

WSHSRA MID-WINTER MEETING

2/7/2025

Called to order by President Tygh Campbell at 11:00am. Board Members Roll Call completed.

***APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES** – JR made a motion to approve 2025 MWM minutes, Charly Hennigar 2nd. MOTION PASSED

***NATIONAL MWM REPORT** – Tygh gave a quick report on his time at the National MWM. He then passed the mic around to each person that also attended the National MWM to give a report.

Laurie Hart also reported on behalf of the NHSRA Foundation Board. Every year the NHSRA Foundation Board awards \$300,000-\$400,000 per year in scholarships at the National level.

***HS Student Board Report** – Kylie & Charli gave a report on things they learned while at the National Mid-Winter Meeting.

***JH Student Board Report** – No JH Student Board members in attendance.

***Treasurer Report** – Tracy – checking account has \$104,728.76, scholarship account has \$40,581.58, central entry account has \$4,019.78, savings account has \$2,590.52, CD has \$79,235.02

***By-Law Change in Contingency** –Tygh discussed a possible “Reserve and General Contingency Fund Policy” to help us save for a rainy day. More information on how the NHSRA policy is read was passed out during the meeting. This will be available at the first rodeo to review. Motion made and 2nd to approve this. MOTION PASSED.

***501c3 Status** – Tygh reported that this is still in process. But we are still moving forward and just waiting for a response from the most recent questions they needed answered. We can however operate under a 501c3. The question was asked if we have our number, and Tygh will work on this.

***Secretary Reports** – Shelby – A couple new JH members since fall. Tashia – We have about 10 new HS members since fall season.

***Scholarship Report** – Teresa – She has emailed the 2026 Senior Scholarship applications out to all email addresses. MSU wants to do a Zoom meeting with us to 3/10 or 11 to promote their rodeo team and what they offer. She will get this information out to the seniors as soon as it is finalized.

Josh Chrisman and Scott Wilson are heading up a program to raise funds directly for the scholarship program. They are working on a proposal to submit to the board for review.

***National Director Reports** – Sue – Nothing more to report at this time

***JH National Director Reports** – Charlie – Looking forward to JH Nationals in Guthrie at the Lazy E.

***Awards Report** – Carrie – Buckles are ordered and working on getting confirmation on the other awards.

***Spring Rodeo Season** – JR made a lot of calls to facilities and contractors to get available locations and contractors for spring season. The question has been raised as to why we are always going to the same locations. The short answer is because they have always been good to us and we pay minimal for each location. But if anyone has any ideas on locations or contractors that we haven't used, please let us know.

4/25-26 – Coulee City

5/2-3 – Othello

5/9-10 – Basin City - ****CLUB RUN RODEO****

5/16-17 – Yelm

5/23-25 – STATE FINALS

Motion and 2nd to have the Spring Rodeo Schedule as presented. MOTION PASSED

Motion and 2nd to keep the rodeo weekend schedules the same with mixing JH and HS on Saturday & Sunday. MOTION PASSED.

It was asked if we could make sure that the events are mixed well. Not having ALL the JH boys events back to back like they were at Longview Fall. It makes it hard for the multi-event kids to get through their events without being gassed.

Discussion was also brought up about getting help at our state run rodeos. Tygh discussed that we need to keep our kids accountable for getting out there and helping. Senior volunteer hours can also be done and signed off by the rodeo office. Kylie has an idea to also keep kids accountable by having them be required to help to be eligible for prom. Lots of continued discussion. Kylie will come up with a few options to get our volunteers for our rodeo and bring them to the next monthly Zoom meeting.

***Entry Fees/Processing Fees** – Tygh brought up the need to increase our entry fees. He talked with a few of the other National Directors while at National MWM. JR has been talking with stock contractors about stock costs. It was brought up that even at National MWM that ALL states deal with “barrel racers and pole bender carry our rodeo”. We have to remember that we pay for a tractor to drag for these events every 5 runs and fuel isn’t cheap. Some locations we have to pay for the tractor driver as well. We also still pay for 2 timers and 2 judges, plus the wear and tear on the eyes for so many runs. So, ALL events have a cost associated with them.

