

# Meeting Minutes Minnesota Rodeo Association Meeting

May 19th, 2010 RJ's American Grill 7:30 pm

Submitted by:  
HeidiGunderson

Call to Order: (Mike Grinager) at 8:30 pm  
Attendance & Roll Call (**Heidi Gunderson**)  
President **Mike Grinager**  
Vice President **Karl Johnson**  
Secretary **Heidi Gunderson**  
Treasurer **Jamie Johnson**  
Bareback Directors- **Dustin Schilling** & TJ Marino  
Saddle Bronc Director- none  
Bull Riding Directors- Josh Trest & Lance Schwartz  
Steer Wrestling Directors- Ryan Olson & Matt Tellegen  
Calf Roping Directors- **Steve Kuntz & Toby Boeta**  
Over 40 Calf Roping Directors- **David Slipka & Emmett Davis**  
Breakaway Directors- Jamie Johnson & **Heidi Gunderson**  
Team Roping Directors-**Cody Neisius** & Bill VanLith  
Barrel Racing Directors- Kelly Neisius & Sherry Sampson  
Judge Director-Greg Caron  
Stock Contractor Director-Scott Berends  
Queen Director-Rita Hamilton  
Other Members attended: **JoJo Varner**

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jamie Johnson) Balance \$25,620.26, also money coming in from the Expo from Jackets sold, raffle tickets, ect. MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Heidi Gunderson.

**Secretary Report:** (Heidi Gunderson)

- Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes: MMS to approve David Slipka/JoJo Varner motion carried.
- 152 regular members, 30 Youth members, 5 associate members

## **Committee Reports:**

**Queen:** Rita Hamilton & Rachel Sawyer

**Stock:** Scott Berends, Cody Neisius, David Slipka, Dustin Schilling, Lance Schwartz

**Awards:** Heidi G, Jamie J, Dustin S, TJ Marino, Kelly Neisius,

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

**Budget:** Mike Grinager, Jamie Johnson

**Nominations:** Matt Tellegen, Steve Kuntz, Ryan Olson, Kelly Neisius, Bill VanLith

**Rules and Bylaws:** Greg Caron, Mike Grinager, Heidi G, Josh Trest, Matt Tellegen, Sherry Sampson

**1. New Rule Proposal:** (Has posted for 30 days)

- I would like to add the following wording to the "Loss of privileges" section, item #14...This would be placed in front of the sentence that begins : "If the fine is found to have been assessed in error....etc."
- (Add:) The contestant's grievance will be heard by a 3 member panel to include the President, Vice President and the Judging Director. If one member of the panel is absent or is the individual who assessed the fine, then a substitute will be chosen from the board of directors present. The contestant will be given sufficient time to state their case and the ruling of the grievance panel is final.
- **MMS to approve above rule Dustin Schilling/JoJo Varn ( Motion carried.)**

**Finals:** Toby Boeta, Mike Grinager, Heidi Gunderson, Greg Caron, Jamie Johnson

- Toby Boeta spoke with some photographers, waiting on bids
- MMS Karl Johnson/Toby Boeta to hire Jesse Knutson as Finals Announcer for \$800 with hookup and stall
- Funnyman: Contacting and accepting bids

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Western Wishes**

- Rex Kent came and put on a presentation about Western Wishes.
- Possibility for us to partner with Western Wishes (a 501c3). We can help them by inviting them to our events, introducing kids to the cowboys, possibly helping with funds from one our events. In return we have partner with them to receive donations through a 501c3.
- Maybe to work with the Clearwater committee to have a Western Wishes day.
- Mike Grinager and Rex Kent will work together to come up with ideas on how to partner.

**2. O40 Calf Roping:**

- Proposal from Terry McCutcheon:
- Proposal number 1.) For each of the rodeos that don't have an over 40 roping, allow the over 40 members to enter the open tiedown. Their placing relative to other over 40 members in the contest will determine the points they receive. One of my questions would be how hard is it to get the total event placing like the MRA displays for their rodeo results. How much of a burden does this put on the points secretary and the association secretary?
- Proposal number 2.) Have the option to hold an over 40 tiedown event in place of the ones that are not held. These events would be held the same weekend and in the area that the MRA 2<sup>nd</sup> approved rodeo is taking place. This would allow contestants to work other events in the rodeo. The event coordinator would be responsible for the location, cattle, judges, results etc. The thought behind these proposals is to give the over forty guys an opportunity to compete for points

on an equal basis in regard to the AA standings and to compete in as many rodeos as the rest of the membership.

