



Meeting 2018



## Kansas High School Rodeo Association Minutes February 10, 2018 – Kingman, KS

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Westbrook at 10:00 am

### In attendance

Chad Westbrook, Troy Brunson, Suzan Adams, Heather Westbrook, Buddy Adams, Rowdy Slavin, Dusty Turner, Karen Jones, Brent Hittle, Trevin Prieb, Bret Pope, Kevin Barnett, Rod Hughes, Logan Wiseman, Trey Adams. Absent: Shelley Meier, Dr. Chris Miller, Casy Winn, Hunter Brunson, Ty Pope, Kiley Slavin, Grace Gardiner.

Guests: Cory Young, Stan Remington

Comments from Guests: none

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the Emporia, October 2017 meeting were approved.

## **Announcements:**

- Jr NFR Chad got a call from someone in charge of qualifiers for rough stock events for the Regionals for JR NFR about co-sanctioning one of our rodeos with them as a qualifier. Discussion was held. Trevin motioned that we co-sanction one of our rodeos as long as there is zero expense to our association and we will determine location and date later. Bret Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.
- 2. 50/50 for the association. Chad checked into the legalities of this with the casino and other locations. He found out what we need to do to cover ourselves on this. Troy motioned that we implement the 50/50 and have the drawing before the Short GO at the state finals. Ticket will be \$10 each and will be passed out at Kingman. It will be optional but we will give 3 prizes for the contestants selling the most tickets 1<sup>st</sup> will receive \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive \$150 and 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive \$100. Trevin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. Trevin will get the tickets made up and sent to Suzan. We will have the tickets on sale at the KSU rodeo and at the KHSRA booth at the Equifest.
- 3. Summer Ropings Chad suggested that we do a really large fundraiser team roping that we start as an annual events. The roping would kick start the budget for the upcoming season. He suggested that a large prize be given to incentive ropers to come. He asked the board to think about this and further discussion would be held at the Kingman board meeting.

## **REPORTS**

**Border Bash** - Suzan reported that she got the shirts ordered. There will be 1 shirt and the contestants will be requested to wear a certain shirt color for the other day if they have it. Stan Remington will follow up with SweetPro.

Timers – We will need to hire timers for the Border Bash. Trevin Prieb is trying to locate timers. He will ask Erin (returning from last year) and Kandee Prieb to see if they are available.

### **Report from Accountant- Kelly Forell**

The tax returns were not complete for the meeting, so this will be tabled until Kingman where we can go over them there and approve the bill to be paid.

### **State Secretary Report** – Suzan Adams

Suzan has received several new member inquiries for spring but not official paperwork for them yet. There are about 8 that aren't returning for the spring which is normal.

Troy motioned that we approve the lunch bill for today's meeting. Bret Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

### Rodeo Secretary Report - Heather Westbrook

Heather recapped the fall rodeos and entries.

# **Committee Reports**

## **Sponsorship Committee.**

Chad presented a list of current sponsors. There were several sponsors waiting to see what the location of the finals were. Several were contingent on having the finals in Mulvane.

# **RCH and Cutting Committee**

Stan Remington addressed the board. The committee would like to have cutting included in the all around next year. They have all worked together and for the sites that are not able to host cutting, they have several options for off site locations so that the number of cuttings can be met for the requirement on all around. Karen motioned that we include cutting in the all around for the 2018-2019 season. Kevin Barnett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. Heather will include a note in the rodeo locations packets stating that cutting is a required event. Kevin Barnett will be the board representative to make sure everyone is informed of what is going on with the committee recommendations.

# **Scholarship Committee**

Leslyn Carson sent a letter on the status of the scholarship fund. They are on target to be able to give \$25,000 in scholarships this year.

#### **Calendar Committee**

there are 11 contestants that still have not turned in their calendar stubs and money. Suzan is behind

on the drawing of the calendar stubs but she hopes to get caught up in the next few weeks. She has drawn, but hasn't had time to get the checks printed and mailed out to those people.

