

**WSHSRA Meeting Minutes  
March 23 2017**

**Conference Call Attendance (if I didn't get your name on list let me know and I can add it):**

Jim Thompson	Gena McNeil	Jess Kayser
Mollee Gray	TJ Newman	JJ Furlong
Cassie Kayser	Rocky Billings	Glenda Meek
Laura Lee Barry	Rod Mills	Ally Billings
Bennie Beck	Dave Bolich	Crysti Gray

**Reined Cow Horse:**

For reined cow horse, Washington State decided to us Option II: The Reined Cow horse will be offered at a minimum of three (3) times at the qualifying level. If option II is used, only points earned at State Finals will be applied to the All-Around. The board of directors approved that and we conveyed it to the members prior to the start of the season.

Sue Hart spoke to the National office and they said it would be ok if we only had one (1) qualifying round for reined cow horse, followed by three (3) state finals rounds. That means we have used the first round of Eugene, OR reined cow horse as the qualifier. The second round at Eugene, OR was the first round of state finals. The second two rounds of state finals will be held in Lynden, WA on April 28-30.

For points (considering only WSHSRA contestants), the points earned in round one (1) at Eugene will go towards the year end standings. Round two (2) at Eugene will start the state points.

**Breakdown for points:**

Qualifying Points - Round one (1) at Eugene (10 points maximum)

First round of State Finals - Round two (2) at Eugene (10 points maximum)

Second Round of State Finals - Round one (1) at Lynden (10 points maximum)

State finals Average points (double points ie: 20, 18, 16, etc) - sum of scores for round two (2) at Eugene and round one (1) at Lynden (20 points maximum)

Short go of State Finals - Round two (2) at Lynden (10 points maximum)

The points totals at this time will determine the year end champion for Reined Cow Horse. There are NO BONUS points to be added as we are already offering 10 more points at finals than what is being brought in... (we brought in a max of 10 points, state finals offers 50 points). For all around, only the state finals points will be allowed (maximum of 50 points).

I will update the points as they are right now. I will work closely with Kristi while they are in Lynden and try to keep the kids updated on the standings. I will also have the points at the first rodeo in Grandview.

**Othello State Run Rodeo:**

There was two bids for the rough stock contractor. Bowcut said he would be the same as last fall and Shamrock came in at \$2700. Rocky made a motion for Bowcut and Sue seconded. It passed.

Jess is going to ask Joel and Shawn if they can judge. Gena said that she would time and we will ask ShaRee if she would be willing to time.

There where two bids for the announcer. Quinton came in at \$650 and Bull Demeres was \$575. I didn't catch the names of who made the motion and seconded it, everyone voted yes. It passed.

The board set the times for the Saturday performance as 10:00 a.m. and Sunday 8:00. Rocky made this motion, Gena seconded. No one was opposed.

**Saddles:**

Less Schwab called Tod Slone and said that they had not heard from Washington State. Kristi said that she has went in to Les Schwab in Ellensburg twice and was never able to make contact with the manager. She will try and go back in to meet with him.

**Queen:**

There was a lengthy discussion about the queen budget, or lack of a queen budget. Crysti said that she had some ideas of ways that she could raise some funds to help build a bigger queen budget for the state.

**State Finals:**

Sue said that she has a lead for a sponsor for the SWX for this years state finals. JJ made a motion that we keep using the SWX during state finals. It was seconded and it passed.

Rocky made a motion that we put the announcer, timers, and judges for state finals out to bid. It passed.

Rocky made a motion that we have pizza for the dinner during awards again, Gena seconded it, it passed. Laura Lee said that she would help out with getting this lined out again.

**CD Interest:**

JJ said that our CD interest we have a 10 day grace period to pull the interest off it or roll it over to the next year. There was a question posed as should we pull the interest off to be used towards the scholarships or just leave it. Laura Lee pointed out that this year seemed like a large senior class and taking the money might be a good idea. Gena made motion to take \$2500 in interest out, Rocky seconded it and it passes.

Rocky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m., everyone seconded.

