate cleaning schedule, dance, designated warm up area, insurance for equipment.

Special Needs Rodeo

- 2018 Special Needs Rodeo Report was submitted by Rhonda Fuhrer and read by Kasey Hanson. The report is included at the end of these minutes in its entirety.

SDHSAA update

- Kasey Hanson addressed the SDHSAA at their annual meeting last year. The committee was unwilling to make accommodations to allow football players to attend the SD 4H Finals Rodeo on Friday night. Kasey reports that there will not be a conflict in 2019 and 2020 due to the first football game being the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in August. In 2021 the first football game will again be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of August.

### New Business:

2019 4H Finals Rodeo will be August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> - (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August)

2019 SD 4H Rodeo Entry Form

- Kim Larson, Kasey Hanson and John Keimig have revised the form which was reviewed at the meeting. After discussion regarding confusion about Jr Jr events it was decided to add a paragraph of instructions to the Entry Form to address the Jr Jr division.

- Saddles

The following saddle bids were reviewed:

Triple R – total bid of \$36,125.00 (shipping not included) for Cactus Saddles

Cowboy Classic Saddlery – total bid of \$24,500.00 (shipping included) \*current saddle maker

Barrett's Tack Shop- total bid of \$25,625.00 (they would wave shipping)

Discussion regarding the bids took place. Diana Melvin made a **motion to stay with the current saddle maker and low bid by Cowboy Classic Saddlery**. Teri Heninger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Items to order:

- SD flag – Diana Melvin volunteered to pick one up
- New eye- the print out that was not working has been repaired. Kasey Hanson will set the eyes up and make sure they are in working order this winter.
- New laptop for treasurer – Kathy Monnens made a **motion to purchase a new lap top for the incoming Treasurer not to exceed \$1,500.00**. Tom Heitsh second. Motion carried.
- Barrel covers – currently have one set with the Touchstone Energy logo that is in good shape – there had been two in the past and regional rodeos were able to check them out to use at their rodeos. Diane Hoffman made a **motion to purchase one new set of barrel covers with the Touchstone Energy logo**. Tom Heitsch second. Motion carried.
- Signs/banners – Kasey Hanson has a list of miscellaneous signage needed. Kathy Monnens made a **motion to move forward with purchasing needed signage (approx 8) to be utilized at the 4H Finals Rodeo**. Elizabeth Smith second. Motion carried.

#### Review Sponsor Sheet

- Current sponsor sheet and suggestions to improve it were discussed.

It was decided to delete the Event Sponsor category and add a Banner Sponsor category for the same amount - \$250.00. The banners can be no longer than 6 ft in length.

A separate letter will be created and sent to the previous years' saddle sponsors to determine if they intend to continue as a saddle sponsor - the sponsors will be asked to identify a contact person and to specify if they are a regional rodeo saddle sponsor or a stand-alone saddle sponsor. In order to determine if additional saddle sponsors are needed a deadline for a response will be included in the letter that goes out.

#### 2019 Finals Rodeo concession stand

- Stanley County Wrestling has run the concession stand for a \$500 vendor fee for many years. Kasey Hanson will contact Stanley County Wrestling to determine if they wish to continue and to discuss concession stand hours.

#### Finals Program

- One bid was submitted to complete the 2019 Finals Rodeo Program from Teresa Gillaspie.

The bid was for \$750.00 and included the design, cover, content and she would contact advertisers for digital ads and she would provide the program of up to 52 pages in digital format that could then be taken to a printer.

Kathy Monnens made a **motion to accept Teresa Gillaspie's bid of \$750.00**. After additional discussion Kathy rescinded her motion. Regina Maier made a **motion to accept bids for the 2019 SD 4H Finals Rodeo program**. Roger Theobald second. Motion carried.

#### Proposed Rule Changes for the SD 4H Finals Rodeo:

- **Proposed SD 4H Finals Rodeo rule change: submitted by Bret Blasius**

I would like to propose a rule change for the South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Finals to be reviewed and considered at your October/2018 annual meeting. I would like to propose that a change be made to the SD 4-H Rodeo by-laws that would allow the secretary of the SD 4-H Rodeo Finals to change a performance draw at the SD 4-H Finals Rodeo to accommodate student athletes on school sponsored sporting activities.

The proposal was discussed at length –the “old trade out” rule was also discussed. Mary Williams made the following **motion - The 4H Finals Rodeo make accommodations for student athletes of school sponsored sporting activities**. Anita Heathershaw second. Roll Call vote was taken – 13 No, 5 Yes. Motion failed.

- All rodeo participants and their families are encouraged to visit with their local athletic directors/superintendents to help push the SDHSAA to allow first football games of each season to play on Thursday night, this would eliminate the current conflict.

