

MHSRA Executive/Directors Meeting

April 9/11

1:00 pm

Total Eye Care Office

Attendance:

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| Julie Rowe | Andrea Graham | Ginny Collins | Melanie Drier |
| Brenda Tonn | Peggy van Meijl | Art Cochrane | Kelly Lyng |
| Marcia Rinn | Deb Cook | Doug Bergeson | |

Call to order and welcome - Kelly. Meeting called to order at 1:25.

1. Ambulance – concerns raised over not having an ambulance on site in an emergency. Eg given over bull riding incident in Brandon where they had been promised a 2-3 minute response time and it actually took 15-20 for an ambulance to get there. Melanie raised the point that some communities are far away from ambulance service. Brandon police lawyer suggested a 15 min response time would be appropriate if we went with first responders. (See ambulance rates attached)

Options suggested:

Option 1: charge each contestant a fee per day for ambulance service.

Option 2: St. John's Ambulance will provide volunteers on a donation basis. Art suggested if we do this MHSRA pay them and charge the committees. They would need a list of rodeos to get the volunteers in place.

Option 3: ARHA will provide first responders for fee (see ambulance rates attached).

Option 4: Each committee find their own first responders for their rodeo

Noted that we would have to have guidelines re: equipment etc. to have continuity at each rodeo. We would also need a MHSRA rep to oversee the first responders and verify credentials and equipment.

MHSRA standards have been to have an ambulance on site although it is not a written rule. NHSRA rulebook says we have to have emergency medical on site and transportation.

After much discussion, it was decided to leave our system the way it is with having an ambulance required at each rodeo. If communities have an issue they can write a letter to the MHSRA to request assistance.

We will discuss this issue at the AGM and make a decision at that time.

2. Donations to Pierson Roughstock School – in the past MHSRA has given donation to the roughstock school in Pierson in the amount of \$500. Everyone agrees that if we have enough money in our account we can give this donation as Gord and Kevin have put on the school out of pocket to build cowboys which benefits our association.
3. Set-ups (see attached) – Melanie made the **motion: having no set-ups outside of the originally scheduled event**. Peggy 2nd the motion. Discussion: Art queried exams and graduation during finals. Suggested we make an exception for provincial exams and graduation during finals. Melanie amend her motion: **having no set-ups outside of the originally scheduled event except during MHSRA finals if there is an exam on the Friday of finals**. 2nd by Julie. Tabled until AGM.
4. Lightening Policy (attached) – Kelly read his response to Art. It was decided after discussion that our current handling of the situation is sufficient and no policy is needed. It will continue to be at the discretion of the Arena Director. Item will be brought forward for further discussion at AGM.

5. Regions (see original memo from Art attached)– Grunthal, Beausejour, Winkler, Selkirk are now onboard - we are getting the eastern rodeos. Art would like to bring his points system to a vote as per motion below. Art made the motion:

1) each contestant bring their top ten rodeos to the finals. This would allow a contestant to bring a maximum of 100 points in an event to the finals. Points earned at finals plus points brought into finals would determine event winner and who qualifies for the National Finals and Canadian Finals.

2) Season leader would be determined on all points earned in an event before finals.

3) Year-end leader points would be all points earned in an event plus points earned at finals.

4) All Around would be all points in all events (even if they don't enter one of their events at finals), brought into finals and points earned at finals.

5) Rookie Cowboy and Cowgirl would be determined the same as All Around

6) We should implement these changes once we reach 5 days of rodeos in the Eastern Region which could happen for the 2011-12 season. 2nd by Julie. Motion tabled to AGM

6. Membership dues to NHSRA will go from \$60 to \$65 for High School and from \$55 to \$59 for Jr High. Association fees will go from \$400 to \$450 for HS and JR goes from \$200 to \$225. Art proposes that we do not increase our fees at this point. Kim to provide a breakdown of where our membership \$ goes.

NHSRA Breakdown: Dues \$32, Times subscription \$25, promotions \$2, western horseman \$2, Admin \$1, technology \$2, animal welfare \$1, \$74 insurance (paid only in US).

MHSRA Breakdown: to be provided by Kim.

Kelly will ask Kim Park to provide some figures and have a quick meeting at Pierson rodeo.

Round Table -

Karen Gardner is the new clothing rep to start in June. Question as to changing clothing rep. What about putting it out to tender?

Team shirts for Nationals are roughly \$30+ each this year. Estimated \$1800. Suggested that perhaps MHSRA pay half and the kids pay half instead of MHSRA paying the full cost for the shirts. Tabled.

