

**MHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Agenda**  
**Salon A, Keystone Centre, Brandon**  
**Sat. Feb 12/11 @ 2:00 pm**

Meeting called to order 2:00 pm

Welcome and introduction of executive and student executive– President, Kelly Lyng

Introduction of All Star Team and explanation of program– President, Kelly Lyng

Review of overall set up of MHSRA; Code of Conduct – President, Kelly Lyng – Students have a code of conduct and parents rodeo code (read by Kelly).

Treasurer’s Report – Kim Park – General Account balance: \$14,223.83; Scholarship account: \$28,447.23

1. Old Business –

- a. Districts – Art Cochrane (discussion on proposed new points system) – distributed example of change bringing all rodeos into finals vs. bringing only top 10 rodeos into finals. Art explained stability of MHSRA over the years. Used to have rodeos in the east and now we only have them in the west. The eastern population is approx 900,000 in the east and we should be trying to involve the rest of the province to gain growth in membership. Splitting into regions will rectify this. Somewhere down the road we will need to discuss some changes to finals, points, etc. Sponsorship is down as well and it may pick up if we involve some of the east. Concerns raised over eastern rodeos not getting the entire membership coming out to the rodeos. Art explained the proposed points changes – does not affect season leader awards, all around awards, rookie of year awards etc., just affects Finals (qualifying for Nationals/Canadians). Julie explained the spreadsheet. Alberta used to have 150 members, now that they have districts they are over 400 members. (see Arts report attached) Concern raised over our current rodeos losing attendance. Don Williamson explained his point of view – kids having fun while rodeoing and doesn’t feel the kids won’t come (eg. The rough stock guys qualify for finals after their first qualified ride and they still come to the rodeos). Art – we could start the points change once the east has 5 days of rodeos. Dallas – could we put in a safety net to mandate that our members attend a certain percentage of rodeos (eg. 75%) ? Art – currently you only have to enter 1 rodeo to qualify to come for finals. Kelly explained that we are simply trying to lay the building blocks for the future of rodeo once we expand and grow in our regions. Eg. We have 8 rodeos in east but 20 in the west which means that our western kids are bringing points from a larger # of rodeos. Changing the points would level the playing field and allow each contestant to come in with an equal opportunity for points. Art explained Alberta’s program. This will be discussed and decided at our AGAM. Please bring forward ideas. Suggestion that we send this information out in advance of the meeting.
- b. Year End Awards & Sponsorship - Lisa Gillies (Neil Miller needs someone to take over order saddles/buckles and we need an actual sponsorship person to continually seek new sponsorship...Dr Don checking into). We need \$20-25,000 for awards. Committee always open to suggestions on possible sponsorship – letter available on the website. We’ve lost some awards sponsors from last year that need to be replaced but have gained some new sponsors as well. No saddle or back # sponsors to date and MHSRA is currently paying for those. Needing 2-3 more people to join this committee. Idea to try to give each participant \$100 scholarship –email to follow explaining. Thanks to all the sponsors! Don Williamson has a staff member willing to come on to help professionally. Will liaise with the awards/sponsorship committee to figure out who to contact.

- c. Nominating committee – Bonnie Snezyk (need someone to take this over?) Kelly – we need this position filled (read job description) Addendum: Ray Salmon has offered to take over this position.
- d. Student Executive Report and Mentors – Aaron Lee absent – Tess Manning and Erin Cathcart report – sent request to executive to re-visit the proposed point system change, reminder to event directors please be in the arena for your event. Tess – mentorship program explained – to help new members feel comfortable within the association. Reminder that the program runs all year long and mentors are always there to help. Treasurer- balance \$5581.53

