

Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting January 19th, 2011 via conference call 7:30 pm (Gunderson)

Call to Order: 7:30 pm via conference call

Attendance:

****Members attended in BOLD****

President **Mike Grinager**

Vice President Karl Johnson

Secretary **Heidi Gunderson**

Treasurer Jamie Johnson

Bareback: **Dru Wilking** & Jason Lenzen

Saddle Bronc: Tylor Sonenstahl & Wes Jensen

Bull Riding: **Rudy Borntagger** & **Mike Klemek**

Steer Wrestling: **Jeremy Wagner** & Mike Kuka

Calf Roping: Randy Melby & **Toby Boeta**

Over 40: **David Slipka** & **Emmett Davis**

Barrel Racing: Sherry Sampson & **Kelly Neisius**

Team Roping: Bill VanLith & **Cody Neisius**

Breakaway: Jamie Johnson & **Heidi Gunderson**

Stock Contractor: Scott Berends

Judges Director: **Shawn Manee**

Queen Director: Rita Hamilton

Members: **Shaun Olson, Jamie Wendt, Bonnie Ellingson (ALL Representative), Sharon Munn**

****Special Report: Bonnie Ellingson to report on benefits of American Income Life.**

- MRA would have a blanket policy to cover all members at no cost to the insurance.
- Members would reply to benefits packets mailed out by us, paid for by ALL.
- This would be at no cost to the member.
- After Bonnie's presentation we discussed pros and cons.
- Jeremy Wagner/Toby Boeta MMS to move forward. Motion carried.
- Heidi Gunderson to contact Bonnie Ellingson to move forward.

Treasurer's Report: J. Johnson: Balance of \$16,772.14 (about \$9,000 of this balance is 2011 Memberships) MMS Toby Boeta/Heidi Gunderson. Motion carried.

Secretary Report: H. Gunderson Erica Valters should have new website headers on pages this week of 2010 Champions. Sending out contractor letters and request for approval forms this month as well.

Motion to approve December Meeting Minutes Toby Boeta/Shaun Olson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Queen: Rita Hamilton & Alicia Mengelkas

Stock: Scott Berends, Cody Neisius, David Slipka, Rudy Borntagger, Dru Wilking, Jeremy Wagner

- Report that Don Buffington is very ill.

Awards: Heidi G, Jamie J, Kelly Neisius,

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Fundraising: Mike Grinager, Karl Johnson, Emmett Davis, Jamie J, Heidi G, JoJo Varner

- Raffle prizes for 2011 raffle: Rex Kent from Western Wishes would like to help us. We need to have a date and place of raffle. Mike Grinager to contact Clearwater Rodeo to see if we can hold our raffle at their rodeo on Sunday. MMS Heidi Gunderson/Toby Boeta. Motion carried. 1 opposed.
- MMS to keep the prizes the same Toby Boeta/David Slipka. Motion carried.
- Mike Grinager to work with Rex to talk about getting donations.

- Looking at a 501c3 status: Mike Grinager has the contact number for a 501c3 writer. To contact and hopefully move forward.

Budget: Mike Grinager, Jamie Johnson,

- Mike Grinager working on a budget

Nominations: Kelly Neisius, Bill VanLith

- Be thinking about new nominations for President and Vice President for 2012.
- Mike Grinager to look up rules to see when the seat will end for President and VP since our finals will not be until March of 2012.

Rules and Bylaws: Shaun Manee, Mike Grinager, Heidi G, Sherry Sampson

Finals: Toby Boeta, Mike Grinager, Heidi Gunderson, Jamie Johnson

- 2011 Spring Finals: March 23rd and 24th
- David Slipka reported that he has been talking with Candy Olson from RHR. They will purchase 150 tickets up front and hire a band. They will promote the band and the rodeo to help contribute to our rodeo. They will also handle the liquor sales and give us a cut of the sales. (to be determined) They will do this in addition to the \$2500 sponsorship that they normally give our association.
- MMS by David Slipka/Cody Neisius to draw up a contract with those numbers. Motion carried. 1 opposed.
- Shaun Olson (MRA Member) asked questions about why the decision was made to change the finals from Fall to Spring. Concerned about weather, horses in shape, the risks. The board responded to Shaun's concerns.
- Emails were read and there was discussion about how to respond to emails.
- Sharon Munn's email
- Michael Filkouski's email
- Jim Luna's request for \$400 sponsor back that was to go towards 2011 finals calves. This is an Over 40 issue. The directors need to decide about what to do

with the money. Over 40 directors need to get back to the board about how they would like to respond to Jim and Michael.

- Mike Grinager said that he will respond to the emails individually. He will first send the emails to the board members to approve before he sends them out.
- \$140 to be transferred from O40 to CR from 2009 Auction (if it hasn't been already)

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mid-Winter Round up with MHSRA

- See Handout for info March 12th in Alexandria, MN
- Mike Grinager reported
- It doesn't cost the association any money
- We can have our March meeting that afternoon and can stay for the auction and dinner if we want.
- MRA Office to handle the RSVP's and money for dinner.

2. Amateur Association: PCA

- Toby Boeta reported that he is going to talk with the President of the association to pick his brain for ideas because they have a lot of added money and additional monies for contestants.

Next Meeting Date: February 16th, 2011 via conference call at 7:30 pm

Meeting **adjourned** by Heidi Gunderson seconded by Jeremy Wagner at 9:19 pm.