JR motioned to raise the fees on a sliding scale for the next 3 years. His motion is \$10 per event this year (the remaining 2025-2026 year) knowing that the trap shooters have already raised theirs for this year, and light rifle will go up and other \$5 to make it \$10 like the rest, and \$5 for the next 2 years (26/27 & 27/28), accepted immediately. Charlie H 2nd. MOTION PASSED

***Sponsors Report** – Becky is not at the meeting, but Tygh reported that buckles are almost all covered. We need to get more saddle sponsors. We need at least 30 more saddle sponsors to be able to fulfill all of our saddle awards. Crysti Gray said she would sponsor the queen saddle in trade for her vendor/booth fees at our state run rodeos. This is going to be further discussed that maybe we offer this across the board for anyone wanting to sponsor a saddle. There was a lot of discussion on how to get saddle sponsors, why are we giving the same award to an event with 1 entry vs 100 entries, why are raffle tickets required but sponsorships are not, etc. The question was asked if the executive board has the authority to change minimum requirements to be a member. Tygh said according to our by-laws, yes the executive board has the authority. Jules Pyper recommends that the executive board meets and comes up with a plan for the future requirements.

***Raffle Report** – Michele/Cori/Kelsey – 9175 tickets out. We ordered 15,000 tickets. With the jacket and sweatshirt incentives we are hopeful that there are more ticket sales. Michele says that as of today we have 50 sweatshirts and 30 jackets have already been earned this year. It was asked if we can do the same thing that we did last year and have the seniors required to sell more and put those funds into the scholarship. Tygh said that was a 1 and done thing, because people were upset that the raffle is supposed to help the entire organization, but the seniors benefited from the state raffle. Michele said the raffle tickets are due before the end of Coulee City. Cutting/RCH/Shooters are due by April 26, 2026. Michele will have a table set up and she will be accepting tickets AT Coulee City. Or you can mail them in.

There is also a National raffle for a Bloomer trailer and a Weatherby Rifle. More information to come.

***State Finals Report** – Nothing currently to report on state finals. Charlie Barron with Walla Walla Electric spoke up and said the facility isn’t donated, it is sponsored by Walla Walla Electric. The fairgrounds is a county owned facility, so they cannot give away money, but Charlie stepped up and took care of the cost to make sure the state had no costs to worry about. He will be doing the scholarship dinner again this year and there’s a lot of things in the works.

***Policy and Procedures/New Rules** – Tygh brought up that “we don’t need anymore rules”. He is requesting each board member comes up with their Policy & Procedures manual to go by. Tygh turned it over to Tracy to discuss that our executive board positions. Most states and the National executive board are a staggered 2 year term. So the turnover each year would only be half the board to help keep the process rolling.

***Director Reports –**

- **Reined Cow Horse**
 - Jamie – She is working on adjusting the schedule due to schedule conflict with cutting. But she is working on it. She has been working with JR to get locations and contract bids. There are a lot of variables in this event for us and she is working hard to make it work for everyone.
- **Cutting**
 - Sydney – Not at the meeting but the cutting schedule has been out for a while.
- **Shooting**
 - Kelli – Sunday at Ephrata will be state finals. There was a discussion on shooting state finals being during Spring Break.
- **Queen**
 - Crysti has 6-7 girls that are showing interest. She would like to open up this years competition to ALL JH girls to participate. The 5-7 graders would not be able to WIN, but they could go through the process and learn what it takes, and get them more involved. Crysti does have a few girls here today that will be in a meeting after we are done today to get information and know what it takes.

Tracy is getting a bill for the WordPress Account and is working on getting the log in information to be able to pay it.

Kylie brought up a bunch of ideas for fundraisers that she is working on with the student board for this spring season.

Meeting adjourned.

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

Tashia Dean – WSHSRA Secretary