## 8-10-17 Board Meeting Minutes

Board members that called in (That I heard, I can add names if you tell me you called in)

-Jess Kayser    -Brett Davis    -Brain Hayes    -Kim Berquist    -Gena McNeil    -Brett Hale

-Mark Clawson    -TJ Newman    -Wayne Rexin    -Slone Rexin    -JJ Furlong    -Sue Hart

-Cassie Kayser    -Tammy Kayser    -Dave Bolich

### 1. Cutting in the fall:

There was discussion on if we should try and have a cutting in the fall. Sue pointed out that not all cutters join in the fall. Also she said that Cascade Cow Cutters offered for the kids to cut with them for us to save money on judges. We decided that we would most likely wait until spring to start the cutting since only one member expressed an interest in wanting a fall cutting.

### 2. Code of Conduct

It was brought up that the state needs to start enforcing some rules on language, disrespect to the board members, alcohol use, tobacco use, etc. There was a suggestion that we follow what the national office does; back at nationals if there is an issue the executive board meets and each incident is dealt with on a case by case basis. There was a point made that if we do it case/case then some might not think we are treating all the situations evenly across the board, and we need more clear consequences. Gena brought up that the rule book is very clear on the punishment for some of the issues.

NHSRA Rule Book Page 29-30 #7. There was lots of ideas thrown out, but I think we decided that we would follow the rule book, but in a case of language or anything that doesn't specifically list in the rule book, the executive board will address those issues on a case by case basis. We will be drafting a letter to the members and parents clearing stating what the rule book already says, and we will have them sign it and give back. There will be a membership meeting at the first rodeo and this will be gone over with the members too.

### 3. State Run Rodeo @ Longview

Gold Buckle said that they would be willing to do the rodeo for the same amount as last year & Hales where at \$16/run. JJ made a motion that we accept Stickhorse & Gold Buckle for the stock contractors at Longview and Brian seconded. Gena made a motion to accept Joel and Shawn for judges and Brain seconded. JJ made a motion to accept Gena & Sharee as timers and Brain seconded it. Start time for Friday is 6:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am with the HS 2 hours after the JH but not before 12:00, and Sunday at 9:00 am. There will be a JH mandatory contestant meeting Friday night at 5:00 and a HS mandatory contestant meeting Saturday immediately following the JH rodeo.

### 4. National Student Vice President

Cassie has been in touch with some people in Longview and they want to have a Senior Rodeo with the people who live in assisted living. She has asked the HS membership to contribute and help out and she said that she has over 15 volunteers to go to the home in Longview to help. This will be on Friday afternoon before the JH rodeo starts.

She is also promoting "Rodeo for a cure", she has challenged all states to participate and help raise awareness. The NHSRA times wants to do an article on Washington's Rodeo for a Cure. With the recent diagnoses of Gena with cancer it seemed a simple decision on which route to take. We will be having a

dinner on Saturday night at Longview to help raise money for Gena's treatment. Cassie also asked if the board would be willing to donate any of the rodeos proceeds to Gena for her treatment. Brian suggested that we donate all proceeds to Gena. Gena accepted the offer and made a point to tell all of us that we need to create awareness and everyone should get checked.

#### 5. Raffle

Last year we raised approx \$48,000 in raffle ticket sales and our costs where only \$2100 (not including printing tickets etc). There was a motion to give Kim & Tammy \$1200 budget to buy raffle items if needed, and if they needed more we would discuss as a board to approve the funds. They did ask if they could buy some awards for the Othello rodeo because the raffle ticket sales where to be used for awards for the kids. We approved a \$2500 budget, but they were just starting to look into awards, so if they needed more they would let us know.

#### 6. Help @ state run rodeos

The board is trying to find ways to get more help from the membership at the state run rodeos. Tammy said that the student board was having a meeting soon and wanted to brain storm some ideas of how to motivate the membership to help more often.

