

WSHSRA MID-WINTER MEETING

2/2/2025

Called to order by President Tygh Campbell at 12:06pm. Board Members Roll Call completed.

***APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES –**

Scott Goodwin motioned to approval 2024 MWM minutes, Diehl Hiner 2nd. MOTION PASSED

***NATIONAL MWM REPORT –**

President Tygh, HS Secretary Tashia, National Director Sue, Queen Elly and Laurie Hart attended the meeting and represented our state. There is an information packet available for review.

Sue spoke on behalf of the week long meeting and gave her report.

Laurie spoke on behalf of the Foundation information from the National level.

Tashia spoke on her notes that she took and briefly went over the packet that she put together.

Tygh spoke briefly on what he saw and learned at the National meeting and talked briefly about the Western Legacy Series Rodeos and shooting event changes.

***HS Student Board Report –**

Reece Kane – The board has been talking about Spring activities. They do plan on holding Cowboy Prom.

Elly spoke on her experience at MWM. Queen contest will stay the same as last year. Contestant entertainment at Nationals will be similar to last year.

Hadley said the student board is preparing to start doing Senior Spotlights and details on this will go out soon.

***JH Student Board Report –**

Piper reported that the JH student board is planning a cornhole tournament for Spring season.

***Treasurer Report –**

Jules printed a report for everyone to review and went over some important sections that needed to be discussed. Jules wanted to thank Jamie Deering for hosting our meeting today and having coffee and hot chocolate for us.

The floor was opened up with questions and Jules, Tygh and Diehl answered these questions to the group in attendance.

Scott Goodwin spoke up and asked that we give the current board some leeway and give them a chance to breathe and do their job. They are working with what they were handed over at the start of our current year (8/1/24) and are making the best of what we have. This year is a learning experience and there is a lot to process.

***501©3 Status –**

Tygh is still working with the attorney and getting our status changed from a 501©4 to a 501©3 to be able to have sponsors able to write off donations and for us to hold our annual raffle.

***Secretary Reports –**

Tashia – 4 new members since the end of Fall. We are currently down 40 members from last year. Please get the W-9 filled out and added to the membership portal. Tashia is working again to make nationals signups even easier than last year, which was already better than in the past. But after going to JH Nationals, she has a better idea on what the national office needs and has to do with all of the paperwork that is getting filled out.

Tiffany – 4 new JH members and she sent an email out to get the JH membership to help gather saddle sponsors. She also reported that we are down significantly on our JH members as well.

***National Director Reports –**

Sue – Nothing else to report

Ryan – Looking forward to Spring Season

***Scholarship Report –**

Diehl – Scholarship weekend is not happening this year due to our budget. Application deadline is TBD. Diehl is waiting to see what we will actually have in our budget. Scholarship stuff will be done at state finals, schedule TBD. Tygh is still hoping for a guest speaker for the seniors.

There is a local company in Walla Walla that is wanting to donate a custom bumper, lights and install to be auctioned off with the funds going to a scholarship auction. There is a few other items that have been donated to the scholarship auction. This will be an on line auction and Ibbey-Jane Coyne is working on getting the online auction set up. More information to come.

There will be a separate scholarship account set up to keep the funds defined for scholarships.

Diehl went over the process and what has been expected in the last couple years for scholarships.

It was asked about the seniors selling more raffle tickets. It was voted in a previous meeting that seniors have to sell the extra 25 tickets to be eligible for a scholarship, and those funds go directly into the scholarship fund. Seniors have to sell the extra 25 tickets to be eligible for any scholarship.

Tashia reported that if any of our seniors started in the association their 6th grade year, they would be eligible for a minimum of \$350 (\$50 per year of membership).

The scholarship schedule will be sent out very soon.

***Awards Report –**

Michele – She is going to order state finals buckles. She has the HS Nationals small jackets here. Michele wants to have all nationals jackets ordered at nationals sign ups at state finals. If she gets this order in for HS Nationals immediately AFTER state finals, then we can possibly get them at nationals. JH it is too close to our state finals to get them done before JH Nationals.

SSIR jackets are still on back order. Michele asked why we are taking orders and making a full order when they sell the jackets there at SSIR. The vendor there will not put our state logo on the jackets. It is the Silver State logo.

The question was asked about our nationals shirts. Hennigar Trucking is going to sponsor those shirts again up to a maximum amount.

***Spring Rodeo Season –**

Jackie did a lot of research and made several contacts. These are the facilities that were available for our weekends.

4/25-27 – Othello – DONATED - STATE RUN RODEO - State is responsible for getting grounds ready. Water truck available.

5/2-4 – Coulee City – STATE RUN RODEO

5/9-11 – North Franklin Rodeo Club (Basin City)

5/16-18 – Yelm – STATE RUN RODEO

5/22-26 – Walla Walla – STATE FINALS

Diehl Hiner motioned to approve the spring schedule, Stephanie Downey 2nd. MOTION PASSED

Spring season contractor bids are due by March 1, 2025. We will vote on contractor bids for all spring rodeos during our meeting on March, 4th.

***Entry Fees/Processing Fees –**

Tygh – Costs have gone up, nothing we can do about it. We need to discuss entry fee prices.

Jackie – She reached out to some contractors to get prices. Last year we paid \$25 per run for timed event cattle. Tygh and Jackie talked about our entry fees. We don't want to raise our fees out of fear, but if and when we have to raise entry fees, everyone will know why when entries go up. It's due to contractor costs.