- The board discussed it and did not feel that proposal # 1 would work at this time because we are unable to designate at entries whether you are entering O40 or open and some cowboys do enter both throughout the season. (The SDRA and Midwest entries do not acknowledge or ask for designation of event)
- The board would like to see what ALL the Over 40 Calf Ropers feel about the proposals.
- How would the points work? Would there be bonus points for money as well? Or only points for placing? MMS JoJo Varner/Heidi Gunderson to table proposal number 1 until these questions are answered and an option that would work regarding these concerns is brought back to the board.
- The second proposal does not work because as a SDRA/MRA approved rodeo there is not a rulebook to follow as the SDRA does not have a rulebook that contains Over 40 Calf Roping. Therefore, we would have to make it an MRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved Over 40 Calf Roping jackpot and our association does not want to open up the border so that the over 40 calf ropers do not have to come across to compete at our MRA first sanctioned rodeos to be eligible for the finals.
- MMS Dustin Schilling/Emmett Davis to not accept proposal number 2. (Motion carried) 1 opposed.

## **New Business:**

### **2. Rodeo Approvals:**

Great Northern Classic Rodeo Superior WI: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

MRA/URA

Buffington Rodeo Company

Added Money: \$ 750 Roughstock, \$500 CR, O40 CR, SW, CBR, BCR, \$250 per end TR

Entry Fees: \$89 BB, SB; \$94 BR; \$79 CR, SW, CBR, BCR; \$75 TR; \$84 O40

Entry Info: August 30<sup>th</sup> 605.733.2030 10 am-5 pm

Perfs: THREE September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 7 pm, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2 pm

Slack: not designated after perf

\*\*September 3<sup>rd</sup> is Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night~\$20 to the go around winner if they are wearing pink!

Membership applications must be postmarked by August 30<sup>th</sup> to qualify for points tabulation.

MMS to approve Heidi Gunderson/JoJo Varner (Motion carried)

Menominee, WI: August 8<sup>th</sup>

URA/MRA

Buffington Rodeo Company

Added Money: \$200 BB, SB, BR, CR, O40 CR, CBR, SW, BCR, \$100 per end TR

Entry Fees: \$51 Roughstock, \$71 BCR, CR, O40 CR, SW, \$65 CBR, \$67 TR

Entry Info: August 2<sup>nd</sup> 605.733.2030 10 am – 5 pm

Perf: August 8<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

Slack: after performance not designated

Membership applications must be postmarked by August 2<sup>nd</sup> to qualify for points tabulation.

MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Toby Boeta (Motion carried)

Garden City, MN: July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

URA/MRA/IRCA

Buffington Rodeo Company

Added Money: \$300 BB, SB, BR, CR, O40 CR, SE, CBR, BCR, \$150 Per end TR

Entry Fees: \$55 Roughstock, \$75 CR, O40, SW, BCR, \$73 CBR, \$71 TR

Entry Info: Entry Info: July 23<sup>rd</sup> 605.769.0020 10 am-5 pm

Perfs: July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm nightly

Slack: not designated after performance

Membership applications must be postmarked by July 23<sup>rd</sup> to qualify for points tabulation.