Finals – Kelly has a copy of finals contract. Art – there will be a short go on Sunday at the finals. What are supper plans? Awards? Don suggested we could plan for some awards to start at 3:00 pm (year end and Jr High) and then supper at 5:00 with the rest of the awards to follow the supper. Don will be sure the sponsors are advised of change to awards presentation times.

Build a Cowboy program – Art – Gord Adams and Kevin Larsen will help if we want to go forward with it. We would have to buy a Little Buckie (approx. \$1200). Would start bareback riding on steers in the Jr division. Don made the motion that MHSRA support the program including the purchase of a machine as necessary. 2nd by Andrea. Motion tabled to the AGM.

ARTS program – Julie explained a new call entry program available. AB and SK using it now. Similar to what we currently have. Seems to be some nicer reports and perhaps be able to transfer easily to the web. Cost is \$600 and you can upgrade from that. Julie will investigate further and get back to us.

Constitution – Art – it needs to be updated and rewritten. Suggested we wait until we start next year with the regions. Will have to put a committee together to work on this.

Ginny – awards changes proposed. Looking for bigger sponsorship dollars. Proposal would be a Buckle/scholarship for 1st place and every other competitor would be given \$100 scholarship. Also perhaps a planner awarded. Need new pamphlets ordered so Ginny would like to see different pamphlets made up depending on the targeted sponsor.

Adjournment @ 4:30 pm

ASSINIBOINE REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Rates (Approved 16/02/11)

The following ambulance rates are effective April 1, 2011:

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| Special Events ** | \$530.00 for first 3 hours for fully staffed unit |
| | \$150.00/additional hour for fully staffed unit |
| | \$225.00 for first 3 hours for first responder only |
| | \$75.00/additional hour for first responder only |

Manitoba High School Rodeo Association Lightning Safety Policy

The safety of contestants, personnel, volunteers, and spectators is the primary concern in any weather event that occurs during all rodeos sanctioned by the MHSRA. By understanding and following the information below, the safety of everyone shall be greatly increased. Ultimately the Arena Director, the MHSRA and the committee have the final say over delaying or restarting a rodeo due to weather. Waiting to stop the rodeo or not waiting to start, may result in a serious injury or loss of life. The MHSRA is expected to act responsibly when dealing with lightning or any other adverse weather event during sanctioned rodeos.

When lightning is detected, you can determine the distance of lightning in your area by counting the number of seconds between the flash and the first sound of the thunder and dividing by five (5). This will give you the distance in miles from your location. Remember, if you are in a higher elevation, the lightning can come upon you much quicker and your reaction time is greatly hindered. The activity and facilities at rodeo arenas, such as bleachers, steel fencing and sitting on horses, all increase exposure and risk during lightning events

30/30 RULE

- When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If this time is thirty (30) seconds or less, seek proper shelter.
- Wait thirty (30) minutes or more after hearing the last thunder before leaving the shelter and continuing to rodeo.

(Note: Adapted from the Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Institute, Canadian Soccer Association and Environment Canada.)

Additional Information:

The existence of blue sky and absence of rain are not protection from lightning. Lightning can and does strike as far as ten (10) miles away from the rain shaft. It does not have to be raining for lightning to strike. Many lightning casualties occur in the beginning, as the storm approaches, because many people ignore initial precursors of high winds, some rainfall and cloud cover. Generally, the lightning threat diminishes with time after the last sound of thunder, but may persist for more than thirty (30) minutes.

Lightning can strike ahead of the parent cloud – take action even if the thunderstorm is not overhead. Be aware of how close lightning is occurring. The flash-to-bang method is the easiest and most convenient way to estimate how far away lightning is occurring. Thunder always accompanies lightning, even though its audible range can be diminished due to background noise in the immediate environment and its distance from the observer. Lightning awareness should be increased with the first flash of lightning or the first clap of thunder, no matter how far away. This activity must be treated as a wake-up call to all. The most important aspect to monitor is how far away the lightning is occurring, and how fast the storm is approaching, relative to the distance of a safe shelter. Recognize that personal observation of lightning may not be sufficient. Additional weather information may be required to ensure consistency, accuracy and adequate advance warning.

When larger groups are involved, the time needed to properly evacuate an area increases. As time requirements change, the distance at which lightning is noted and considered a threat to move into the area must be increased. Extending the range used to determine threat potential also increases the chance that a localized cell or thunderstorm may not reach the area giving

the impression of a “false alarm”. Know where the closest “safe structure or location” is to the arena or rodeo grounds and know how long it takes to get to that safe structure or location.