### Election of SD 4H Finals Rodeo Committee Officers:

- Secretary, SD 4H Finals Committee – Teri Heninger nominated Susan VanLiere for the Board Secretary position. Kathy Monnens second. Motion carried.
- Treasurer, SD 4H Finals Committee – Shelly Cowan nominated Helen Jane Paxton for the Board Treasurer position. Teri Heninger second. Motion carried.

Current SD 4H Finals Rodeo officers:

President: Kasey Hanson  
Vice President: Tyson Paxton  
Secretary: Susan VanLiere  
Treasurer: Helen Jane Paxton

Tyson Paxton, Susan VanLiere and Helen Jane Paxton will need to be added to the SD 4H Finals Rodeo checking account at Dakota Prairie Bank. Don Bergeson, Shelly Cowan and Teri Heninger will need to be removed from account. Shelly will get the information to the bank and the new officers will need to complete the necessary paperwork to get added to the account.

### 2019 4H Finals Personnel:

- Rodeo Manager: Kasey Hanson will make contact with Mike Steiger to see if he will continue in the position. Tyson Paxton agreed to help Mike.
- Grounds: Jeremy Cass and Don Bergeson. Don will ask Sean Lauing to assist again.
- BBQ: Regina Maier
- Buckles: Kathy Monnens
- Saddles: Teri Heninger.
- Sponsors/advertising: Will & Courtney Haugen agreed to form a committee. They will work with Sam Stoddard regarding corporate sponsors. Kasey Hanson and Teri Heninger will assist the Haugens.
- Go-Around Prizes: Susan VanLiere/Kasey Hanson
- Vendors: Helen Jane Paxton checking with someone she has in mind
- Programs: accepting bids for the January meeting.
- Concessions: Kasey Hanson will talk to Stanley County Wrestling to see if they are willing to do another year. If they are not, we will need to open for bid.
- Ambassador Committee: Pauline Witte reported the Ambassador Committee continues to have fewer contestants and would like to consider making some changes. Those changes include: Moving horsemanship to Thursday night. Discontinue Ambassador picking up a rodeo event if they did not qualify in one. Omitting silent judges allowing the judging to be finished on Friday. Ambassador Coronation be moved to Saturday. Awarding all around points to the Ambassador, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up.
- Special Needs Rodeo: Rhonda Fuhrer/Diana Melvin
- Contestant Dance: Helen Jane Paxton/Kasey Hanson
- Gate/ticket sales: Kasey Hanson will make contact with Stanley Co athletics
- Grounds clean up /inmate supervision: Kasey Hanson

### Additional Business

Roger Theobald spoke about the Lay Board Committee roles and duties vs the 4H Finals Committee roles and duties. The 4H Finals Committee is responsible for the Finals Rodeo only and the Lay Board is responsible for the overall 4H Rodeo program including regional rodeos.

The next meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Ft Pierre – place is to be determined.

Kathy Monnens made a motion to adjourn. Kim Larson second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cowan

4H Special Needs Rodeo  
2018 Recap

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Special Needs Rodeo was held on Saturday August 18, 2018 at 2:30. There were 23 Special Needs participants. All but one were clients of Oahe, Inc. We had a tremendous turnout of 4H Rodeo Contestant volunteers—71!

A donation of \$200 had been received from Doug Kroeplin. The shaved ice vendor had agreed to offer significantly discounted treats for the Special Needs participants (\$2 for the large shaved ice, which is regularly \$5). Since we had such a generous donation, it was decided to also buy the volunteers a shaved ice. The vendor served 80 participants—significantly more than they'd agreed upon, so the entire \$200 was used to pay for those treats.

Lynn's DakotaMart donated 6 cases of water and 6 bags of ice. Triple R Tack provided roping dummies, and John Hight provided two goats for the goat ribbon jerking. Each participant was able to select a buckle, trophy and plaque. Admission wristbands were given to participants that wanted to attend the Saturday evening performance. Thank you's have been sent to Mr. Kroeplin and Lynn's DakotaMart, and the others were thanked personally.

Nancy Schlichenmayer from Oahe Inc shared that she has heard so many positive comments about the event, especially about the 4H Volunteers!

Improvements from last year:

- Available seating was appreciated
- 2:30 start time seemed to work better for volunteers
- Oahe Inc resident arrival time was more appropriate

Thoughts for next year:

- More activities, such as a bean bag toss and horseshoe game (plastic)
- Someone to do rope tricks
- How do we reach more participants, especially those outside of Oahe Inc. Contact Pierre area schools.
- Other suggestions?

Thank you to the board for supporting this event, and to Tracy Moody and Diana Melvin for all of the help. I look forward to working with everyone again for the 2019 event!

Rhonda Fuhrer