## 11-18-17 Full Board Meeting

### In attendance:

Sue Hart      Jess Kayser      Brian Hayes      TJ Newman      Dave Bolich      Stephanie Downey  
Crysti Gray      Tammy Kayser      Alea Tatro      Jeremy Tatro      Cassie Kayser      Rylee Garland  
Slone Rexin      Jim Thompson      Randy Hull      Anthony Popelier      Kim Dale      Glenda Meek  
Toni Sergerman

TJ read the rodeo bids. There was 5 rodeo bids sent in. Coulee City, Silverdale, Ritzville, Omak & Goldendale. There was discussion on if this was too many rodeos to have in the spring. Brian suggested that we vote if we want to have a break, but Sue made a motion to approve all rodeos and Randy seconded it. There was some discussion on this such as if there is 5 rodeos plus state finals some people will choose to not attend the rodeos that are farther in distance therefore losing entries. It went to a vote and 5 people opposed, and 15 said yes.

**\*Update\*** However; the week after the meeting it came to the attention of the board that according to the WSHSRA Standing Rules #11, Rodeos will be capped at 16 per year (8 weekends), so I sent an email to the board asking to vote a rodeo out. During this time Silverdale decided to pull their rodeo from the list.

The 2018 Spring Rodeo Schedule was approved as:

April 20-22 Coulee City (JH & HS)

April 27-29 Ritzville (JH & HS)

May 4-6 Omak (JH & HS)

May 18-20 Goldendale (JH & HS)

May 25-28 State Finals Kennewick

Steve Gordon talked to the Ellensburg rodeo committee about hosting state finals there. He said the rental fee would be \$750/day for the arena plus \$600 for any outbuildings for awards etc but they offered us a 20% discount. The discussion was that people didn't like the hill at Ellensburg and how spread out it was especially during state finals, but other people really liked the idea of having it at new location more centrally located. Jess commented that last year at Kennewick it was roughly the same price as the quoted amount of Ellensburg. Stephanie made a motion to have it in Kennewick, Brian seconded. It went to a vote and it passed with 11 yes and 6 no. State Finals will be held in Kennewick in 2018.

In October the executive board asked JJ Furlong to resign all her positions held for the WSHSRA. Jess asked the board if there was anyone willing to take over her positions for the remainder of the rodeo season. Glenda Meek offered to help out as Treasurer, Jamie Eldred offer to take over the points, and Val Marker will do all awards including national/SSIR jackets and shirts.

**\*Update:** JJ has turned all books over to Glenda and the facebook page was turned over to Tammy Kayser. No formal letter of resignation has been received but we are still expecting to get one.

We will need to get announcer bids for state finals. The announcer will be expected to announce the following:

Friday Queen content, Saturday-Monday rodeo performances, and provide all the equipment such as speakers and microphone. The board will be announcing the awards banquet.

Prom will be put on by the student board

TJ received a check from the National Office from Cinch for \$1050 to help fund a membership drive. There was discussion on what we should do to promote rodeo in the state. One idea was that we could use it to payout more at each rodeo. It was brought up that posters can be made for each member to hang in their school pointing out that you don't have to be on a "team" to be a part of High School Rodeo. Cassie said that she can talk to Sharee (unsure how to spell) about creating a poster as well as some social media ads that we can have all the kids share.

Les Schwab has not been approached about sponsoring the HS rodeo saddle this year, so Wayne Slone and Steve Gordon offered to talk with them in Ellensburg. Steve said that his wife can take a picture of all the kids this spring to make the posters for Les Schwab.

The Student Board will be attending Mid winter conference January 23-28. The students are asking for \$1200 to help pay for all the tickets. Dave suggested that we pay for the kids because technically this is a business trip and that it is the right thing to do. We did some rough figures and we came up with about \$3000 to cover the flight and motel fees. Dave made a motion to pay for room and flight, Brian seconded it. This was a motion for this year only, we will vote on covering the costs each year. The board asked that in return that they have to present something that they learned at the first rodeo to get the other members excited about being a member and possibly getting more people to want to run for an office.

Code of Conduct

Not all code of conducts were collected this fall. It was discussed that they must be turned in prior to entering the first spring rodeo. If they are not turned in to TJ or Stephanie then they will not be able to enter until they are turned in. Wayne made a motion to approve this and Cassie seconded this.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm