

WSHSRA MEETING via Zoom

5/6/2025

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

Call to approve last meeting minutes. Sue motions to approve, Hayley Baker 2nd. Motion passed

Treasurer – Jules gave the treasurers report and gave upcoming allotted expenses. \$28,000 unpaid scholarships, \$77,000 uncleared checks, \$26,000 unpaid expenses, \$106,000 committed funds (saddles, raffle items, scholarships, raffle ticket \$ that goes to the scholarships). \$15,000 operating funds until we get our next deposit. Forecast shows we will have less than \$14,000 by June/July.

\$18,850 for HS saddles, \$2,900 JH saddles, \$13,650 in saddle sponsor difference. \$7,100 misc. sponsor money that has come in. Jules is concerned if we don't use that for operating expenses because we won't have enough money to move forward.

We need to decide on how we are going to manage the saddle funds and nationals jackets cost. Also, nationals costs.

\$15,000 scholarships allotted. 29 scholarship applicants, with the extra 25 required ticket sales, that's an additional \$7,250.

We are short roughly \$7,600 for saddles if we were to buy all of the unsponsored saddles. We need to make a decision on how we want to move forward with this. Tiffanie makes a motion that we just do a boy and girl all around for JH only because those saddles have been sponsored. No event saddles will be awarded. Diehl Hiner 2nd. Motion passed. As Tygh mentioned, this is not the direction we wanted to go, but we as a state cannot financially make event saddles possible.

Jules made a shout out to Tashia for working so hard on the entry system and how things are going with it. Tashia is printing checks as the events are completed, and Jules is able to sign them and make them available to the kids.

Jules will have a profit and loss and detailed report at the state finals general membership meeting.

Central Entry update – System is working great. Maybe combine with the secretary position. Ibby spoke up and is concerned that maybe we look at dissolving district rep positions instead of executive board positions. There was a lot of discussion on merging positions, verses other options. Lots of ideas and Tygh wants everyone to think about this and bring it back to the next meeting. Several board members spoke up saying that.

Secretary – Tashia asked how to handle the kid that just paid their membership today and submitted all documents as far as selling tickets and getting them back in time. Tygh talked to Kate and these last few members have until Yelm.

Tiffanie has 1 more new member so JH is up to 60 members. She has had lots of good feedback from JH members on the new system.

National Director – The nationals boxes have been sent to the secretaries. Tiffany has hers, Tashia does not yet.

Scholarships/Online Auction – Ibby just sent all of the auction info to the online auction to be published. Items have to be picked up from the business that donated it. The platform we are using has a 3% CC

processing fee, which will go on top of the purchase price and charged to the winner. The platform itself charges a 2% OR \$250 per item fee and that has to come from the actual purchase price. There were a lot of questions and asking for clarification on the actual fees. Because 2% of \$2000 is \$40, so we would have to pay even more for the item. It has been requested that Ibbey gets more details and information on this before we actually go live with this.

Scholarships – Diehl reported that everything is rolling great. The essay judges have received their anonymous packets to be able to read the essays and judge them all. The interviewers are Jade Smith & Trevor Patterson as well as Jody Warden is the other interviewer. Interviews are on Wednesday. Dinner at the Hiner house is at 5:30pm and guest speakers are Brad & Kelly Gleason and Currins. The Hiners have opened their home and arena to all seniors to park, camp, ride and practice before their state finals start. 29 applicants turned in on time and completed. 2 tried to turn in late. Diehl is going to talk with Scott and Anna Wilson as they have a freshman and will be around for a few more years. This is a voted position, and Diehl will have a binder for the next Scholarship chairman.

Sponsorship – There are a few more sponsorships coming in, but definitely not enough to cover the saddles. All of the thank you cards have been sent out, Gemma has them on the website and Ibbey has been announcing them at the rodeos. Becky is also going to work on getting a database set up where we can generate a letter asking if these businesses are interested in sponsoring again next year. Becky is also asking if we can get a new group photo. Tygh is asking if we can have thank you cards with all of the buckles for the winner to sign right away before they walk away from the awards table. Tygh is getting the chute sponsor banners made. The horse trailer is supposed to be in this week and Tygh will get it picked up and taken to Pendleton to get the signage on that.

Kelli Broeckel – Not on the call

Julie Gray – Julie reported state finals will be the same weekend as Yelm. It will be \$600 total for the weekend.

Diehl – Cutting is ready and lined up for short go at state finals. He is working on getting the cattle donated, but he doesn't have a guarantee.

Raffle – Jules is waiting to hear back from Jess Ford on the donation.

Student Board – Hadley said prom went great. The student board made a little over \$1,000 and the kids had everything cleaned up when it was all done.

State Finals schedule – The schedule is in the weekly email. There are brand new LED stadium lights being installed right now and we will be the first event to use them. Announcer and sound guy are excited to be there. No charge for dry camping and setting up pens. RV hookups and stalls will be at a cost and shavings are not provided. Tygh will get me a count of what's available for hookups and stalls.

Walts septic service will be available to do RV pumping services during state finals. Information will be in the weekly email and posted at state finals.

JH is going to have a prom during state finals. Emily Cox said the girls have decorations ordered and have been planning. Tygh said that he is working on getting the building secured on the grounds. Tygh said Charli Barron has a complete sound system that the JH can use during prom.

~SIDE NOTE~ Tygh wanted to thank the Cox family for everything they did above and beyond to get Othello ready and keep everything going for that rodeo.

Jackie had put on Facebook to ask for help with stalls and camping. Emma Gulley and Sydney Schneider have volunteered to handle the stalls for state finals.

Jackie also has other questions as far as a production standpoint. She will talk with Tygh after he has his site meeting tomorrow.

RODEO PRODUCTION:

Walla Walla Rodeo board and Lewiston Roundup Board are volunteering to help with the production and facilitating the rodeo.

Do we have a tractor driver? Tygh says we have a driver.

Tygh will be having a meeting tomorrow with the committee and then another one prior to the rodeo. Tygh will be figuring out the ambulance.

Tygh brought up that Othello was tough to get help, but Coulee City was much better. Moving forward we need to come up with something to hold members and their families accountable for helping at all of these state run rodeos. Tygh has reached out to Oregon and other states as to how they get help in and out of the arena.

Awards – Michele reported that most of the awards have been paid for and received. She is getting things organized. Jackie asked what Michele needs from us to help out with the awards ceremony. Jackie asked Michele to put together an agenda based on what we have done in the past and bring it to the board.

Nationals jackets must be ordered at state finals before the TOP 4 leave. Our Carrol rep says that they have hired more people to help get things better organized.

Michele also mentioned that we have ordered our nationals team shirts locally, but she can order them from Carrol.

JR WOOD – Tygh gave the floor to JR Wood in regards to the district rep position from their district. Brian Carlson has offered to step down from his district rep position because his son is no longer involved, and JR has someone willing to step up and take the position. The board had no discussion and JR will get Tashia the contact information to make sure she receives the emails. Michele Woolf is the new district rep for District 4.

Jackie – Thanked JR for helping get everything organized for Yelm. The ambulance is going to cost us a lot more than our other locations.

Jackie asked when our meeting will be. Tentatively Friday night at state finals.

Jackie has reached out to other organizations to figure out how they get the volunteer help. There are a lot of ideas to discuss.

Jackie is going to organize to have a local vet on call for our events. Just letting them know that there is an event going on and have them available. Jackie wants to get a plan in place in case of another event like what happened at Coulee City. Tygh did say that there will be an animal ambulance on site at state finals.

Jules has a couple production related items. She is wondering if there should be a post about Hwy 18 being closed during our Yelm rodeo weekend.

Also, Jules is concerned about our student event directors and not knowing what their job is, or not paying attention during the event. There was discussion on how to rectify this.

Jules also wants to set up a zoom informational call for those that are going to nationals to get everyone up to speed and answer questions for kids that are new to nationals. We will get a JH call and a HS call set up and sent to those that are going to nationals.

Wendy Guinn will also be doing barrel time only runs at Yelm on Friday after JH.

Jackie did bring up that there hasn't been a lot of rain so far on the west side, but we do need to be prepared to move indoors if the ground starts changing outside.

Piper Cox wanted to thank Tygh for the sound and lights for prom, and JH will have the volleyball net set up behind the grandstands at state finals and anyone can come out and play.

Basin City is having their cowhide race.

Jared Cox wanted to discuss the accident that happened with the horse at Coulee City. And wants to figure out a way to have the equipment manager have something available (sheets to prop up or something) to hide what's happening from the crowd. Something to discuss and have maybe with the equipment manager. Sarah Campbell will come up with something that is easy to pack, but also readily available. And we will have a designated trailer at every rodeo now that is ready and available in case of emergency.

Ibby came back on in regards to the price of the online auction. It is \$250 minimum OR 2% of the TOTAL of the auction items coming in. The company is willing to donate this to the association if we are willing to hang his banner in the arena at state finals. The banner would be supplied to us from the auction company.

Adjourned at 9:13pm

Next monthly meeting will be Tuesday 5/6 via Zoom @ 7pm

Tashia Dean - WSJHSRA Secretary