## 2. New Business –

- a. Raffle Tickets – Denise Langford (absent) – Kelly Lyng explained the Dodge Weatherby tickets. Sell ticket for \$10 and we get \$5. Suggestion that not just grad kids sell them, perhaps each family could sell one? Members request for more tickets from NHSRA. Deb will contact Denise Langford to discuss requesting more tickets.
- b. MHSRA Jr. High Finals – Rick Cook – New members please ask if you have questions about the finals. Don't forget to enter the Finals rodeo – if you don't enter your finals you can not enter Canadians or Nationals. Last year Mark Cook, Shannon Jackson and McKenzie Langford represented MB. This year's dates are June 26-July 2/11 in Gallup, New Mexico. If considering going to Nationals please contact Rick with questions. Fuel last year was about \$1200...fuel prices up this year so could cost \$2000. Approx. 26 hours of drive time. Bareback and Saddlebronc is now approved for Jr High – Build a Cowboy program. Free schooling starting this spring – need volunteers/rigging etc. for the program. Sandy Drier reported that Pierson will be holding some under 14 roughstock schools – contact Kevin Larsen or Gord Adams.
- c. Schedule of spring rodeos – Deb Cook – covered in Tim Gompf's report ☺
- d. Scholarships – Colleen Mullin – reviewed applications and emailed them to grade 8 and grade 12 students – if you did not receive please contact Colleen. Ideas for new scholarship sponsors needed as well. Interviews will likely be held at Rapid City again – to be confirmed.
- e. Horse Awards – Terry Jackson – if nominating for National Awards – applications must be in by March 1<sup>st</sup> along with papers. Provincial awards forms are on the website – check website for dates and awards. NAERIC has 4 awards, Paint Horse - 1 award, Grade Horse – grade 12 riding a grade horse that did not win any other major award. Deadline for MB awards is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Awards are based on Finals only. MB QH Association has other awards available. Cathy Clemence has made a quilt and has books of tickets to sell for MHSRA – money going into scholarship association.
- f. Finals tender packages/rodeo liaison – Tim Gompf – 12 rodeos this year so far + 4 new ones = 16 with potential for 20 rodeos. Called all the rodeo committees and they are all happy with things. Query re Aug 27-28<sup>th</sup> weekend for Selkirk rodeo (majority of our barrel racers will go to MBRA Finals this weekend). Pierson confirmed– Apr 16-17, Hamiota confirmed– May1, Grunthal tentative May 21-22, Rapid City confirmed May 28-29 (may host JH Finals – not yet confirmed), Neepawa confirmed June 4-5, Hamiota Finals confirmed June 11, 12, 13, Winkler tentative Aug 11-12, Virden tentative – Aug 21, Selkirk tentative Aug 27-28, Onanole confirmed Sept 3-4, Oak Lake tentative Sept 10-11, Russell tentative Sept 17-18, Beausejour tentative Sept 24-25, Ste. Rose unconfirmed to date, Brandon Oct weekend of MFR.

- g. Call entry deadlines/rules - Julie Rowe – confirmation #'s working well. If you email from Sun-Wed – suggest cut off emails Wed morning as Julie can not respond until Wed Eve. If you do not have your confirmation email please call enter. Please bring your entry forms completely filled out with all signatures in place.
- h. Canadians update – Orv Brown – Successful Canadians in 2010. Changes – saddles for high point in Jr division. Haven't decided yet if top 3 or top 4 will qualify (depends on # of provinces attending). Need someone to take over making the program – please contact Orv or Kelly Lyng. Approx. ½ sponsorship done to date. Made approx. \$20,000 last year. Need lots of help again this year. Also need someone to help with the trade show. Discussion about what happens to any surplus money after Canadians is done - Money will be given back to MHSRA. Committee from Canadians will decide where in MHSRA money is to be used. Aug 4,5,6/11 dates.
- i. Rodeo Set ups – Art Cochrane – taking runs or stock at different times because of conflicts. Art has a policy to be voted on at AGM. Set ups will allow contestants to take stock early with approval of stock contractor, arena director and MHSRA (grad, exams, interviews for jobs/scholarships, other rodeo finals/awards). Not to be allowed for other rodeos, other school events, etc.
- j. Nationals – Art Cochrane – got back from Denver mid winter meetings. Going back to Gillette for HS Finals in July. Only cost is trip/fuel, camping and stalls. No entry fees. Safety – NHSRA is making a safety video avail to us over the next year. Animal Welfare – NHSRA making a protest policy to follow if protestors show up at a rodeo. Public Relations – what do we think of Times Magazine – positive feedback. They need input on a regular basis. Equine Rescue presentation - explained. Program runs North American wide. If you call they will pick up truck/trailer and haul you 100 miles for a fee. Also explained the CAA RV plus program for anyone hauling trailers/horses. Advertising for Lubrisyn explained– equine human joint formula. Carroll Leather jackets – we can order leather jackets for approx \$100-125 wholesale for awards if we want. YR entertainment – doing documentary on 6 NHSRA families. Reminder about Crisis Fund available for any members that get hurt while rodeoing. Rules Committee – MB Rule change not accepted. Queens will only have to do 1 horsemanship pattern at MHSRA Finals. National membership dues will be going up \$5 this August (this will mean an increase to our membership fees). Rodeo committees putting on rodeos – with rise in cost of fuel etc. our stock contractors are upping contracts and we may have to look at increasing entry fees b/c 90% of entry fees goes to committees putting on the rodeos. We will have to discuss this at the AGM.
- k. Crisis Fund Basket – Cherie Lyng – report by Kelly – basket sent every year to Nationals. They get auctioned off to raise money for the crisis fund. Theme changes every year and we ask that you donate items and/or money. See Cherie Lyng. Theme for this year is photography.
- l. Queen – No interest shown so far this year for this position. Please contact Donna Baker or Kelly Lyng if interested.
- m. Volunteers – Kelly Lyng (discussed need for all parents to get involved) – our association runs on volunteer help. All positions must be filled for our association to run.
- n. Grocery Voucher Report – Brenda Miller – report by Kari Bodin. Thanks to all the members for selling grocery vouchers. Total: \$187,320 sold! MHSRA made \$14,585.30 commission. Scholarship Account received \$3959.99. Leaves us over \$10,000.

