

# **Meeting Minutes** Minnesota Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting January 18, 2012 via Conference Call, 7:30pm (Gunderson)

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Attendance:

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 Borntragger & 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: **Alicia Mengelkoch**

General Members: **JoJo Varner, Jamie Wendt, Bailey Webb Olson, Kyle Olson**

Treasurer's Report: Jamie Johnson...see budget emailed out to board. Event balances included.

- Jeremy Wagner question: Steer Wrestling negative balance? Jamie Answered
- SB: 4 riders from Russell and 1 from Tomah
- Queens account has \$50 from 2011 Queen's applications
- Sanction from Equifest Oct of 2011 check to see if TR Awards money was collected.
- MMS Jojo Varner/Jeremy Wagner to approve. Motion carried.

## **Secretary Report:**

Minutes from November Meeting MMS to approve Shawn Manee/Jeremy Wagner. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Queen:** Alicia Mengelkoch

- Queen contestants for 2012 (3 girls running, Kayleen Erickson, Stephanie Kleidon, Courtney Simenson.)
- Need 3 judges: Terri Grinager,
- Redoing application, and having a Due date of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

- Timed Event Cattle For Finals-
- JD Boogle\*\*sp? (supplies timed event for Mosbrucker) \$600 an event.
- Wants motel room for Thursday night and Friday night.
- MMS Jeremy Wagner/Cody Neisius to accept bid from JD. He will send us a contract to sign. Jeremy Wagner will get contract at the rodeo after seeing the cattle run. As long as cattle are good we will go with timed event cattle from JD. Motion approved.
- Bull Riders and Horse Riders need to talk to Triple B Rodeo about what they want after we have numbers of how many are entered. (First week of Feb.)

**Awards:** Heidi G, Jamie J, Kelly Neisius, Tyler Sonenstahl, Jason Lenzen

- Buckles being ordered only for events that have total \$2000 sponsor money in. (See budget from Jamie)
- Reserve Average and Reserve Year end Buckles will be ordered for Team Roping, Breakaway, Over 40, Barrels, Queen, 2 Reserve All Arounds, Bareback (BB is ordering 2 Champion, 2 Reserves, 2 pickup man buckles) Ordering announcer and funnyman buckles as per contracts.
- Jackets Ordered and be shipped to Mike Grinager House. (Jamie Johnson)
- At the finals Jackets are first come first serve basis. \$67.00 a jacket including the embroidery.
- Jill Cyr may be interested in doing embroidery of names on the spot as a fundraiser for the barrel racers.

**Fundraising:** Mike Grinager, Karl Johnson, Emmett Davis, Jamie J, Heidi G, Jo Jo Varner, Wes Jensen

- Raffle Permit: Mike has the signature page and will get back this week. Hoping
- Western Wishes Proposal for 2012: That 10% of our 2012 raffle net proceeds will go to WW in 2012. MMS Heidi Gunderson/Cody Neisius. (Motion carried.)
- Donation from 2011 to Western Wishes/After finals in March donation will be made according to budget.
- Fergus Falls Sponsors: Andrew from RHR is giving Mike G a list about who they would recommend we talk to about sponsors from the FF Area.

**Budget:** Karl Johnson, Mike Grinager, Jamie Johnson, Heidi Gunderson, Emmitt Davis

- Looking at budget if we stay on track for right now, we are at wash for the year.
- If we get more people in the stands then we will have a plus balance in our account.
- JoJo has list of FFA advisors, idea to give a reduced ticket price to FFA and 4-H members. MMS Jamie Johnson/Cody Neisius to sell tickets to youth group organizations \$8 a ticket reduced price for these members, prepaid. Motion passed.
- Last year local grade schools and middle schools vouchers in FF Area for child to get in Free with paid Adult ticket. Only 4 vouchers were brought back in.

- Target to go into next year of \$6000.00 in account. Cody Neisius made a proposal that after the finals is over and if we have a very successful finals with a big

**Nominations:** Kelly Neisius, Bill VanLith, Mike Kuka, Randy Melby, Mike Klimek

- Up in March: President, VP
- Also Secretary, Treasurer, and Point Secretary Bids are being accepted for the 2012 season. These positions are open for bids yearly.
- Event Directors are 2 year terms...
- Bull Riding: (1 for Rudy Borntragger)
- Calf Roping: (2 for Toby Boeta/Randy Melby)
- Over 40: (1 for David Slipka)
- Barrel Racing: (2 for Kelly Neisius/Sherry Sampson) Two people have called me about interest in these positions-Bailey Webb-Olson and Stephanie Kleidon
- Team Roping: (1 for Cody Nesius)
- Breakaway: (2 for Heidi Gunderson/Jamie Johnson) Katie Pitzen may be interested. Jamie Johnson resigned as breakaway roping director and nominated JoJo Varner as current breakaway director. MMS Jamie Johnson/Alicia Mengelkoch. Motion Carried.

**Rules and Bylaws:** Shawn Manee, Mike Grinager, Heidi G, Sherry Sampson, David Slipka, Scott Berends

- **Rule proposals for 2012 must be submitted to the MRA Office by February Meeting in order to be voted on at the MRA Finals. This way the rules can go into print for 30 days and then can be voted on at the March Finals Meeting.**

**Finals:** Toby Boeta, Mike Grinager, Heidi Gunderson, David Slipka, Jamie Johnson

- FINALS STAFF:
- Secretaries: Jill Berends & Kayla Dambrotten
- Pickup men: Mark Gunderson & Scott Berends
- Bullfighters: Dustin Nelson & Nick Miller
- Judges: Shawn Manee & Greg Caron
- Photographers: Interested photographers, Al Braunworth, Tessa Smith of Photo Assets, Chis Kleidon, Marty at Rodeoflicks.com. Toby Boeta to report about bids.
- MMS Cody Neisius/Alicia Mengelkoch to use Al Braunworth as our photographer for finals.
- Friday Night/queen's contestants to take tickets
- Mounted posse will be taking tickets.
- I have FINALS posters, mailed 30 to RHR and RHR putting poster on their website
- FINALS SCHEDULE: follow last year's schedule however Saturday slack at 3 pm and talk with David Kes about when he wants to have church service.
- HS Rodeo Alumni: Haven't heard back, at this time no plan to combine.
- Chute gate banners no bigger than 3 x 7
- Triple B Rodeo to bid arena and rough stock outs same price as 2010 finals.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Racino Report from Rosemary:**

- Working to pass Racino in MN, how it can help the whole horse industry in the state of MN. Putting slot machines at our horse tracks. Canterbury and Running Aces.
- Equine Development Bill of Racino: Track purses would go up, Breeder's Fund, Non-Racing Equine Enhancement fund. \$1.7 million a year grant fund.
- Non-Racing Equine Enhancement fund could be used for horse organizations in many ways. Money for awards, to fund rodeos, limitless opportunities.
- Asking for our voice in helping to pass Racino. Write a letter back to Rosemary, to put into a legislative packet to pass onto congress in support of Racino.
- State that we support Racino and support the Non-Racing Enhancement Fund.
- Encouragement membership to go to Racino website and use letters to write letters to congress in support.
- MMS Jamie Johnson/Alicia Mengelkoch to support Racino with a letter and link to website from ours. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> via conference call 7:30 pm. Face to face can meet at RHR in conference room, and whomever can't make face to face can call in via conference call.**

Meeting **adjourned** by Alicia Mengelkoch/JoJo Varner. Meeting adjourned.