

WSHSRA MEETING via Zoom

11/12/2024

Called to order by President Tygh Campbell at 7:00pm

***Business –**

Tygh thanked everyone for being on this meeting tonight to finalize the budget for our 24/25 season. Tygh wanted to make sure everyone is aware that the numbers don't lie, and neither does our bank statement. We have to be mindful and understand that we have to work with what we have. The accountant is suggesting that we scrap our current QuickBooks and start over with a new QuickBooks program once our taxes are done. Jackie spoke up and wanted to remind everyone that when we talk about a "budget," everyone runs their checkbooks different. But we have to have guidelines to run our association. We have to budget with what we have, but that's not saying that if we don't get all of these sponsors and money coming in, we can't increase our scholarship or awards, etc. budget.

Treasurer – Jules Pyper – Jules has received several emails from membership asking questions and reaching out with questions and suggestions. She does appreciate this. Jules says the budget that was put out there equals with income and expenses. She wants to open the floor to suggestions on what people think and where we can move money around.

Senior back numbers cost about \$1200 per year. Tashia still has several from the last couple years that have not picked up. Suggestion is to have parents buy them for about \$15 each. Motion and 2nd to deduct senior back numbers out of the budget. Motion passed. The question was asked if this is going to be a requirement, or an optional item. We wouldn't have to order them if the parents didn't want to buy them, they don't have to.

Jules handed the floor over to Gemma to discuss the Friday night activity that the student board put on last year. Gemma feels that this should be paid for by the association, and that would give the kids the funds that they raised FOR THE KIDS TO GO TO MID WINTER MEETING, which is how it was advertised when they were raising these funds. Gemma is proposing the Friday night event proposed funds gets removed and put towards the students attending mid-winter meeting, as well as the funds saved from the senior back numbers. Scott Goodwin spoke up and asked how we can plan on spending money when we don't know what we have or planning on having.

Jessica Hiner spoke up saying that she has reviewed the budget. She moved funds around in the budget to benefit the kids. She feels that we have no representation from the national level on this, and we haven't had any open discussion on this. Diehl said that he figured 3 rodeos @ \$5000 net/rodeo and double the raffle an additional \$53000 would increase our available funds to \$70000+.

Tygh said we have never had an approved budget, and we are having to start over with an approved budget by this board so we have a starting point and plan for this year.

There is a lot of discussion and arguments in regard to this budget that was proposed. Jessica said that for the last several years there has been a budget that maybe wasn't on a spreadsheet and

Kelli Broeckel asked if our student board has a separate checking account under the associations budget. The answer right now is no.

Stephanie made a motion that the funds that the student board has raised goes to them, and the money that was allocated to the senior back numbers goes to the student board as well. Diehl 2nd. Motion passed.

Jackie motions that the line item listed as "Saddle Sponsorship recognition" be removed from the budget and that \$9000 goes back into the general fund. Jules wanted to make sure everyone is aware that if we do this, there is no allocation to fund any sponsor recognition stamp on the saddle. Stephanie 2nd. Kacey asked for clarification on increasing the amount of cost for a saddle sponsor, verses the cost of the saddle certificate is to help cover any saddles that did not get sponsored. Motion passed.

Jackie mentioned the JH and HS Nationals felt back numbers. The line item shows \$941 budgeted for this. Jackie made a motion that the state no longer purchases these, and the funds go into the general fund Kacey 2nd. Motion passed.

SSIR shirts – This is \$3,500 roughly. Jackie options to remove this line item and move the funds to the general fund. Kori 2nd. Motion passed.

Kacey recommends that this can be an option for parents to purchase these. She is talking about team T-shirts.

Jackie made a motion to remove the TOP 5 raffle award \$250 and put in the general fund. Jules 2nd. Motion passed. Tygh reached out to a friend with Leo Campbell who is a bit and spur maker. He is donating a \$3000 value heirloom headstall and bit set to the top seller. His only caveat is there are no other incentive gifts and this is the only incentive award. Jackie made a motion to accept the gift from Leo. Mark 2nd. Motion passed. Tygh asked Katie Bageant to discuss the Queen budget. She brought up the Queen budget and expenses, stating that the queen's budget is similar to the student board budget, where the queen raises her own funds and has her own allocation in the bank account. Katie stated that she sent a check to the association for \$3187 that was raised in the 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Katie also supplied a breakdown of the amount of expenses that have already been spent out of pocket for required queen duties. Katie is asking only for the \$3187 refunded to cover expenses. Jackie made a motion to pay the queen for her expenses up to the amount raised of \$3187. Tashia 2nd. Motion passed. Jules spoke up with a comment/question with clarification that the queen saddle and buckle are included in the awards budget and does not come out of the queens budget. Jules made a motion to remove the queen's saddle and buckle line items with a total of \$2250, and that goes into the general fund. This is duplicated because it's already included in the awards budget. Tashia 2nd. Motion passed.

