

MHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Minutes
Salon A, Keystone Centre, Brandon
Sat. Feb 6/10 @ 3:00 pm

Attendance:

Alex Park	Donald Helmeczi	Kim Gee	Ryan Miller
Allison Fisher	Donna Baker	Kim Park	Sam Peters
Amanda Marcino	Doug Bergeson	Kody Reid	Sandra Salmon
Austin Whelpton	Duncan Campbell	Kolt McPerson	Sandy Drier
Bailey Plaisier	Elaine Fisher	Kurt Heinrichs	Sara Hunter
Barb Bourassa	Erin Cathcart	Landon Lockhart	Scott Medd
Barb Manning	Garrett Adcock	Layne Smith	Shane Bergeson
Bart Kostiew	Ginny Collins	Leanne Pugh	Shannon Jackson
Beau Bridgeman	Glenn Jackson	Lisa Gillies	Shannon Mullin
Bonnie Rutten	Gord Manning	Logan Bridgeman	Sharon Medd
Bonnie Snezyk	Hailey Tonn	Lori Denbow	Shauna Peters
Brandi Kostiew	Halee Bridgeman	Lorne Langford	Shelby Medd
Brenda Miller	Heather Heinrichs	Marcia Rinn	Shelby Stewart
Brittany Marshall	Heidi Smith	Marcy Whelpton	Sherry Mullin
Cady Gompf	Jan Cornelsen	Marlene Hunter	Shyla Fuchs
Cassandra Peters	Jen Pugh	Marley Williamson	Stephen Cornelsen
Cassidy Gardiner	Jenalee Adcock	McKenzie Langford	Susan McPeherson
Cathy Clemence	Jenna Cook	McKenzie Rowe	Tanner Rutten
Cheryl Marcino	Jenna Rae Kent	Miranda Rusinowicz	Taryn Bailey
Chris Rinn	Josey Millward	Myra Bridgeman	Teri Fuchs
Clay Allan	Julie Rowe	Neil Gillies	Terry Jackson
Cody Colon	Justine Cornelsen	Neil Miller	Tess Manning
Colt Drier	Kari Bodin	Neil Whelpton	Trevor Gompf
Danielle Moran	Karson Turpie	Nikki Bender	Ty Collins
Darren Tonn	Katelynn Baker	Orin Larsen	Ty Stewart
Deb Cook	Kelby Lyng	Orville Brown	Tyson Salmon
Deb McCallum	Kelly Bridgeman	Peggy van Meijl	Wayne Peters
Debbie McMahan	Kelly-Jo Sterzer	Rae Lyng	Wayne Rowe
Debbie Moran	Kevin Cathcart	Randy Allan	
Diane Allan	Kevin Larsen	Ray Salmon	
Don Williamson	Kim Brown	Rick Cook	

Meeting called to order 3:05 pm President's welcome and thanks to everyone for attending – Kelly Lyng. Kelly read the NHSRA Mission statement, introduced executive and student executive.

Introduction of All Star Team – President, Kelly Lyng – **Wrangler:** Boys: Bailey Plaisier, Mark Cook, Cody Colon, Logan Bridgeman, Matt Campbell Girls: Heidi Smith, Sky Brown, Kacee Gee, McKenzie Langford, Alex Park, Shannon Jackson, Shelby Gillies, Samantha Lee Team Captains: Cody Colon and Alex Park

High School: Boys: Orin Larsen, Kane Larsen, Clinton Kelly, Tanner Rutten, Ty Collins, Jesse Johnston, Ryan Miller, Layne Smith, Aaron Lee, Ace Brown, Ory Brown, Girls: Justine Cornelsen,

Shyla Fuchs, Halee Bridgeman, Erin Cathcart, Katelynn Baker, Jennifer Pugh, Shannon Mullin, Taryn Bailey, Shelby Stewart Team Captains: Orin Larsen and Justine Cornelsen
Art discussed how the all star team is chosen.

