

WSHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting
1/28/2024
Ellensburg, WA

Meeting called to order by President Chance Gartner at 10:00am

Attendance taken by sign in sheet passed around.

Queen Coordinator – Bailey Nachtigal – Super excited to take over the Queen program. She has a lot of experience as a queen and is ready to push our queen program to the next level. She has a lot of ideas and is working on making a plan for our program. If anyone has questions she is ready to answer them. Bailey gave her contact information out and said anyone can call her with questions.

National Mid-Winter Meeting wrap up – Sue, Tashia, Diehl, Hadley (Talyn and Michele are absent) – We would like a committee put together to coordinate our state crisis fund and foundation baskets at nationals. Lots of discussion. Kacey Gartner recommended a foundation donation box at the rodeos. Sue Hart recommended Julie Gray to chair the committee. Julie will think about it and get back to the board.

Tashia – Golf Cart discussion. It will be a ground rule at both JH and HS Nationals that nobody under the age of 21 will be allowed to drive the golf carts. Only parents or Guardians, over the age of 21 will be allowed. If a contestant is caught driving a golf cart, their back number will be pulled and they will be told to go home and will be disqualified from the event. Any parent or guardian caught causing problems or being unruly on the golf carts will result in the contestant's back number being pulled, being disqualified from the event and told to go home. There is a no tolerance policy on this ground rule.

Hadley - Career/College Fair at Nationals, Pro-Choice Equine and Student Athlete of the month (sign up), National Scholarships – sign up for them, CINCH Athlete

Camping at HS Nationals – 28 full service slots for our state. Everyone else will be dry camping or can pay for a hotel room.

1. Student Board
2. Executive Board
3. Seniors
4. Most points in each event

Treasurer Report – Mary Maghnaghi – Handed out 1st quarter financials for review. The question was asked if the unclaimed scholarship funds go back to the scholarship. Diehl reported that the unclaimed scholarship funds goes back into the general fund.

Questions have been asked how Secretary and Central Entry get paid and what line item that is on the financial report. Mary said that it comes out of the office fees.

Mary is requesting that we upgrade the Quickbooks online so that she can break down the “classes” to be able to make a budget online. We currently pay \$400-500, and to upgrade it will cost about \$900 per year. Kacey Gartner made a motion and Mark Cane 2nd to upgrade the system. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary is still working on getting the audit done, which was approved in the past. She has been denied by several accounting firms that have denied our request to audit our accounts. Laurie Hart will get Mary the contact information for the NHSRA Foundation audit information.

Awards budget was \$65,000 for 2023. We have already approved the same budget for 2024.

Clinic reimbursement – Do we keep it? Currently we have a rule that states \$150 for up to 34 kids and after that it goes to the board decision. Scott Goodwin wants to make the motion to reimburse up to \$150 per kid for the year, up to \$41,250 for the rodeo year (August 1 – July 31). Julie Gray 2nd. Show of hands vote 19 for 18 against. Motion passed. (After a short break it was brought to the attention of the board that we need to revote and make sure that we are counting paid membership votes only). We reevaluated the current motion and had a lot of discussion. Scott Goodwin is rescinding his motion. Hadley Hiner motioned to limit \$150 per clinic to the first 100 reimbursement forms, up to 2 clinics per member per rodeo calendar year (8/1-7/31). Jules Pyper 2nd. Open to discussion. After discussion, Hadley wants to amend her motion to split the # of clinic reimbursement funds to be split 50/50 between fall and spring, with any unused fall funds roll into Spring availability. Jules Pyper 2nd the amendment. Discussion opened again. Motion passed unanimously.

Diehl motions to approve the financial report as presented. Laurie 2nd. Motion passed.

Jackie asked Mary to report on the CD. The board voted to move the interest out of the CD before the deadline and put it in the general fund with an earmark for a possible “Crisis Fund” for our state.

Gemma wants to propose \$5000 budget for student board to spend on activities and events through the 2023-2024 rodeo year, ending 7/31/2024 and they keep any funds they make on prom or any other fund raiser. Diehl Hiner made a motion and Jackie Gudmundson 2nd. Motion passed.

Michele Wood (west) reviewed her budgets for awards. Currently she gets \$1500 per state run rodeo for awards, and says that it’s really hard to get good awards with all of the events. Diehl made a motion to up our state run rodeo awards budget to \$2000, and \$65000 for state finals. Tonya Reedy 2nd. Motion passed.

Scholarship – Diehl Hiner – Reported on how last years scholarship weekend went, and is asking for the same set up this year. He has guest speakers scheduled and is getting things planned.

Diehl read emails from Carson Daniels and Lena Berens on how they felt about having to leave what they were already doing out of state to attend the weekend, and how much they appreciated that.