Tygh wants to make sure that everyone understands that a fee increase will not make any more money for the association, it will help cover overhead costs to run a rodeo.

Credi Card/operating fees – There is a per entry fee with our current entry system. There is also 3% for CC processing. Jules is still working on understanding the fee structure to be able to report actually how much it is costing per entry.

***Underage Drinking –**

Tygh wants to discuss the underage drinking, which is getting out of control. Tygh has thought a lot about this. Tygh wants to make it clear that if you are over 21 and want to have a drink, then go ahead. But be better about concealing it. We cannot be anywhere around the arena with an adult beverage exposed. If you are a chaperone at a dance, you cannot be drinking/drunken at the event. Be mindful of the facilities that we are at and represent our state appropriately.

As far as underage drinking, it is illegal to drink under 21. Tygh wants to suggest that moving forward – If you are a minor and a complaint is made that you are under suspicion of drugs or alcohol, we will call local law enforcement and they will make the determination. We as a board at that point will make the decision of disciplinary action that will be taken at the association level.

Diehl Hiner motioned to approve the above suggestion, Ashley Lawyer 2nd. – MOTION PASSED

***Sponsors Report –**

Becky Holt – She had a hand out printed and ready for everyone to view. She has our student secretary writing thank you notes to the sponsors. We still need to get 8 saddles sponsored on the HS level. We only have 2 JH saddle sponsors as of today. This is discussion today that we need to make the decision on if we are going to search for JH saddle sponsors or if we give just an AA Boy and AA Girl at the JH level.

There was a lot of discussion in regards to saddle sponsor funds and how we can fill in the gaps for JH to make sure that every event is sponsored.

Tashia brought up the option that we put a decision deadline on the JH saddles for April 1, which is after our raffle deadline. This will give us an idea on what our financial standing is and maybe we go with an alternate saddle brand for JH.

Continued discussion on district reps being responsible, student board being responsible, executive board being responsible. Who is actually in charge of getting these sponsors?

More/final discussion will be at our monthly meeting on April 1st.

It was asked if we have any other “fundraising type” options. Tashia has some ideas that were brought up at the National MWM. Sara has a lady making shirts and \$10 of every sale goes back to the association.

It was mentioned that we should have a fundraising committee to help come up with these ideas.

***Raffle Report –**

Kate is not here. It was asked what else we are raffling beside the trailer and 4-wheeler. As of yet we have not heard of anything.

Wondering if we have any way of an added incentive.

March 14th is the postmark due date for raffle tickets.

***State Finals Report –**

Using the template from last years state finals schedule for now.

May 22-26 will be state finals. Actual schedule TBD

***Policy and Procedures/New Rules –**

Rules that were put in to place last year. Big one is the “paid positions” on the board. With the rule put in to place last year about the paid positions have to apply for these positions and not be voted on by the membership.

Tygh wants to open this up for discussion, but we have to have a fully written job description and a committee and who does hiring/firing, before we can put this rule into place.

It was asked why we have to keep paying these positions (\$3 per rodeo entry for Central Entry and \$3 per rodeo entry for Secretary – this comes from the \$6 office fee that is already charged to the contestant when they enter the rodeo). This was put into place in 2021. Diehl explained that it was due to workload with increased membership. Tygh read the meeting minutes from the November 2021 meeting where this was voted on.

Katie Bageant made a motion to pay the Central Entry and Secretary position for the remainder of the 24-25 rodeo season, but discontinue after that. Ibbey-Jane 2nd.

Stefanie Downey said she feels that it will be a rotating door if we don't hire for especially central entry. Katie rescinds her motion.

Jeana Goodwin motioned to take the office fee from each entry and put it into the operating costs in general. Sara Campbell 2nd.

Scott Goodwin brought up that there is conflicting interest in being a paid member and being a voting member.

Stephanie brought up that several states require at least 1 parent of each child member be an adult paid member.

Call for vote on Jeans motion by raise of hands. 19 for and 4 against. – MOTION PASSED

Josh Chrisman motions to raise the office fee to \$12 per entry, and allocate \$6 per entry to still pay central entry and secretary \$3 per entry until the end of the 24-25 rodeo season. And after the 24-25 the positions are no longer paid. Katie 2nd.

Call for a vote by show of hands. MOTION PASSED

Jeana made a motion to change the verbiage on entries from "office fee" to "operating expense fee". Katie 2nd. Call for a vote by raise of hands. MOTION PASSED

***Director Reports –**

- **Reined Cow Horse**
 - Julie is not here but emailed the information to us
 - March 29-30 at the Hart Ranch
 - April 5-6 at the Hart Ranch
 - State Finals will be held in Walla Walla - TBD
- **Cutting**
 - Schedule is set and online. First entries open Tuesday
- **Shooting**
 - April 12-13 in Ephrata. Possibly shoot at Coulee City
 - State Finals – Thursday night at the Walla Walla gun club
 - Working on a grant proposal for next year
 - Still need to get a light rifle range for state finals
- **Queen**
 - Bailey was not able to attend
 - If any girls are interested she asked that they reach out to her

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Next monthly meeting will be Tuesday 3/4 at 7pm via Zoom.

Tashia Dean – WSHSRA Secretary