Treasurer's Report – Bonnie Snezyk (see attached)

Old Business –

- a. Districts – Art Cochrane – proposal to moved forward with districts passed by the director/executive to split into 2 districts effective Aug 1/10. Art reviewed the proposal. The committee will bring forward a finalized proposal to the AGM in Neepawa. Approx. population of 200000 in west and 900000 in the east yet our membership comes from the west. Interest from western Ontario kids wanting to join. Example given: This is BC's 1st year in districts and they increased from 89 members to 114 (over 20% increase in 4 months). Questions: What's to stop you from quitting rodeos once you have your 10 rodeos? Art - (NHSRA rule that all points accumulate for All Around awards) and we could use this rule if we want. Why don't we grow before we split? Art - (all other states/provinces have not grown UNTIL they split). Art suggested we try it for a couple of years and if our membership doesn't increase we can remove the districts. Proposal will be emailed to everyone for input.
- b. Sponsorship - Kelly Lyng (Neil Miller needs someone to take over order saddles/buckles and we need an actual sponsorship person to continually seek new sponsorship...) Kelly advised that many vacancies coming for positions within the assoc. as kids/families graduate. It's easier if you can connect with the current person in the position you are interested in so that you can learn what's involved. Everyone needs to take part in running this association.
- c. Nominating committee – Lori Cathcart (need someone to take this over)
- d. Student Mentors – Orin Larsen – If we have some Ontario kids attend they will be put into the mentorship program. Mentorship program explained.

New Business –

- e. Dodge Weatherby Raffle Tickets – Bonnie Rutten - Art brought the tickets back from Louisiana. Grade 12 students selling the tickets and some grade 11s. 50% of profit goes to our association. (We sell for \$10 and we keep \$5 that goes into scholarships).
- f. MHSRA Wrangler Finals – Rick Cook – May 29 and 30th in Onanole. Quite a few new wranglers joined this year. Explained the reason we have to hold our wrangler finals earlier than high school - Entries to Nationals by June 1st. June 27th is when WJHFR begins. Explained points and awards system.
- g. Neil Miller queried if we could get buckles for Wrangler Finals? Sandy suggested we could cut back placings in high school from 5 places to 3. Ginny noted that many times the 4-5th places are donated goods not \$. Cost to consider is \$200 per buckle.
- h. Schedule of spring rodeos – Deb Cook - Hamiota Apr 25/10 11:00am start; Rapid City May 22-23 12:00pm and 10:00am start times; Pierson April 17-18th with 10:00am start times both days, Onanole Wrangler Finals May 29-30th
- i. Reminder that if you are not receiving emails – email Deb Cook to get on the list.
- j. Scholarships – Sherry Mullin – Scholarship applications for Grade 8 and Grade 12 students were emailed out and will also be available on the website if you did not receive one.

Applications must be received by May 1st. Late entries will not be opened. Need 2 new members to join this committee. Interviews are only for Grade 12 students. As of last year the committee moved to individual interviews instead of group interview.

- k. Horse Awards – Terry Jackson – Reminder AQHA Horse of the Year March 1st deadline. Application forms on website (2 page). Provincial award application forms will be on the website next week – deadline May 1st. No late entries will be opened.
- l. Finals tender packages/rodeo liaison – Tim Gompf - has contacted all rodeo committees and they are satisfied. Beausejour possibility for future (not this year); Oak Point possibly August rodeo; Warren; Dauphin; Grunthal. Finals packages sent to – Austin, Brandon, Hamiota, Grunthal, Killarney and Dauphin. Approximate cost to put on a qualifying rodeo is: Oak Lake rodeo cost approx. \$7500-8500 expenses for 2 day rodeo with income of about \$10,000 so profit of about \$1500.
- m. Call entry deadlines/rules – new system - Julie Rowe – All deadlines/entry dates are posted on website. Email entries from Sun-Wed. at 6pm 10-14 days before rodeo. If email is received: name, events and which rodeo/dates. Julie will respond that your entry has been received. If you do not receive a response you are responsible to call enter before your Wed. 10pm deadline. # to call is 204-658-3503. If you want to enter for your partner you must specifically state that you are entering for the partner and you must enter ALL events for that partner that they wish to enter. At 10:00 pm the entries will be closed, the draw will be done and there will be no late entries accepted. Rodeo entries at the rodeo to be done a minimum of 1 hour before performance with all signatures in place.
- n. Canadians update – Orv Brown – Arena – building a new arena and moved in building for washrooms/shower/concession/offices. Groundwork to start in the spring. Rough stock hired – Prime Time. Timed Events – Steve Cornelson. Stock will be housed at Heartland Livestock. Pick up men Wayne Rowe, Cam Mason. Admission: \$10 per day or \$20 pass. Displays/concession open to public admission at no cost. Trade show – Carla McCallum (\$150 per booth) contact her if interested. Zane and Tim – Camping \$30 per weekend (some plug ins). Stalls \$40 (no box stalls). Programs still in discussion. Concession run by United Church with 20% commission to us. Will supply menu to send out with packages. Entertainment – lots of ideas. Photographer –Rick Hiebert. Neil Miller – awards. Focusing on sponsorship right now but may have to look at fundraising options. Cost \$140,000 to put this on and we need sponsorship \$. Kim has packages and Wendy has some. Scholarships – need \$15,000. Wrangler – still hoping to be able to include. Stress that this is a Manitoba event and not a Virden event. Neil Gillies expressed concern over dipping into our year end sponsors and would like to see a list so that companies are not approached twice.
- o. Rodeo Set ups – Art Cochrane – questions as to why we move a person/event out of the order of go? Example: exam; hockey tournament etc. This assoc. will have to develop a policy regarding set ups.
- p. Nationals – Art Cochrane (discuss cost, etc. need to go) – planning on going to Wrangler National Finals starting June 27th in Gallup, New Mexico or High School July 16th in Gillette, Wyoming. Top 4 in each event get to go (can roll up to 8th). No entry fees, you just pay for stalls and camping. You must sign and write your check at our Finals (Onanole or Hamiota) even if are not sure yet if you have the chance to roll up. Sometimes we have the opportunity to roll up past 8th place. Grade 12 students guaranteed 3 x \$500 scholarships. If MHSRA sends \$250 for each member over 3 they will match the funds so EACH grade 12 student attending nationals will get \$500 scholarships that you MUST apply for. Talent contest