MMS to approve Karl Johnson/Toby Boeta (Motion carried)

Marshall County Fair Rodeo, Warren MN: July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

MRA/URA /NDRA

Buffington Rodeo Company

Added money: \$1500 Roughstock, \$1000 CR, SW, CBR, BCR, \$500 O40 CR, TR

Heading, TR Heeling, Extra Event: Senior Men's Breakaway \$500

Entry Fees: SB, BB, SW, CBR, CR (EF \$70 + SC \$8 + FF \$6 + JF \$2 + DM \$5 = \$91), 40 CR (EF \$60 + SC \$8 + FF \$6 + JF \$2 + DM \$5 + Awards Fund \$5 = \$86), TR (EF \$70, SC \$4, FF \$6, JF \$2, DM \$5 = \$87), BR (EF \$70, SC \$8, FF \$6, JF \$2, DM \$5, Award Fund \$5=\$96)

Entry Info: July 23<sup>rd</sup> 605.769.0020 10 am-5 pm

Perfs: July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 7 pm nightly

Slack: after performance not designated

Membership applications must be postmarked by July 23<sup>rd</sup> to qualify for points tabulation.

MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Heidi Gunderson (Motion carried)

Gonvick Lions Club Rodeo Gonvick, MN: July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

URA/MRA

Buffington Rodeo Company

Added Money: \$400 Rough Stock, SW, CR, CBR \$200 BCR, Per End TR O40 CR

Entry Fees: \$51 Roughstock, \$71 CR, O40, SW, BCR, \$65 CBR, \$67 TR

Entry Info: July 2<sup>nd</sup> 605.733.2030 10 am to 5 pm

Perfs: July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2 pm both days

Slack: Not designated after performances

Membership Applications postmarked on or before July 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive points.

MMS to approve JoJo Varner/Karl Johnson (Motion carried)

Cedar County Fair & Rodeo Hardington, NE: July 15<sup>th</sup>

Open/IRA/MSRA/MRA

St. Peter Rodeo

*Life's Tough Play Dirty Challenge*

Added Money: \$300 Roughstock, CR, SW, CBR, BCR, \$150 O40, per end in the TR

Entry Fees: \$58 BB, SB, BR, O40, CR, SW, BCR, TR, \$55 CBR

Entry Info: July 12<sup>th</sup> 9 am- ? 308.643.2799

Enter online at: [www.4rodeos.com](http://www.4rodeos.com) from Wed July 7<sup>th</sup> until close on July 12<sup>th</sup>

Perfs: ONE July 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm

Slack: after performance

(Timed Event: 10 in the performance, rest after performance)

Membership Applications postmarked on or before July 12<sup>th</sup> to receive points.

\*\*tabled until next meeting when we know what rulebook this rodeo will go by since it is an open rodeo first.

Winnebago, MN: Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>

MRA/IRA/MSRA

St. Peter Rodeos

Added Money: \$500 Roughstock, \$300 CR, O40, SW, BCR, CBR, \$150 per end TR, \$0

Mixed Team Roping

Entry Fees: \$84 BB, SB; \$74 CR, SW, BCR, CBR; \$89 BR; \$79 O40, \$70 MTR

Entry Info: 308.643.2799 Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 am-7pm

Callbacks: Tuesday Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am-1pm

Emergency Contact: 712.304.2321

Perfs: ONE Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

Slack: Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> 9 am

Membership applications postmarked on or before August 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive points.

MMS to approve Karl Johnson/Toby Boeta (motion carried)

Mason City, IA: July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

MRA/IRA/MSRA

St. Peter Rodeos

Added Money: \$900 Roughstock, \$450 O40, CR, SW, CBR, BCR, \$225 per end TR, \$0

Mixed Team Roping

Entry Fees: \$94 BB, SB; \$84 CR, SW, BCR, CBR; \$99 BR; \$89 O40; \$70 Mixed Team Roping

Entry Info: 308.643.2799 Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> 9 am-6 pm

Callbacks: Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am- 1 pm

Emergency Contact: 712.304.2321

Perfs: TWO Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> 8 pm, Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> 8 pm

Slack: Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 9 am

Membership applications postmarked on or before July 5<sup>th</sup> to receive points.

MMS to approve Karl Johnson/Toby Boeta (motion carried)

\*\*Heidi Gunderson will draft a letter to all MRA contractors that the rules of our rulebook MUST be upheld at all times. If the rules are not upheld the contractors can be put on probation and the MRA board can vote to not sanction remaining sanctioned rodeos if problems continue to exist.

**Next Meeting Date: June 16<sup>th</sup> via phone conference**  
Meeting **adjourned** by Karl Johnson/Dustin Schilling at 10:20 pm