

WSHSRA MEETING via Zoom

10/1/2024

Called to order at 7:00pm

*Business –

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report -Jules – Jessica Hiner and the Walla Walla Club spreadsheet review was great. Jules wanted to thank them for everything. Jules has started a spreadsheet form for each of the clubs so they see what they are getting paid, and where the money goes to.

The question has been brought up asking who gets the late fees when people late enter. This will need to be discussed further and a proposal will be mentioned.

Michele Wood will be issued a debit card to purchase awards. This was voted on last year towards the end of the year, but will now be happening this year.

The 501 ©4 / 501 ©3 details were discussed. We need to file articles of incorporation to the IRS and possibly have to amend our by-laws to match the AOI's. The state has given us our gambling license, with the understanding that we get our 501 ©3 BEFORE our raffle in May. ~MORE DETAILS TO COME~

Tygh drafted a letter to Nikki Rodrigue at the National Office after a phone conversation between him and Sue, in regards to requesting to allow us to change our by-laws now, to be able to match our AOI's.

Jules has been paying out scholarship funds to several kids that have sent in their requests.

Jules has caught up our National insurance invoices so we can continue to hold our events in our state. Tygh asked where our "snail mail" get sent to of any correspondence. Jules said it varies, depending on who is the secretary/treasurer/etc. Mark Kane asked where the invoices have been going. Jules is still trying to figure that out and will let us know what she finds out. She did update the email with the insurance company to the state email so she is able to get them. And Jules will talk with Tashia to make sure that we add an additional email to the insurance request form.

BUDGET – Jules said DO NOT FIGURE THIS AS HARD NUMBERS and not a complete budget, but this is a rough estimate. ADD BUDGET

There was lots of discussion on possibilities to move budget funds from one place to another, but nothing is hard set. Mark Kane asked why we have to go with Luft for the trailer, and can we look into other options to find a less expensive trailer for the raffle.

Jules is still looking into options for our CD to help it gain more interest. She will bring options to the table once she has more information.

Jules is hoping to have the actual final budget ready to present prior to our November meeting.

HS Secretary – Tashia - Thank you to Sara Campbell for taking all of our member list and breaking it into districts

Central Entry – This will be Stephanies last year in the association because her son is graduating. She does have someone interested in this position, and they will be job shadowing to see how things run. This is not saying that is who will get the job, but at least we have someone that wants to learn.

Saddles – Michele Wood (Awards) – Michele ordered the saddle certificates for the 2024 champions. We award a total of 36 saddles between JH and HS. The bare minimum Slone saddle cost is \$1875, making it \$67,500. In the past, we have had Prestige donate \$20,000 towards our HS saddles, but we still have had to pay almost \$48,000 out of our budget for saddles each year.

Our new sponsor packet has a saddle sponsor at \$2,500 to be sure we have the funds to get the certificates, as well as a thank you plaque or something for the sponsor. And, if we are short on saddle sponsors by the end of the year, there would be some extra funds in the "saddle sponsor" budget to help pay for additional saddles.

Tygh is thinking that maybe we split the saddle sponsors up between the districts and give them each a dollar amount to be responsible for. Businesses are currently setting their budgets for the 2025 year and we need to get these sponsor packets out as soon as possible.

Tygh would like to have a quick membership "POW WOW" between JH and HS on Saturday at Coulee City to discuss the sponsorship information with the membership.

Michele asked if these sponsors will be able to pick which event they can sponsor. We will figure out a way to have Beckys spreadsheet available to view on the website maybe so we can have that information right away.

Raffle – Kate was not on the call, however she sent an email to Tygh. Tickets are in, bundled and ready for pick up. She will have extras available at Coulee City. Kate feels that we spend too much money on the incentive awards, which takes away from the actual profits of the raffle. She wants to discuss new options for the sweatshirts and jackets.

Student Board – Gemma – Not on the call. Tygh reported that we need flag carriers at these rodeos.

Judging questions – Tygh wants to have everyone think about the judging and timing requirements. This will obviously need to go to the membership for a vote. Tygh feels that our judges need to go to a seminar at least every two years to stay current on the rules and procedures. Tygh spoke with Sindy Jackson, and timers have to go to seminars/clinic frequently as well. He feels that we need to have carded judges and timers at our rodeos because our kids work hard and we pay a lot of money for them to compete in these rodeos. More discussion to come

State Finals venue – We discussed this at Walla Walla. Tygh opened the floor for any discussion on this topic. Our bill for Moses Lake last year was \$29,000 that the association had to pay. The information on Walla Walla is in the 9/13 meeting minutes online. There would be a \$500 non-refundable deposit to Moses Lake if we choose to not go there. There was a membership vote to hold our state finals in Moses Lake again in 2025. Tashia recommends that we bring it to the membership for a vote. JR and several other adult board members also want to make sure that every voting member needs to have the concept of the "business side" of this discussion.

Ambulance/EMT information – We need to discuss the idea of having an actual ambulance and crew on site at our rodeos. All other rodeo associations require an ambulance crew on site, but our NHSRA rule book actually does not. There was discussion on this topic.

National Director – Sue – Sue loves working with all of us and we will continue on with the year. Tygh brought up National Mid Winter Meeting again. This will be in January in Deadwood, SD. We need to discuss this further and figure out if we are sending a delegation and what the budget will be. This will be finalized at the November meeting.

Points – Kelsey was not on the call due to some personal concerns. She did make it aware to Tygh and Tashia and she was told to take care of her family and don't worry about the points at this time. We are not close to state finals and she can get them updated later.

JH Secretary – Tiffanie – Everything is going good and we are up to 54 JH members.

Next monthly Zoom meeting will be Tuesday 11/5 @ 7pm. The call in number will be the same as this meeting, every month until April 2025.

Tashia Dean – WSNRA Secretary