payouts as well. Applications for scholarships in Times magazine and on the NHRSA website.

- q. Clarification for Canadians vs. Nationals is that Canadian Finals entry fees are \$90 per event for high school. MHSRA pays \$2500 and each province. Adding Wrangler would cost each province \$1000 plus \$50 per contestant per event. Money paid for each go-around and prizes for the average plus scholarships.
- r. Crisis Fund Basket – Kelly for Cheri Lyng – Themed basket we put together to display and is voted on, auctioned off and money raised goes to Cowboy Crisis Fund. Cowboy Crisis Fund – ex. If you are injured and you have needs you can collect from this fund. Theme for us for this year needs to be decided. Everyone encouraged to contribute \$ or items for this basket.
- s. Volunteers – Kelly Lyng (discussed need for all parents to get involved)
- t. Sound System – Orin Larsen – MHSRA needs their own sound system. It costs \$100-150 each weekend that we need to rent a system. 10 rodeos without renting a system would pay for the sound system. Orin stated the Student Executive would donate \$500 towards this system and the MHSRA will pay up to \$500 additional money towards the system.
- u. Additional Scholarships – Orin Larsen Scholarships are \$100 now and they are planning a fundraiser to increase these amounts.
- v. Grocery Voucher Report – Brenda Miller – Don Williamson explained grocery voucher program and the participating stores. \$166,330 worth of vouchers - \$9793.71 to MHSRA plus \$3277.29 into scholarships. Possibility to do a spring voucher drive to donate the \$ to Canadians. Will discuss at Canadians meeting.
- w. Kelly discussed bullying, texting, sportsmanship/politeness, to other competitors and parents. Dress Code – 1 hour before rodeo.

National Director Report – Art Cochrane - clarified his position. Required to attend 2 meetings at National Level paid for by MHSRA (flight and hotel). Every 5 years voted back on. Rick Cook is Wrangler Director on 1 year term. If you have any questions please email or call him.

Round table – Kevin Larsen – Manitoba Rough Stock School in Pierson April 9, 10, 11th. Open to anyone - \$400 per student.

Ginny Collins- concern about awards. We've gone bigger/smaller. Many sponsors give product and it's hard to place that product in awards. At AGM in Neepawa she suggests everyone come with ideas about awards. As an association we need to decide this.

Kim Brown suggests that each family go to parent advisory council of each school for award money for sport of high school rodeo. Peggy van Meijl also suggested that each 4-H horse club could be approached.

Don Williamson brought forward Darrell Nesbitt's retirement of media rep. Thanks to Darrell for a job well done. We are now looking for a media rep.

Adjournment