

SD 4-H Finals, Inc.
Minutes of October 25, 2014

The October 25, 2014, Annual Meeting was called to Order by President Treg Cowan. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Members Present were: Treg Cowan, Lee Ann Gaer, Teri Heninger, Don Bergeson, Kathy Monnens, Roger Theobald, Diana Melvin, Janet Wright, Mary Kebach, Diane Hoffman, Burt Witte, Julie Maude, Joy Meyer, Shelly Cowan and Russ Maier

Treasurers Report: Teri Heninger reported the checking account balance of \$20,539.53 and the money market at \$1,014.50. Total of \$21,554.03. **Don Bergeson made a motion to approve the Treasures Report. Russ Maier 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.**

New Business: Review of the 2014 Finals was discussed as follows: Don Bergeson reported that he thought the Finals had gone very smoothly. He stated Scott Hoyt did an excellent job keeping the ground good and there were only a few slips and falls. Treg Cowan stated he thought the judges did an outstanding job but they did run into a few issues with contestants not wearing back numbers or not wearing the right numbers. Discussion was had on the 4 or 5 arena records that were broke at the Finals.

Treg Cowan read an email that Peter Nielsen from the state SDSU office had sent: Greetings to all of you from the State 4-H Office! Please accept my apology for not being there today. Ron Skovly has a rescheduled collegiate rodeo and enjoying a great SDSU year while I am cheering on my son at this year's State Cross Country meet. I told Lee Ann that I just wanted to pass on a few things for today.

First off, Congratulations! It was a great year for 4-H Rodeo culminating with an extremely successful State 4-H Rodeo Finals! Ron and I both feel privileged that we were able to attend and we expect to be there to experience even more for next year. 4-H Rodeo in South Dakota assisted South Dakota 4-H in its fourth consecutive year of growth. I recently turned in our federal report with 8911 enrolled 4-H members and additional 35,000+ through school outreach programs and out of school time. You helped make that happen.

If I may, there are just a few things that I briefly discussed with LeeAnn for the future work this winter...and I expect you'll agree. In order to keep building momentum, I look forward to working and improving on the following items that need a little help and clarity.

1. Streamlining processes (paperwork vs 4HOnline and getting entries into your rodeo software) – I would sure appreciate a committee to work through some things with me some time this winter.
2. Insurance – We've learned a few things this year on the "true coverage" of 4-H Rodeo insurance and we need to work to make sure everyone understands how to apply it.
3. Logos and State 4-H involvement (Backtags) – How can we properly incorporate the logos, etc. without it being a financial burden. I can work directly through the winter on that.
4. Thank you for the work on your financial paperwork! NO Group in the state has been more accurate, thorough and on time! This was a big help.
5. Finally, as a heads up...you'll be hearing about the re-enrollment process for volunteers involving some video trainings! No worries! More information will be coming when that is released in the next couple of weeks.

Here's looking to increased participation and a bright future. Call me any time as I am very proud of your program that betters South Dakota youth. Ron and I will continue to work through campus, board of regents, and risk management things to secure a growing future for South Dakota 4-H Rodeo. Have a great meeting.

Programs and Advertising was again discussed. Teri Heninger would really like some help or have some one step up and take this great project over. Advertising takes time and a lot of mailings along with organizing all of this for the Program. The Program offers very little time to have to the printers and ready for the rodeo as Teri must wait for all the advertising and draws from Heather and Lee Ann before the final program can go to print. If anyone knows of someone that would like to step in and at least give some of their time please contact Teri.

Treg Cowan reported that Brenton Crane, Stanley County Fairgrounds Manager and Stall Coordinator, had resigned but the county will continue to manage the stalls. The Stanley County Commissioners are in the process of looking for a replacement to manage, promote and maintain the fairgrounds. It was also brought to the Board's attention that when there was a vet or medical release the money was not refunded back to the contestant for stall money. As the Finals is no longer in contract over the stalls this would have to be brought up to the Stanley County Fairgrounds Board.

Diane Hoffman reported that the 2014 Ambassador, Roni Jankord had been traveling all over and promoting the 4-H Rodeo in a great way.

Teri Heninger reported that go around prizes were good and they averaged about \$8,000.

Kathy Monnens reported buckles to be around \$110.00 a piece. She also stated that Orange Leaf Yogurt had provided all the contestants with a free yogurt, buckle sponsorship and \$300.00.

Roger Theobald assumes saddles will again go up for the 2015 Finals. He has not gotten a quote yet from the company but will report back when he finds out. Roger will again take over the ordering and placement of the saddles for 2015.

The Awards BBQ organized by Regina Maier went well and Teri Heninger reported we have a bill with Sutley's for \$600 for the meat.

Discussion of a new photographer for the 2015 Finals was discussed. People are very disappointed that they must put a deposit down to even look at pictures after the Finals. At which time you will then be given access to the pictures but the deposit only will go toward a picture purchase. Pictures are very hard to find on the website. Some parents are very busy during the Finals and are not able to scan through pictures until after they have returned home. If anyone knows of a company that is able to provide pictures for three arenas and are able to do night pictures please talk to someone on the board.

Don Bergeson would like to thank Milt Morris for flying over the Rodeo Grounds on Sunday morning to take pictures of all the trucks, trailers and patronage going on during the weekend. He also provided pictures to the Finals at no cost.

Colleen Harris has taken over the website and is very speedy with getting things updated and on the website. The board hopes she will continue this for the upcoming year.

The County has purchased a sound system for the grounds but at this time Don Bergeson is not sure if this would be something the Finals would be able to use.

Discussion of the concession stands and a one or two year contract was talked about. After visiting with Dee Hanson, Stanley County AAU wrestling, they will do a 1 year contract with a payback to the Finals of \$500.00.

Discussion was had on changing the by-laws regarding term limits for Officers and making the President be changed to a President-Elect position. Meaning the Vice-President will serve a two year term as Vice-President and then move into the President position for a two year term. This allows someone to get acquainted with the role of the board before having to step into the President position.

The original by-laws read as follows:

C. The terms of officers elected at the annual meeting shall commence at the adjournment of that meeting and shall serve until adjournment of the next annual meeting. Terms of the officers will be three years. The

President and Treasurer shall end their terms on odd years. The Vice President and Secretary shall end their terms on even years. No officer would serve more than two consecutive terms.

New by-law to be voted on at the January Meeting:

C. The terms of officers elected at the annual meeting shall commence at the adjournment of that meeting and shall serve until adjournment of the next annual meeting. Terms of the officers will be two years. The President position will be a President-Elect Position; the Vice President will serve a two year term and automatically move into the President Position for a two year term. The President and Treasurer shall end their terms on odd years. The Vice President and Secretary shall end their terms on even years. No officer would serve more than two consecutive terms.

Kathy Monnens moved to re-elect Don Bergeson as Vice President. Shelly Cowan 2nd. Lee Ann Gaer moved to seize nominations. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Teri Heninger moved to elect Shelly Cowan as Secretary. Lee Ann Gaer 2nd. Janet Wright moved to seize nominations. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Kasey Hanson has agreed to line up volunteers for the barrel/pole/flag arena along with two volunteers for gate help for the 2015 SD 4-H Finals Rodeo.

Next Meeting will be in January 17, 2015 at 10:00 am central time in Fort Pierre, SD.

Don Bergeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Lee Ann Gaer seconded it. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Gaer
4-H Finals Secretary