### **Queen Committee Report**

We will have at least 1 candidate this year. Karen Jones will be coordinating that. Whoever the new KHSRA queen is, the mom of that person will be the coordinator for next year.

### **Cowboy Church -**

No report

### **Shooting Qualifiers -**

Troy motions that we schedule Dodge City and Lakin as our 2 qualified shooting contestants. If the weather does not cooperate in either of those locations, the qualifier will be cancelled and not reschedule. Bret Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. The Light Rifle will be on Saturday morning and the Trap will be on Saturday night.

#### **Prom Committee**

Kacie Meairs and Jen Graber are the prom committee this year. They have been waiting on the location before they can move forward. Their recommendation was to have prom at Dodge City. The board felt like that was not a feasible option for the following reasons – 1. There are too many things going on at Dodge City that are hard to fit in now and prom would be rushed if even possible. 2. The preference is to have the cowboy prom not at a co-sanctioned rodeo. Mulvane donated the ball room for prom last year but it wasn't in the negotiations this year so it would cost \$2400. Trevin motioned that we leave Cowboy Prom at Hill City. For 2019 the prom committee should have a proposal for their requested location with a plan for it to preset to the board. Rowdy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

## **Team Roping**

Buddy reported that we had Doc's arena reserved for March 17<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 other large events that have come up on that date that would impact our ability to draw contestants (a USTRC roping in Guthrie & the KPRA Gunslinger rodeo). We will check into doing a barrel race or some other event on that same date.

## **Finals Activity Coordinator**

Jennifer Pope is coordinating the garage sale at Dodge City that raises the funds for the activities. 100% of the proceeds go to fund these activities. Jennifer will also coordinate the activities for finals. CD Productions will be at both the high school and Jr high school finals with his dummy ropings.

### **Judges Clinic**

Discussion was held on the judges clinics that we have been having. The board felt the clinics were good, but since there was not test of anything required to get the card, it was not a valid method of certification. Buddy suggested that we go back to requiring the committees choose judges from the approved judges list that is sent with bid packets. Trevin motioned that we remove the certification process and that we update and require the committees use judges from the approved judges list. If a committee want to use someone other than a judge on that list, they have permission IN WRITING from the national director. If they do not follow this process, they will be fined \$500 per judge. Rod Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

### **NHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Update**

Buddy gave an update from the mid-winter meeting. He went over rule changes that were going to go into effect. Once we get the minutes from that meeting, we will post it to the website for all to read.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Garden City Guests Present for the State Finals**

2 representatives from Garden City presented to the board on the opportunities associated with hosting our state finals at the Garden City arena. The dates that are set for this year's state finals will not work at Garden City this year. They would like us to consider the following week.

#### State Finals Location:

The options for locations for KHSRA state finals are: Lyons, Kansas Star Arena, Hartman Arena, Garden City, Canton and Dodge City. Chad presented the costs/benefits of each location. Discussion was held on sponsorships that were available for each location and potential sponsors that would come on board at each location. Karen motioned that we choose the Kansas Star Arena for our 2018 KHSRA State Finals. Troy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with none opposing.

Ticket Pricing for finals – there was feedback last year on the ticket price being too high for the short go. The price was originally set with a concert that was to be held and not altered after it did not happen. Rod Hughes motioned that wristbands will remain at \$40 this year, but single performance tickets including the short go will be \$15.00. Bret Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. There is also a surcharge added by the Kansas Star Arena on top of this price.

#### **State Finals Schedule**

Last year's schedule was given to all board members. There were no conflicts with anything, so the schedule will remain the same for this year.

### **Stall Coordinator**

Troy Brunson volunteered to be the stall coordinator this year.

### State Finals Program.

We printed 175 programs last year and charge \$10.00. The only daysheets available at the finals were in the finals program. The Jr. High kids volunteered to sell these for us and they sold almost all of them. The board would like to print 175 again this year and keep the price the same.

#### **Advertising**

The board felt we didn't get enough value from the radio station broadcasts last year. They will look into getting in on TV in the surrounding area.

#### **State Finals Picnic**

Troy will contact Mark Scales and make sure that we can coordinate with Ernie Rodina again this year for the picnic. Farm Credit Services usually supplies the paper goods, so he will check with them also.

