

SD 4-H Finals, Inc.
Minutes October 29, 2011

The October 29, 2011 Annual Meeting was called to Order by President Dave Gaer. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Members in Conference: Dave and Lee Ann Gaer, Amy Franks, Paula Lind, Treg Cowan, Keith and Genice Gebhart, Don Bergeson, Rod Geppert, Shirley Erickson, Kathy Monnens, Kelly Wheelhouse, Pauline Witte, Mark and Diana Melvin, Bill Hupp, Roger Theobald, Regina Maier, Delores Melvin, Tracie Henderson, Suria Woodward, Maurice Lemke, Sarah Cater, Teri Henninger, Mary Kebach, Todd Henningson, Peggy Wittnebel, Tresa Hemmingson, and Julie Maude.

Kathy Monnens made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from August 8, 2011. Paula Witte seconded it. Motion passed, minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Amy Franks gave the Treasurers Report of a balance of \$1,443.15 in Checking Account, \$3,512.37 in Money Market and \$5,018.70 in CD. Total of \$9,974.22 Amy has reported that all saddle sponsor money is not yet collected. She also added that gate money was down \$1,300.00 and livestock and awards were up from previous years. Roger Theobald made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Shirley Erickson seconded it. Motion Approved.

Old Business: Geneice Gebhart reported everything went well with the Ambassadors. She also reported that they collected over \$1,000 in raffle sale and also did well on the silent auction. Money collected goes toward the scholarship program for seniors. Don Bergeson reported that the finals went very well and changing the gate at the barrel and pole arena really worked good. More people were willing to help set poles because of being closer to the fence and the flow of traffic went smoother. Would still like to send out a sign up sheet so each region can sign up to work one of the age divisions and events. Also, Don is going to contact the City of Fort Pierre to discuss the electric bill which was up substantially from last year without the use of electric hookups for campers. Regina Maier reported that the BBQ fed about 600 people and would like to continue this in the future. Dave Gaer talked about getting a sponsor for the meat and could have a banner done stating the sponsor. Roger Theobald reported that all saddles were accounted for and he is waiting on a call back on prices for next year. Also said we had enough saddle sponsors that we have to rotate regional rodeo names on the saddles each year. Mark and Diana Melvin reported that stalls were down this year and they had almost a 100 to many set up. Stall price will remain the same for next year but would like to have a reservation form to fill out so they have an idea on how many stalls to have up and available. Rod Geppert showed the first draft of the rodeo schedule and also added that Redfield is looking at adding a rodeo. He is also going to get in contact with Onida on having a rodeo and Blunt to see if they would like to have a one or two day rodeo. Each rodeo must have their Rodeo Approval Forms in by April 1, 2012.

New Business: Jim Korkow had contacted Don Bergeson and would like the 4-H Finals to reimburse him for a Ride Through Bow Gate that was damaged by the tractors during the Finals. Don Bergeson made a motion to purchase a new WW gate with the understanding that the 4-H Finals will take ownership of the damaged gate. Price would not exceed \$700.00. Roger Theobald seconded the motion, motion approved. Discussion of changing the deadlines in the Rule Book for the Ambassador Contest was discussed and will be tabled to the January Meeting. Also the wording in the Rule Book for Ambassadors to qualify for state was discussed and tabled to the Lay Board Meeting. Mike Steiger would like to have someone step up and take over his position as Rodeo Manager for the Finals. Also Kathy Monnens would like to step down on her position of organizing awards and buckles for the Finals. Last, Roger Theobald has been in

charge of the saddles for years and would like to see if there is someone else that would like to step up and accept this duty as he has many more duties with the finals. It was decided when organizing judges for the Finals it will be the judges responsibility to be there early and set the patterns in each of their arenas. Also, Amy will talk to Kiwanis about having staff come in earlier to man the gates because of so much traffic arriving before performances. Each person and every vendor must have a wristband to get into rodeo, workers will be provided with one. Sarah Carter, representing the Fort Pierre AAU Wrestling Club, asked us to consider a three year contract for the concession stands with a cost of \$500.00 a year. Diana Melvin made a motion to have the Fort Pierre AAU Wrestling Club man the concessions stands for three years (2012-2014) for a payback of \$500.00 a year. Keith Gebhart seconded it, motion approved. The Good Luck Ads were talked about and how we need to get more of these out as people do not know about them or forget about them. We will try and send them out next year to all the Regional Secretaries to hand out at the rodeos and also we will get one on the website. Lee Ann Gaer proposed the purchase of a computer program for the Finals. Explanation of the program and how it would work was discussed and the discussion to table it to January meeting when we have a new Finals Secretary. Appropriate signatures for rodeo forms was discussed and with the Extension Office downsizing there might have to be some changes, Rod Gebhart will keep us informed. It was asked if we could add Finals winner names and event on Thank You Plaques. Dave will get a quote on this for next year but thinking it might be too expensive and chances on not getting information right on plaques. The Finals Secretary position was reviewed and with all the work and hours that go into this position it was decided to have it a paid position. Don Bergeson made a motion to pay the Finals Secretary \$3.00 for every total member enrolled in the 4-H Rodeo Program and an additional \$2.00 for all state qualifying contestants, all secretary help will be paid by the secretary. Seconded by Diana Melvin, motion approved. With stock charges getting so expensive Don Bergeson made a motion to raise state finals entries \$20.00 an event for the entire weekend. Bill Hupp seconded it, motion approved.

Election of Officers:

President, Treasurer and Finals Secretary up for election. Roger Theobald made a motion to nominate Dave Gaer for another two year term as President. Kathy Monnens seconded it. Nominations seized by Bill Hupp. Lee Ann Gaer made a motion to nominate Teri Henninger for Treasurer. Regina Maier seconded it. Nominations seized by Paula Witte. Finals Secretary tabled until next meeting to allow time to find a replacement. If any person is interested in this position please mail a letter of interest to Dave Gaer, 16931 Twilight Road, Newell, SD 57760. Dave Gaer and Treg Cowan will do interviews for this position at January Meeting.

Shirley Erickson has agreed to keep updating the website and Amy Franks will still help with campsites and anything else. Next meeting January 21, 2012 at 10:00 central time at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center.

Bill Hupp made a motion to adjourn meeting. Paula Lind seconded it. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Gaer
4-H Board Secretary