Diehl gave a report on how much was awarded in scholarships last year.

Diehl talked about the IceBreaker dates being the same as scholarship weekend. There was open discussion in regards to members attending a NHSRA sanctioned event and having to make a choice between the IceBreaker and scholarship weekend.

Sue wants to propose a motion to allow the students that are senior contestant members to attend the IceBreaker and apply for the scholarships and attend the interviews virtually. Randy Dean 2nd. Open discussion. With a raise of hands vote 26 for and 5 against, the motion passes. The Board will come up with a way to accomplish this. \$60,000 for the scholarship weekend which includes the cost of the weekend. Jules Pyper made a motion and Kelli Broeckel 2nd. Motion passed

Raffle update – Cori Kane – The prize list is posted and there are a lot of prizes to win this year. Tickets are due March 15th. Lots of discussion on possible bounced checks and who is responsible for collecting money. The raffle chairman will update the letter starting 2024-2025 to say that it is required for 1 check, money order or cashiers check from the member directly.

Entries – Stephanie Downey – Stephanie is requesting the entry deadline be pushed back to 8pm on Thursday and late entries will start at 8pm on Thursday night. Stephanie Downey made a motion and Shannon Ray 2nd. Motion passed.

State Finals Schedule – In our By-Laws it states that our annual meeting is at state finals. Do we put in a request to the National Office to have our meeting prior to state finals? Sue Hart will call the National Office and ask what steps need to be taken. State Finals contractor bids were reviewed and voted on.

Timed Event Stock:

Joel Knapp - JH chute dogging & HS steer wrestling

Stick Horse Cattle – All other timed event cattle

Timers:

Justine Winn

Heather Popelier

Announcer:

ibby Jane Coyne

Judges:

Joel Knapp

Anthony Popelier

Billie King

Goat Tying:

G.O.A.T. Roping Productions - \$4.00 per run

Rough Stock:

Aces Wild Pro Rodeo

Spring Schedule –

4/26-28 Coulee City – FREE water truck & tractor provided – Scott Goodwin made a motion and Jackie Gudmunson 2nd. Motion passed

5/3-5 – Othello – FREE water truck & tractor provided – Scott Goodwin made a motion and Jackie Gudmundson 2nd. Motion passed

5/10-12 – Basin City Club Run Rodeo – Jackie Gudmundson made a motion and several people 2nd. Motion passed

5/17-19 – Okanogan Club Run Rodeo – Jackie Gudmundson made a motion and Cori Kane 2nd. Motion passed

5/23-27 – STATE FINALS in Moses Lake

Cutting Spring Schedule – Diehl Hiner reported Spring dates as follows

3/8-9 @ Bonina

4/19-20 @ Bonina (2 State Finals goes)

Shooting – Kellie Broeckel reported Spring dates as follows:

4/6-7 @ Ephrata

5/17-19 @ Okanogan (HS Friday/JH Saturday)

RCH – Julie Gray was already gone, so those dates will be posted soon

Student Board – The student board wants to plan an event Friday night at State Finals. Recognition of the TOP 15 in each event, dress nice like the NFR or Vegas Toughest back number ceremony. Swing Dance, potluck, and motivational Speaker.

Prom – Possibly at Okanogan but they will get back to us.

They are asking for \$2000 to have for Friday night. Jackie motioned to put \$1000 towards the student boards event and the student board puts in \$1000 for a total of \$2000. Tashia 2nd. Motion passed

Hadley wants to replace the “Public Relations” position to be “Treasurer”. We will have to get back to the student board after speaking with the National Office. This will be tabled for now.

By-Laws – We do not have an updated set of By-Laws since 2015. Tashia is retyping all of them currently so we have a new document to be able to make changes. Lots of discussion on this topic. Our executive board is not fully listed in our by-laws and members are questioning voting positions.

Scott Goodwin made a motion to stop paying the secretaries and central entry. Jules Pyper 2nd. Open discussion.

After discussion, Scott is rescinding his motion and Jules is rescinding her 2nd.

Laurie Hart made a motion to have a 4 person work group to write a proposed updated set of bylaws and have them available to review at the first Spring rodeo. Jules Pyper 2nd. Ty Campbell has someone in mind outside of our association that may be willing to help out with our new by-laws. Open discussion.

Laurie will amend her motion to have Ty Campbell and his delegate of choice to review our current by-laws and submit a draft by the first spring rodeo. Scott 2nd. Motion passed.

Scott is asking that there are no voting be done in executive session. If a vote has to be made, please bring it to the membership and board of directors.

Ty Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Scott Goodwin 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.

Tashia Bean
1/29/2024