

# Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting February 18th, 2009 Godfather's Pizza St. Cloud, MN (Gunderson)

## Call to Order:

**Attendance:** VP Karl Johnson, Secretary Heidi Gunderson, O40 David Slipka, Stock Contractor Scott Berends, PR Mike Grinager, BB Dustin Schilling, BCR Corey Wulf, O40 Jeff Thurlow, QD Rita Hamilton, Queen Racheal Peterson, Sharon Munn, Judges Director Greg Caron, SW Mike Tellegen, CR Toby Boeta, Point Secretary Julie Thoring, CBR Christine Nevela & Sabrina Haugen, CR Matt Otto, BR Ryan Harrison

**Directors not in attendance:** President Dan Bergerson, SB Morgan Dwire & Kirk Nelson, BB Jason Lenzen, Treasurer Jamie Johnson, SW Ken Davis, TR Corey Borman & Bill VanLith, BCR Jessie Luedeman, Finals Director Paul Luedemann, BR Trevor Osterbauer

**Motion to approve January Meeting Minutes:** David Slipka, Scott Berends 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

January Meeting Minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Johnson send report. See report on file. Current balance: \$6,120.89 Mike Grinager made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and David Slipka 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

**Secretary Report:** H. Gunderson

**Queen's Report:** Rachael Peterson/Rita Hamilton. Discussion took place about the Horse Expo. Queen Racheal Peterson and Director Rita Hamilton to man the booth. Sign up sheet at our next meeting for times of others to help.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### 1. Sponsorship memberships:

- The items that I got donated come to well over \$3000  
If the Association gives memberships for each \$500 that would mean 6 memberships! I don't need 6 but can Tony get 1, since \$1000 worth was given to the 40 and Over guys. Then can I give one to my nephew and then one to me (Request by Carm Schneider)
- Rita Hamilton made a motion to give one free membership and Dustin Schilling second the motion. The board voted this motion down. The board voted that no memberships should be received as money must be \$500 cash to be awarded free membership.
- This is how it is currently worded in the news portion of the website.  
-Reminder; to all members: Anyone who raises \$500 in cash sponsorships earns a free MRA membership.

#### **New Rule to be voted on:**

- Anyone who raises \$500, or more cash sponsorship will be eligible to receive a free one year membership. Anyone who raises \$500 or more worth product sponsorship that reduces the MRA expenses by \$500 or more as approved by the board will be eligible to receive a free one year membership. Only one membership per person per year. (Rule to be posted for 30 days)  
(Jeff Thurlow made a motion to post this rule to approve in 30 days. Christine 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.)

### 2. 2009 Finals

- Special Olympics Rodeo (Toby)
- Not going to work for this year

### 3. Steer Wrestling Money owed to Pleasant Hills

- I spoke with Paul from Pleasant Hills and he has sent me a bill.
- Dan Bergerson was to speak with Kenny Davis before any fine action was taken.
- Kenny Davis will reimburse the MRA for the cost of the breastcollars, \$192.60. MRA to invoice Kenny Davis, payment to received within 30 days of invoice being sent or will be fined.

### 4. Banner:

- Maverick design will design our banner for free if we hang his banner at the finals.
- The cost to us will be the printing of the banner for \$165.00 (Approx. saving us \$100 from other companies.)
- Motion to approve: David Slipka, Matt Otto second this motion. Board voted and approved.

### 5. Finals Date:

- Same weekend as SDRA Finals
- Christine Nevela made a motion to move our finals date to October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Toby Boeta second this motion. The board voted and this motion is approved.
- Finals Date: October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**6. Mike Grinager made a motion to approve the below rule, David Slipka second the rule. The board voted, motion passed.**

Existing:

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Memberships valid date is the post marked date of the envelope which contains the full payment of the membership fee (including outstanding fines) and a signed application. Applications received that do not include the full amount of dues ( including any late fees or fines) will not be accepted. Members with late fees or outstanding fines not paid will be considered NOT in good standing with the Minnesota Rodeo Association. Membership Card will not be send to applicant until all fees and fines are paid in full.

#7: In order for points to count towards the MRA year end and Finals rodeo the member must be in good standing with the Association. All fines, fees, and signed applications must be post marked before the entry date of the MRA Rodeo wishing to compete.

(pg. 11 #8): To compete at Finals contestant must enter and compete at a minimum of 3 first sanctioned MRA rodeos.

**ADD:** In order for a rodeo to count as one of the contested MRA first sanctioned rodeos, the contestant card must be purchased before competing at that rodeo. (See rule page 11 #8 regarding points to count.)

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Rodeo Approvals:**

- Henderson Rodeo (JS Rodeo Company)  
Dates: April 17 6:30pm, April 18 6:30 pm, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm  
All 9 standard events: \$400 added money  
Entry fee: \$60, stock charge \$8, secretary fee \$2, finals fee \$2, arena fee \$10 per contestant  
**Christine Nevela made a motion to approve the Henderson Rodeo, David Slipka second the motion. Board voted and motion passed.**

### **2. WPRSA Sanctioning:**

- There will be a contract fee of \$25 per rodeo, this fee can be re-couped by \$1 fee per person in the Breakaway, Barrels or the contractor just paying. This will cover all events  
Carm will contact the contractors, take care of all paper work, points, etc. with the WPRSA

### **3. New Sponsorship Incentive Ideas:**

- Jamie Johnson and Heidi Gunderson to present
- To be discussed further at March meeting
- Work on form to move our association to the 5013c status vs. 5014c.
- Heidi Gunderson will email out the form that needs to be completed to change our status. Everyone please fill out any information you know. We will compile all this information to try to move forward with changing this to be able to solicit more money from bigger companies.

### **4. Changing the names of certain events:**

- O40 CR to Senior Calf Roping
- CR to Tie Down Roping
- Mike Grinager to look at rule book for re-wording of certain things.
- Talk about next meeting.

### **5. Discussion about what to do when a director does not bring in the year-end money.**

- **Add to November 2008 motion**(,Mike Grinager made a motion for all sponsorship money to be in by September 1, 2009. If the money for your event is not received by this date then the remainder balance will divided among the finals contestants in that event and added onto their finals entry fee. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trevor Osterbauer, motion passed.)
  - The director that does not bring in their \$1000 sponsorship for the year by September 1<sup>st</sup> will no longer be a member in good standing and will not be able to compete until the amount is

credited to the MRA account. Motion made by David Slipka, seconded by Mike Gringer. Board voted, motion passed.

**6. Henderson Rodeo:**

- Mike Gringer made a motion to allow contestants to buy their cards at Henderson Rodeo and their points will count for this rodeo. Dustin Schilling second that motion. Motion passed by board.

**Next Meeting Date: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Godfather's Pizza, St. Cloud MN. Meeting will begin at 6:30 pm to discuss the 5013c form and begin to compile information. Please fill out what you know on the form and bring at 6:30. Regular meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.**

Meeting adjourned by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ at 9:45 \_\_\_\_\_ pm.