

## Washington State High School Rodeo Association

### Meeting Minutes

Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Present: Dave Bolich, TJ Newman, Kim Berquist, Laurie Hart, Sue Hart, Brian Hayes, Stephanie Downy, Gemma Wolfenbarger, Sara Ritchey, Mark Clawson, JR Wood, Jim Shattuck, Jeff Wiersma, Sam Buchert, Jess Kayser, Ronee Buchert, Kristina Bolich, Tice Hiner

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by President Dave Bolich.

#### **Discussed the fall rodeo season.**

Schedule is tentative depending on local restrictions due to COVID.

- Longview, September 11-13 - state run
- Chelan, September 18-20
  - o Back up venues include Coulee City and Basin City
- Bickleton, September 25-27, state run
- Basin City, October 2-4, state run

Julie Gray is taking over as the director of the RCH, Reigned Cow Horse, the schedule is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> performance will be at Longview the night of September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Double header in Ellensburg at Kim Whitty's on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Discussed eligibility.**

NHSRA forms are available on the website. There is a form for a parent and youth to sign for verification for enrollment in home school program.

Not requiring grades this fall as part of normal eligibility. Will use spring transcripts which will be due August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Youth not in good standing due to raffle tickets will not be able to enter the fall rodeo until they pay their \$250 plus the current membership at the national and state level. Kim Berquist will send the list of ineligible youth to the executive board.

#### **Current Membership Dues**

Returning members pay their national dues on the NHSRA website. Stephanie Downey and TJ Newman will work together to figure out how to take those dues off of the arena manager site so youth can pay their state membership dues as well without being double charged. Membership fees are due August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

#### **Stock Contractors**

Several vendors have indicated interest in providing bids for the upcoming fall rodeo season. These include McMillan's (rough stock and TR steers at Basin City), Brett Hale (Longview), Kelly Bocut (Bickleton & Longview) and Brent Palmer (Bickleton).

Brian Hayes agreed to reach out to Brent Palmer and Kelly Bocut for clarification on their bids. TJ Newman agreed to check back with McMillan's.

### **Prestige Saddle Sponsor**

They have a tentative schedule they would like for us to commit to as an association to provide the mock rodeos for their residents. The association needs volunteers to commit. Discussed needing to reach out to Prestige executives to ensure they are comfortable with us participating in person due to the COVID restrictions. Dave Bolich agreed to reach back to Prestige to clarify safety and sanitization guidelines as well as the dates.

### **Board & District Positions:**

Current open board positions include:

Junior High Vice President

Points - recommendation made to ask Gemma's mother if she would be willing to fill this role

Other positions that will need to be filled by the end of the season include the raffle, year end awards and secretary.

Kelly Minor is stepping down as the Treasurer. Laurie Hart will be starting as Treasurer as of August 1, 2020. She agreed to have a financial report ready by the end of August, if at all possible.

There are five districts, each should have two adult members. All districts are in need of at least one position.

### **Raffle Tickets**

Sue Hart had an idea shared with her by another national director. Have one item for the raffle drawing like an ATV. Get it donated. Increase the cost of the tickets to \$25 a piece and have each youth sell as many as possible. The winner gets the ATV and the youth each get a percentage of their ticket sales to go towards entry fees and travel costs.

Group discussed this idea and liked the concept with some modifications. Agreed to limit the number of prizes to 3-5, include a trailer again as the grand prize, maybe an ATV or something similar for second place and money for third place. This will appeal to non-cowboy supporters of rodeo and the youth association. Kim Berquist is willing to get started on this process since the tickets need ordered and she will also reach out to Luft and Jess Auto to see if they are interested in sponsoring again. She is asking for someone to help her with this so they can be trained to take over after this year.

Question was asked about a thank you on FB for Cathy Caraway who donated \$1,000 for the queen contest. The members agreed it was the queen's responsibility to send a thank you since she is the one who received the award.

### **Cinch Team**

NHSRA Cinch Team membership eligibility has changed. The states are now responsible for nominating youth to represent their state on the Cinch Team. Six high school youth and four junior high youth who show horsemanship, responsibility, and support for the rodeos, willing to help out and volunteer. The board will have to submit names for the Cinch Team soon, no date identified.

## **Bareback and Steer Roping Points**

Options were discussed on how to calculate points across the season and year end. Option #1 is each qualifying rodeo counts and all around points and the year end points count towards nationals qualifications. Option #2 is that at least three rodeos, the finals, year end points count towards the state finals and only the state finals results count towards nationals qualifications. Option #3 is no points awarded until state finals.

Motion made by Brian Hayes and seconded by David Bolich to keep Option #1 for Junior High. Motion made by Brian Hayes and seconded by Mark Clawson to keep Option #2 for High School. Both motions carried.

It was pointed out that the RCH and cutting were under option #2 as well.

Next week (Aug 18<sup>th</sup>) is an executive board meeting followed by a full board meeting the last week of August.

Motion made by Brian Hayes and seconded by Dave Bolich to end the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.