Safe structure or location is defined as:

Any building normally occupied or frequently used by people, i.e., a building with plumbing and / or electrical wiring that acts to electrically ground the structure. Avoid using shower facilities for safe shelter and do not use the showers or plumbing facilities during a thunderstorm.

In the absence of a sturdy, frequently inhabited building, any vehicle with a hard metal roof (not a convertible or golf cart) and rolled-up windows can provide a measure of safety. A vehicle is certainly better than remaining outdoors. It is not the rubber tires that make a vehicle a safe shelter, but the hard metal roof which dissipates the lightning strike around the vehicle. Do not touch the sides of any vehicle!

If no safe structure or location is within a reasonable distance, find a thick grove of small trees surrounded by taller trees or a dry ditch. Assume a crouched position on the ground with only the balls of the feet touching the ground, wrap your arms around your knees and lower your head. Minimize contact with the ground because lightning current often enters a victim through the ground rather than by a direct overhead strike. Minimize your body’s surface area and the ground! Do not lie flat! If unable to reach safe shelter, stay away from the tallest trees or objects such as light poles or flag poles), metal objects (such as fences or bleachers), individual trees, standing pools of water, and open fields. Avoid being the highest object in a field. Do not take shelter under a single, tall tree.

Horses will be safer if they are inside a trailer versus being tied to a trailer or a steel fence. Also need to be aware of how your horses behave or react during weather events.

When considering resumption of any outdoor activity, it is recommended that everyone should ideally wait at least thirty (30) minutes after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder before returning to the arena.

People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge. Therefore, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is safe for the responder. If possible, an injured person should be moved to a safer location before starting CPR. Lightning-strike victims who show signs of cardiac or respiratory arrest need emergency help quickly. Prompt, aggressive CPR has been highly effective for the survival of victims of lightning strikes.

For additional information the following website is helpful:

www.weatheroffice.gc.ca

Manitoba High School Rodeo Association Proposed Setup Policy

Setups will allow contestants to take their stock early at MHSRA sanctioned events with the approval of the Rodeo Committee, Stock Contractor, Arena Director, and the MHSRA.

Setups will not be allowed for other school activities, other rodeos, or other events.

Setups at High School Rodeos will be allowed under the following circumstances.

1. Graduation ceremony's
2. Exams
3. Interview for jobs or scholarships
4. Finals awards i.e. MRCA or HRA

Manitoba High School Rodeo Association (Regions)

On Feb.12, 2011 we discussed how the points would work when splitting the province into two regions. First of all I want to give you my thoughts on why we need to go to regions in the province.

Manitoba membership over the last 10 years has remained relatively stable with a low of 59 and a high of 72. Right now we have a membership of 69. Most of our membership is from the west with only 12 members from the east. Our membership has not changed notably for the past 10 years. To grow our association and be able to attract sponsors I feel we need to move into the eastern area of our province where most of our population is at. To get members we need to promote shorter travel distances and the same opportunity to qualify for National Finals and Canadian finals. Once they have joined the MHSRA some will probably want to travel. For others both east and west may say that they are only doing so many rodeos and we have to accommodate them by limiting the number of points that are taken to the Finals. I feel that is the only fair way to do this especially if we get rodeos on the same weekend on both sides of our province. This may take a long time to happen but at least the frame work is in place if it does. The way that there was interest in holding rodeos in the east with just a few phone calls it may be sooner than expected.

One of the questions asked was that rodeo committees may lose entries because of the 100 point max for Finals and contestants may not enter as many rodeos.

This may be the case for a small amount of contestants but there may be 15 to 20 new contestants to replace them. Not all contestants will max out their 100 points in all their events and if they do max out and stop coming to rodeos they will lose their position in the season leader standing and the all-round standings.

Question was asked to have all contestants enter 75% of the rodeos to be eligible for Finals.

I think this would be hard to administer and we now let everyone come to our finals that is a member and has attended one qualifying rodeo. In the future we may have to limit the number of contestants that attend our Finals.

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5. **Rookie Cowboy and Cowgirl** would be determined the same as All Around.
6. Getting rid of the year end awards may be an alternative. Giving season leader awards to each region may also be an option. (note: this was deleted in the motion)
7. We should implement these changes once we reach 5 days of rodeos in the Eastern Region which could happen for the year 2011 & 2012 season.

By having more members this would hopefully open the door to new sponsors and also inject new blood into the association.