

SD 4-H FINALS WINTER MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2019

Call to Order-President Kasey Hanson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge.

Attendees: Kasey Hanson, Tyson Paxton, Helen Jane Paxton, Susan Van Liere, Will Haugen, Cortney Haugen, Mike Steiger, Elizabeth Smith, Karrie Geffre, Regina Maier, Kim Larson, Pauline Witte, Kathy Monnens, Rod Kusser, Mark and Diana Melvin, Joy Meyer, Roger Theobald, Don Bergeson

Approval of Secretary Minutes: Teri Heninger made a motion to dispense of the reading of the reading of and approve the October 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Tyson Paxton second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Helen Paxton reported a checking account balance of \$55,090.90. Items paid for since the annual meeting have been a new laptop for the Treasurer, barrel covers and website hosting.

Old Business:

Barrel covers-Kasey reported that she did purchase new Touchstone Energy barrel covers thru Lazy J Rodeo Safety Equipment. We receive an annual sponsor from Touchstone of \$750 per year. We are on year 2 of a 6 year commitment from them.

Fort Pierre Trader Days - Kasey and Shelly Cowan had a meeting with Chris Maxwell from the City of Ft. Pierre. Chris emphasized that Trader Days is meant to coincide with the 4-H finals to boost attendance for both the rodeo and for Trader Days. It is hoped that both entities can benefit from this collaboration.

Stanley Co Fairgrounds - Kasey met with the Stanley Co. Commissioners at their Nov meeting. She was told that they plan to add 40 new electrical hookups on the grounds. They also plan to add additional lighting to the east arena. They are working on getting a new sound system, speakers and wifi for the fairgrounds. Kasey and Don Bergeson will continue to work with Scott Deal and follow their progress. If new electrical hook ups are in place prior to the 2019 finals, they will be made available to the public at that time.

Sponsorships- Will and Cortney Haugen have agreed to assist with sponsorships. They have sent 180 sponsor forms. Helen reported sponsorship checks are starting to roll in. Will and Cortney will start making follow up calls the beginning of March.

Saddle Update - Teri Heninger continues to work on the saddle sponsorships and ordering of the saddles from Cowboy Classic Saddlery.

New Business:

Website updates - The website address is: www.sd4hrodeo.org . Kasey has been working with Colleen Harris to update website. Joy Meyer will look into helping with website in the future.

2019 Entry Packet – The 2019 4H rodeo packet is now available. SDSU has a new web browser so it is no longer Igrow. SDSU expedited the process to get the 4H Rodeo forms available as soon as possible. Thank you SDSU!

2019 rodeo schedule-The 2019 rodeo schedule is not yet finalized. As soon as all forms from each rodeo/county are turned in to John Keimig he will notify Kathy Monnens and those rodeos will be added to the rodeo schedule on the website. Several rodeos still need to confirm their dates for the 2019 season. Entries for the summer rodeos are available after May 1st.

Finals Program Design Bids-The following bids for the Finals Program were reviewed: Curt Merriman \$725, Teresa Gillapsie \$750, and Cortney Haugen \$600.

It was clarified that these bids are for the design/layout of program, Ad design and contestant lists. This does not include the printing of the program. It was agreed upon by the group that Merriman Printing will continue to print the program.

Motion by Rod Kusser to accept Cortney Haugen's bid and second by Dianna Melvin. Motion carried.

After the motion had carried, Roger Theobald mentioned he recalled a previous "incentive" payment to the person who secures new sponsors for the finals. He felt it was mentioned in past meeting minutes but could not recall when. After the meeting, Kasey had looked through most meeting minutes going back to 2007 and could not find any type of motion or sponsorship incentive program. Kasey will work with Roger to see if he can find it.

2019 Contestant Entry Fees-Fees will remain the same for 2019 with hopes of lowering them in the future. The fees are \$47.00 for the first event and \$20.00 for each additional event

2019 Stock Bid Forms- Those present felt the ½ enough plus 3 bid option made the finals rodeo perfs run faster and smoother by saving time running calves back. We will continue to have the 1/3 enough + 3 option on the bid form for now as well.

Mark and Dianna Melvin indicated that having 3 extra cattle, or a total of 15 head, is a lot of extra stock not being used and therefore not being paid for. They requested the bid form be changed from +3 to +1. It was discussed that all animals will be put in the draw if they are healthy and are comparable to all other animals in that group. If an animal is pulled out due to lameness or sickness that animal will not be paid for.

Motion made by Elizabeth Smith and second by Mike Steiger to keep the stock bid forms the same. Motion passed.

2019 Stock Bid Committee -The stock bid committee will be Roger Theobald, Don Bergeson, Regina Maier, Treg Cowan and Sam Sheppick. Tyson will be the board representative and tie breaker if needed. Don will Chair the committee and arrange meeting date the first week of March to review submitted stock bids and bring committee recommendation back to board at the March 10th meeting.

2019 Finals Committee Reports:

- Rodeo Manager: Tyson is working with Mike to find a replacement. It may take several people working together to replace Mike.
- Grounds: Jeremy Cass and Don Bergeson. Don will ask Sean Lauing to assist again.
- BBQ: Regina Maier/CHS
- Buckles: Kathy Monnens is working with Tres Rios.
- Saddles: Teri Heninger.
- Sponsors/advertising: Will and Cortney Haugen
- Go-Around Prizes: Susan VanLiere/Kasey Hanson
- Vendors: Kerry Hostutler
- Programs/Printing: Cortney Haugen/Merrimen's
- Concessions: Stanley Co AAU
- Ambassador Committee: Pauline Witte was there to represent the Ambassador Committee. Pauline indicated the committee is working hard on making the Ambassador contest more suitable to the contestants so the contestants can devote as much time as possible to their other events. Pauline proposed a new schedule as follows:
 - Horsemanship will be held on Thursday evening at 6:00
 - Friday morning will be the sponsorship run, radio interview and then speeches and interviews.
 - The ambassador luncheon will be held at 1:00 on Friday.
 - All judging will be completed on Friday after the luncheon and the committee would like to hold coronation at end of Saturday morning perf.

A motion was made by Kathy Monnens to move the horsemanship contest to Thursday evening. Second by Dianna Melvin. Motion carried.

Pauline then made a motion that All Around Points be given to the ambassador winners. It was seconded by Joy Meyer. The motion failed with a 10-5 vote for the 2019 Finals Rodeo. Rod Kusser made the recommendation the ambassador committee needs to have a "grassroots" effort with the regional rodeos who have contests to make sure each of those rodeos is awarding all around points their ambassador contestants. The committee can discuss case for all around points and it can be added to annual meeting agenda which has most attendance and more discussion and a roll call vote can be taken then. It is noted the SDHSRA does not award AA points to it's Queen.

Kasey will work with committee regarding changing the coronation time. With scholarship interviews and the Special Needs Rodeo Saturday afternoon, it may be better timing to hold the coronation prior to the Saturday night performance if able.

The board and those present recognize and commend our 4H Rodeo Ambassadors for representing 4H Rodeo all year long!!

- Special Needs Rodeo: Rhonda Fuhrer/Diana Melvin. It was decided to NOT include horseback riding or lead line events for 2019.
- 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 is in contact with Terri White at SD Woman's Prison.
- Photographer – Starrography has agreed. Kasey request online access to all photos following the finals.
- Contestant Check in – Susan
- Awards Ceremony – Helen/Kasey

The **next meeting** will be held via Teleconference on Sunday March 10th at 8:00 CST.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Van Liere

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Committee Secretary