### **Host Hotel Information**

Chad has been working with the casino to get an even better discount for our staff rooms. They will

give us 1 free night for every 10 nights sold. There will be a block of 200 for our guests and the rate will be \$102 a night. As soon as Suzan gets the reservation link, she will post on the website and the KHSRA social media accounts.

#### **National Team Shirts**

Karen Jones will coordinate national shirts again this year.

#### **Arena Director**

Chad Westbrook was our arena director last year. He did a phenomenal job. Rod Hughes volunteered to do the job this year at Mulvane.

#### **State Finals Webcast**

Suzan has reserved 3-2-1 Action Video again this year. They did a fantastic job and helped get us exposure on RFD-TV as well. The cost is \$350 a day plus hotel. We can sell sponsorship for commercial time to offset this cost again this year

#### **Timers**

Valerie Worrell and Alicia Hanson have agreed to return as our state finals timers again. They will be paid \$500 each plus we will provide hotel accommodations for them.

### **Cutting Judges & Reined Cow Horse Judges**

Carl Haag will be the cutting judge. Karen will check with who we used last year as the RCH and cutting judge and get back to me.

## **Arena Judges**

This year's returning judge will be Mike Gilbreath. Buddy motioned that we hire Donnie McMaster as our 2<sup>nd</sup> judge with Cody Askren as the alternate. Bret Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Announcer**

We had 2 bids for announcer – Trevin Prieb and Robert Sieberns. A vote was taken on which judge would be hired. The vote was tied. Chad Westbrook broke the tie and we will hire Trevin Prieb at a rate of \$1500.00 to announce our finals.

#### Stock Contractors.

4 bids were given for stock for our state finals. Karen motion that we hire JJ Rodeo Company at the rate of \$15,000.00. Bret Pope  $2^{nd}$  the motion. Motion passed. This includes everything except RCH and cutting cattle.

## **Cutting & Reined Cow Horse Cattle.**

Trevin will check with Oil Valley Cattle Co to see if they are interested in bringing RCH and cutting cattle again this year.

## <u>Awards</u>

#### **Saddles Contract**

Tod Slone Saddles were the only bid presented. The saddles will cost \$21,565.00 with freight. **Buckles Contract**.

Bids were presented from Shae Michelle, Outlaw Spirit, Gist and Montana Silversmith. The awards committee recommended that we got with Shae Michelle buckles again this year.

Troy motioned that we approve the awards budget at \$45,580 for awards and the coats will cost \$13,000 for a total of \$58.580. The saddles are included in that amount. The remaining money will pay for buckles (which will include a year-end champion buckle) and the remaining awards.

#### **State Finals Coats.**

Suzan is coordinating the coats with Colleen Couey who has done our coats for years. She has them ordered and the contestants already tried them on.

### **Fall and Spring Rodeo Contracts**

Heather will send out letters and packets for fall and spring 2018-2019 rodeos. Heather will let them know that cutting is mandatory this year.

#### JR HIGH.

## Jr. High Judges

Troy motioned that we hire Cody Askren and Garrett Panzer for our Jr. High State Finals judges. The rate of pay is \$525 each plus hotel rooms. The alternate would be Mike Gilbreth. Buddy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

## Jr. High Announcer

Troy motioned that we hire Garrison Panzer as our Jr High State Finals announcer. The rate of pay will be \$900 plus a hotel room. Bret Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

## **Jr. High Timers**

Rowdy will find Jr. High finals timers. The rate of pay is \$250.

# Jr. High Stock Contractor.

Rowdy will coordinate the stock again for finals and let Suzan know. Bret will help coordinate the rough stock.

## **Jr. High Concession for Finals**

We will let the Western State Bank Expo Arena find someone to do the concession stand instead of self hosting this again this year.

# Jr. High Awards Budget

The awards committee felt the awards budget for Jr. high is satisfactory at \$17,000.00 – same as last year. Rowdy motioned we set the awards budget at \$17,000. Bret Pope 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.