

SD 4-H Finals Rodeo, Winter Meeting

January 16, 2021

Fort Pierre, SD

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Tyson Paxton. Tyson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Roll Call: Jada Kraft, Joy Meyer, Laura McGirr, Brad McGirr, Diana Melvin, Mark Melvin, Russell Maier, Chad Chauncey, Helen Jane Paxton, Kim Larson, Regina Maier, Karrie Geffre, Dru Wilking, Kathy Monnens, Scott Healy, Mary Kay Sell, Don Bergeson, Pauline Witte, Cortney Haugen

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Kathy Monnens to dispense the reading of the meeting minutes from the October 24, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Kay Sell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by Helen Jane Paxton. Helen Jane reports that there is currently \$33,924.51 in the account. She also reports that she did apply for the SD COVID Grant but has yet to hear back on that. Motion made by Kim Larson to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Don Bergeson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- The 2021 Finals dates were confirmed for August 20, 21, and 22nd 2021. The Ambassador Horsemanship Competition will be Thursday August 19th in the evening.
- It was decided at the October meeting that there would be no updates at this time to the timing systems, computers or printers. Kim Larson will be getting new stop watches.
- Discussion was had during the October meeting in regards to how to handle ties during the Finals rodeo. It was voted on that all ties will be honored.
- The 2021 Finals rodeo will be the 50th year of the SD 4-H Finals Rodeo. We are looking for volunteers to be on a committee to help plan and promote this special occasion. So far, those who have volunteered are: Casey Cowan, Regina Maier, Kathy Monnens, Diana Melvin, Shana Kruger and Jereme Skiles. If anyone else is interested or has any ideas please contact one of the committee or board members.
- Don Bergeson brought up that he would like to see the Finals buy their own panels. Discussion was had and recommendations were made for various places to purchase panels. Diana Melvin made a motion that bids need to be obtained for the panels from SD companies, especially those that have been long time supporters of 4-H and 4-H rodeos. Kim Larson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Don Bergeson agrees to get quotes from several businesses and agrees to

take into consideration SD businesses that have been supporters to SD 4-H rodeo. He will bring those quotes to the next meeting.

New Business:

- Forms: The 2021 4-H Rodeo packet is on the website. Per Kim Larson, they have added a brief clarification on the website that explains that the box next to the Insurance portion on the form MUST be initialed or the form will be considered incomplete. Kim states they are still working on getting the 4-H Rodeo rule book added to the website. John Keimig recommends that the regional rodeos may want to avoid saying anything about camping, concessions etc. on their forms as he is not yet sure what the COVID regulations will be.
- 2021 Rodeo Schedule: Kathy Monnens reported that only 2 rodeos have declared their dates as yet. Those are: Pennington Co. 4-H Rodeo, May 29th and Dewey Co., May 30th.
- Saddle Chairperson: Both Kasey Hanson and Tom Heitsch have stepped down from the saddle committee. Tyson asked the group that was present if anyone there was willing to step up to chair the saddle committee. Teri Heninger did agree to do this if no one else volunteered. Since no one else volunteered, Teri will once again work with the saddle company and the saddle sponsors.
- Saddle Bids: Bids for saddles were received from Triple R Tack, Barretts, Ray's, and Cactus Saddlery . All bids were read and discussed. It seemed that there were several questions people had on the different bids. Some bids included much detail, some bids omitted the All-Around saddles etc. It was decided that Teri, Don and Tyson would visit with those businesses and get a better idea of what they were offering and then decide who to go with. Diana Melvin made a motion that the sponsor's logo would go on the skirt of the saddle rather than the fenders. It was discussed that sponsors want their sponsorship to be easily seen. Regina Maier seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Photography Bids: Whitney Knippling submitted the same bid as last year. Michelle Maupin Barrett would like a booth at the Finals to take pictures at her booth but she does not want to take photos during the rodeo events. Michelle agreed to take the winner photos during the awards ceremony and exchange this service and those photos for her booth space. Motion made by Diana Melvin to accept both Whitney's and Michelle's proposals. Joy Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Finals Program: Bids were received by Cortney Haugen and Creative Printing. Cortney's bid was \$600 which is the same as the last 2 years. Creative Printing's bid was for \$1,400 and sponsorship of a full saddle. Creative Printing required

they would need full control of the graphics as part of their bid. It was discussed that since Cortney is part of the sponsorship committee it is much easier for her to put the program together since she is helping secure the program sponsors. It was also discussed that the bids for the program should be open prior to the October meeting and voted on at that meeting. Motion made by Don Bergeson to go with Cortney Haugen's bid. Seconded by Jada Kraft. Motion passed.

- Stock Bid Forms: All bid forms were reviewed. It was decided that a line needs to be added to the Rough Stock form that includes: 3 pickup men and 2 bull fighters. The bids will be put on the 4-H rodeo website and are due March 1st.
- Stock Bid Committee: The stock bid committee will stay the same as last year. Those are: Regina Maier, Treg Cowan, Tyson Paxton, Casey Heninger, and Don Bergeson.
- 2021 Finals Entry Fees: It was decided that the contestant entry fees will stay the same as last year. This is \$47 for the first event, \$20 for each event after that. Motion made by Kathy to leave the fees the same. Seconded by Jada. Motion passed.

2021 4-H Finals Committee Reports:

Rodeo Manager: Tyson Paxton

Ambassador Committee: Pauline Witte reported that Addyson will be attending the BHSS and Rodeo where she will represent the SD 4-H Rodeo by being a flag carrier and participating in all the other queen events being held during the stock show and rodeo. If allowed, Addyson will also be going to the SD Capital to meet with legislators and hopefully the Governor.

Grounds: Don Bergeson/Jeremy Cass

Ambulance: Helen Jane will be sending the contract to AMR.

Buckles/Knives: Kathy Monnens

Saddles: Teri Heninger

Sponsors/Advertising: Will and Cortney Haugen; Cortney reported that sponsorship letters went out in early December. She asked for volunteers to help make follow up calls to sponsors.

Go-Round Prizes: Sue Van Liere, Helen Jane Paxton

Vendors: Kerry Hostutler

Program: Cortney Haugen

Concession Stand: Tyson will be contacting Stanley Co. Wrestling

Gate/Ticket Sales: Sue Van Liere It was discussed that there needs to be someone there past 10 pm on Thursday night as it was noted that several rigs pulled in throughout the night.

Grounds Cleanup: Helen Jane will get bids for this again. It was noted that Oahe Skaters and Serena Townsend had verbalized interest in doing this.

Contestant Dance: Helen Jane

Awards Ceremony: We are asking for someone to volunteer to help coordinate the Awards Ceremony.

BBQ: Regina Maier

Additional Business: Helen Jane suggested that there be youth/4-H rodeo contestants on the rodeo committees to encourage more youth involvement.

Someone asked if we would be having a Special Needs Rodeo this year. Diana Melvin had left the meeting already but we will get her input and report at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 11th, 2021 via teleconference at 8pm CST.

Adjourn: Motion made by Don, seconded by Regina. Meeting adjourned.