Diehl asked for clarification on the saddles and if the shooting is included in the saddle count. Michele said the shooting champion awards come out of the awards budget and are not included in the saddle count.

Diehl wanted to discuss the fundraising (raffle ticket). He recommends that we make the first 25 tickets due as normal prior to the first rodeo, and the 2nd 25 due by state finals. This would double our fundraising budget.

Diehl also talked about state run rodeos and the cost. We had extra expenses for Coulee City with having 3 judges and having to subcontract contractors due to our regular contractors not being available. He feels that we should be able to profit double what we did at spring rodeos if we watch our costs and rodeo budget.

Lots of discussion on different topics to get sponsors.

Discussion on emails and them not getting to all of the board members.

IbbyJane brought up the raffle ticket sales again and maybe we require the seniors to sell 50 tickets and the money from the additional 25 tickets goes towards their scholarship budget. Tygh said the funds from the extra tickets need to go towards operating expenses.

Jules gave a quick update that we are about \$12000 ahead with the changes that we have made on our budget. But this is as long as all of the saddles, raffle trailer, and all expenses that we have are actually covered by the expected sponsorship plan.

Hadley asked what our actual operating costs. Jules gave the breakdown of all of the required expenses we have to keep our association running.

Diehl wanted to reiterate the ideas that he brought up earlier in the meeting and wants to make sure that everyone understands that he was recommending that those funds go to scholarship dollars. But he also wants to make sure that we aren't planning our budget around hopes that we get these saddle sponsors, and we are budgeting on what we actually have.

Once again, we got back on the subject of the membership selling a minimum of 50 tickets. Lots of discussion, and it was also mentioned that we need to have the consequences lined out before we bring this up to the membership. And Tygh also says we need to make sure we have Kate on the call to be in this discussion to make sure we are following all of our gambling license rules.

Kacey has a concern of families with multiple kids in the association and them having to sell 50 tickets each, PLUS having to get sponsors. There was a lot of discussion on how to make these requirements easier on the families when most of our membership is minors that don't have their drivers license to be able to get out there and find sponsors or sell tickets, and both parents work during the week can't take their kids out during the week to get these requirements done.

Kelli made a recommendation of maybe having the JH kids responsible for the minimum of 25, and the HS kids required to sell 50 tickets.

IbbyJane made a motion to require the seniors to sell a minimum of 50 tickets, and anything over 25 tickets sold goes to scholarship funds. Diehl 2nd. Motion passed.

Jason Tolman says we really need to push our kids to go out to get these sponsorships. We are coming to the end of the year, and businesses are looking for tax breaks.

Scott wanted to clarify that what we just voted on was to have the seniors sell at least 50 tickets, and only the money from 25 of those ticket sales goes to the general fund. But if we raise it to the full membership having to sell 50, and all of that goes to the general fund, making it look like the kids that aren't seniors this year are actually funding more of the budget and expenses.

In perspective, if we require everyone to sell 50 tickets, we are doubling our fundraising income.

The question was asked what the raffle from last year netted us, because this may help us with the budget. \$127,000 was the NET profit, minus the cost of the raffle awards and prizes. Jackie recommends that we up the raffle profit to \$61,000 from \$53,000 to balance the budget.

This budget puts us about \$17,000 in the black, and this includes the state paying for the ATV, trailer, and trailer customization.

This budget assumes all 36 saddles, \$40,000 awards budget, approximate 50% sponsorship to cover nationals jackets and patches, significant decrease in scholarship budget, no \$\$ for adults to go to national mid-winter meeting, no budget for state mid-winter meeting or end of year mid-winter meeting. Tygh has had several conversations with Michele, and she has told him that if we give her a budget, she will work with what she is given to purchase the best awards possible for the membership.

Jules says she feels that she can have this budget updated and ready to send to the membership by Thursday evening, and Tashia will send it out hopefully by Friday evening after work. Tygh will draft up an informative message to the membership to along with the budget, to make sure the membership understands what is going on and why we are doing what we are doing.

Tashia made a motion and Sue 2nd to approve the updated budget set forth by the board tonight. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 9:57 pm

Next monthly Zoom meeting will be Tuesday 12/3 @ 7pm. The call in number will be the same as this meeting, every month until April 2025.

Tashia Dean - WSHSRA Secretary