

Manitoba High School Rodeo Association
Annual General Meeting
June 4, 2011 – Neepawa, MB

Called to order 4:25 by Kelly Lyng

Minutes from the 2010 AGM read by Kelly.

Moved by Art Cochrane, Seconded Colleen Mullin – Carried.

Presidents Remarks:

Kelly reminded parents to act ethically and act appropriately to avoid turmoil due to the stress of finals. Encouraged positive character building.

Student Directors Report:

Annual report of from Student Directors not presented.

Remarks from National Director, Art Cochrane:

Thanks to everyone for all their help in and out of the arena. Recapped the new rodeos – Grunthal, Winkler, Selkirk, Beausejour. Big thank you to Deb Cook for all of her work. Welcome to Brenda Tonn.

Committee reports:

1. **Canadians** – Orv - Are we going to go for third year? First year was successful. Decision will be made next week as to whether to proceed. Any concerns? **Terry Jackson** shared Canadians' financials. Last year was profitable for various reasons including good weather, resulting in good turn outs. Terry stressed the need for more volunteers for Canadians. Terry encouraged all to support a 3rd year of Canadians, advising of the various benefits to our MHSRA students with having a profitable outcome with another successful Canadians.
2. **Treasurer, Kim Park** - Reported for the time period of Aug. 21, 2010 to June 2, 2011: Opening Balance: \$23,154.82. Deposits: \$261,639.02. Debits \$266,757.94. Outstanding Cheques: \$5,495.75. Balance: \$12,540.15.
Kim Moved the adoption of her report, Seconded by Debbie McMahon - Carried.
3. **Secretary, Brenda Tonn** – Advised parents to have new memberships in by July 12th. Discussion arising about having a “notary” sign the National papers. Art advised that a Commission of Oath is acceptable. Brenda will check into this further.
4. **Call Entry, Julie Rowe** –Reported that confirmation number system was working great. AGM attendees thanked Julie for her speed in getting the points done.
5. **Ways & Means – Denise Langford** – 24 books of Weatherby tickets sold. Advised that next year the tickets should be paid for up front before handing them out to be sold. Art clarified that the money taken in for these tickets was divided in half. One portion going to the NHSRA, the other to our Grade 12 scholarships.

6. **Team Clothing – Karen Gardner** – nothing to report
7. **Rodeo Liason – Tim Gompf** – Recapped the new rodeos. Advised of possible granting opportunities through MAFRI, Hometown Main Street Enhancement.
8. **Flags – Barb Manning** – All is well.
9. **Banners – Cheryl Marcino** – Reported that she has been receiving a lot of help from students & parents. Advised that Rita Vodon will be working with banners but will still need a helper. Zip ties are very expensive. Lorne Langford said he would look into getting some.
10. **Scrapbook - Peggie Van Meijl**: Is continuing to work on the scrapbook and would like photos submitted to her. Someone to shadow her is needed. Advised that Manitoba won an award at Nationals last year. Scrapbooks will be displayed in Hamiota.
11. **Website - Brenda Tonn**: Going well.
12. **News Carrier/Cowboy – Brenda Tonn** – Going well. Julie offered to send results to the Cowboy.
13. **Scholarships – Reported by Colleen Mullin** – There are 16 high school grads and 9 grade 8 grads that will get scholarships. There is \$13,000 available for scholarships including \$1,450 from money 2 years ago. Congratulation to all the kids for cleaning up so nicely. Scholarship committee is very proud of the students and feels privileged to get to know the kids. Reported that kids were very mature and professional. Students showed great depth, integrity and strength of character.
14. **Foundation Scholarship/Basket** – Kelly reported on behalf of Cherie. The theme of this years basket is photography entitled “Catch the Moment.” Donations to this basket are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. The completed baskets are judged at Nationals, and then auctioned off. Proceeds from the baskets go to the Cowboy Crisis Fund. This fund supports injured/ill cowboys/girls.
15. **Queen Coordinator – Donna Baker** – Kelly reported on behalf of Donna. Cheryl Phillips will help Donna. Reported that we have a potential provincial sponsor “Wild Rags.”
16. **Finals Committee – Don Williamson** – Don not present. Sharon Medd reported that finals will run similarly to last year. However, this year there will be 2 goes for the juniors and three for the High School students. Packages, stalls and banquet tickets have been made available at the Neepawa rodeo. Everyone gets charged for stalls & camping. Initial bedding of stalls is provided. There will be some awards presented between 3 – 5 pm on the Sunday, with the remainder being presented after the banquet.
17. **Sponsorship/Awards Committee** – Lisa Gillies reported that they are trying to incorporate major sponsors. Everything is in order for this years finals.
18. **Corporate Fundraising – Don Williamson** – Report not available.

New Positions:

Call for nominations made for all positions, results as follows:

President – Andrea Graham - by acclamation

1st Vice – Danny Mullin, nominated by Ray Salmon – declined. **Lorne Langford**, nominated by Tammy Kelly, Seconded by Kim Gee. Carried.

2nd Vice – Steve Cornelson, nominated by Ray Salmon - declined. **Kelly Bridgeman**, nominated by Steve Cornelson, Seconded by _____. Carried.

Treasurer – Kim Park – by acclamation.

Secretary – Brenda Tonn – by acclamation

Points - Julie Rowe – by acclamation

Queen Coordinator – Donna Baker shadowed by Cherly Phillips – by acclamation.

New Directors

Appointed as new directors: Kathy Gerand, Sandra Stewart, Kim Brown. Motion made by Orv Brown, seconded by Melanie Drier. Carried.

MOTIONS:

There were 5 motions/discussions brought forth for discussion at this meeting. All information was emailed out prior to the AGM for review in preparation to vote/discuss on at the AGM. The following are the motions/discussion and their subsequent results:

1. Awards - Ginny – Suggested that awards system be changed. Possibly award every student with a scholarship and change the number of awards given out at finals for each event. A set motion was not made. Various discussion arising from this idea. Matter was tabled. Parents asked to think about the change for next year.

2. Motion presented by Art Chochrane, Seconded by Julie Rowe:

- 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.

MOTION DEFEATED.

3. Motion presented by Don Williamson, Seconded by Andrea Graham. MHSRA support the Build a Cowboy program by assisting with the program including the purchase of Little Buckie (approx. \$1200). All in favor. **Carried.**

Discussion: Ginny advised that this may be a sponsorship opportunity for parents.

4. 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. **Motion made by Julie Rowe, Seconded by Kim Gee. MHSRA purchase the ARTS program. Carried.**

5. Set-ups – 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 amended her motion: 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. **Carried.**

Discussion:

Lightening Policy. We don't have one. Leave it to the discretion of the Arena Director? Concern that we need a policy to alleviate pressure on director. If policy was in place, Rapid City would have been shut down. Do we want to adopt a lightening policy?

Ambulance: Discussion due to increased cost. Kelly Lyng to looki into a Winnipeg Ambulance service.

Membership Dues: National dues for High School students will be going up by \$5, \$4 for juniors. National Association for high school will be increasing from 4\$400 to \$450 and for Juniors from \$205 to \$225. Entry fees possibly increasing next year.

Hats in the Arena: Lorne Langford queried as to why volunteers had to wear hats in the arena. Suggested that perhaps if this rule was lifted, more volunteers would come forward. The rule book states that hats must be worn in arena.

Meeting adjourned by Dan Mullin, Seconded by Art Cochrane. 6:40 pm