3. Round table – Kelly Bridgeman re: Rapid City Rodeo Jr. High Finals – they are most likely going to do it unless the stock comes in at too high a cost. Also, ambulance for ARHA gone up to \$350 for first 3 hours plus hourly rates increased – which will now bring costs up by \$500-600 for a weekend. What is the ruling involving ambulance service? Can a licensed paramedic with first responder rescue unit be used instead of ARHA ambulance? Art - Rule book says – emergency medical facilities and transportation will be available. Dallas Lockhart – reported Williams Lake had a first responder on site. Dallas will get a legal reading on this and report back. Also, wondering if MHSRA would give the Rapid City committee any money for the finals? Does Cinch have any promotional items to auction at the Jr Finals – Art: nothing yet except for our Canadian Finals.

Question – at HS Finals is there only 2 goes for JR high finals. Kelly – Equal # of rodeos for HS and JR so we have dropped the 3<sup>rd</sup> go at the HS Finals. This will help us get the rodeo done earlier to finish up awards in a timely manner.

Question – without the Treasurer’s Report are we making money. Kim responded - We are about \$5-6,000 below this time last year. Kelly – sponsorship is important and we are down in sponsorship. One solution that we have discussed is each member would be responsible to bring in sponsorship.

Brenda Tonn suggested Student Body, Executive and another committee be formed and get together to bring ideas/solutions regarding the new proposed points system.

4. Adjournment – 4:30 pm

**Attendance:**

Marley Williamson  
Rae Lyng  
Shelby Medd  
Kacee Gee  
Reiden Bodin  
Kody Reid  
Jordan Moreau  
Clay Bergeson  
Austen Meston  
Talon Phillips  
Josey Millward  
Ryder Millward  
Tanner Cook  
Nikki Bender  
Shannon Jackson  
Jenna Cook  
Amanda Marcino  
Trevor Vodon  
Terrance Vodon  
Rebecca Helmeczi  
Nicole Lanski  
Samantha Lee  
Brooke Helmeczi  
Boe Brown  
Tyson Salmon  
Sandra Salmon  
Ray Salmon  
Tanner Langlois  
Jenna Lowry  
Bryce McMahan  
Keenan McMahan  
Kayla Lowry  
Tammy Kelly  
Peggy van Meijl  
Debbie McMahan  
Shawna Andrews  
Michelle Fredbjornson  
Lori Cathcart  
Francis Smith

Art Cochrane  
Deb Cook  
Kelly Lyng  
Julie Rowe  
Wayne Rowe  
Randy Allan  
Diane Allan  
Kim Gee  
Grant Gee  
Kim Brown  
Orville Brown  
Scott Medd  
Sharon Medd  
Don Williamson  
Wayne Moreau  
Dallas Lockhart  
Deb Anderson  
Kim Park  
Rick Cook  
Cathy Clemence  
Tess Manning  
Erin Cathcart  
Clint Kelly  
Ryan Miller  
Colt Drier  
Ory Brown  
Cheyenne Wasilinchuk  
Hanna Kristjanson  
Holly Madsen  
Baylee Graham  
McKenzie Rowe  
Gordon Graham  
Gordie Manning  
Kurt Heinrichs  
Heather Heinrichs  
Julie Wasilinchuk  
Alanna Madsen  
Lisa Gillies  
Barb Manning

Kari Bodin  
Melanie Drier  
Brenda Miller  
Stephen Cornelsen  
Doug Bergeson  
Terry Jackson  
Elaine Fisher  
Allison Fisher  
Miranda Rusinowicz  
Clay Allan  
Kolt McPherson  
Everett Fairlie  
Ethan Fairlie  
Bob Fairlie  
Stacey Fairlie  
Susan McPherson  
Cheryl Marcino  
Kelly Bridgeman  
Cassandra Peters  
Jeff Denbow  
Brittany Marshall  
Hailey Tonn  
Aurel Vodon  
Shauna Peters  
Wayne Peters  
Lori Denbow  
Neil Whelpton  
Marcy Whelpton  
Austin Whelpton  
Colleen Mullin  
Quinn Mullin  
Marcy Helmeczi  
Callie Helmeczi  
Linette Lanski  
Dale Lowry  
Chris Rinn  
Marcia Rinn