

Manitoba High School Rodeo Association
Adult Executive and Directors at Large

December 4, 2015
8:00 pm – Conference Call

1. Call to Order 8:04 pm
2. **Attendance** – Ray Salmon, Marcy Helmeczi, Alana Madson, Art Cochrane, Kelly Millward, Aurel Voden, Rachelle Boyes, Mckenzie Rowe, Wayne Rowe, Steve Reimer, Brian Gillespie & Terry Jackson
3. **Approval of Minutes** – *Motion* by Brian Gillespie to accept the minutes as circulated, with the amendment of date to September 11, 2015 and change of place to Beausejour. Seconded by Art.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Not approved, the Executive and Directors require more information about the grocery vouchers and an up to date report. The request for more communication between everyone. Kelly will contact Vonda to get more information about the grocery vouchers.
 - a. Scholarship – Terry Jackson forwarded her report. The \$20,000 in the GIC was reported to be due 2015, this is a typing error and should have been 2016. Terry Jackson reported that she will be closing the saving account and only running a chequing and a GIC, the service charges were accounting to be to high for the interest earned. Scholarship report was moved by Terry Jackson with the amendment above and seconded by Rachelle Boyes.
 - b. General – Dianne Allan forwarded her report
5. **Rodeo Schedule** – Minnedosa is the only approved spring rodeo to date. Grunthal is a no. Rapid City, Swan River and Gilbert Plains are yes but not approved as of yet. Pierson is up in the air (no meeting yet).
6. **Rodeo Report K to 5** – Holly Hollingshead and Scott Lockie have been working on this, looking at two to three rodeos in the spring, one time entry fee \$10/\$20 per child, still need to look into insurance,

Hope to have money left for prizes, maybe host committees will donate prizes. Events of barrels, poles, goat undercoating, goat tipping, dummy roping, no rough events, boys and girls, no lead line, two groups. Looking for parent helpers that do not have jobs to date. Email entries the week before.

Suggestion to make sure they talk to the host committees before. Also may need a maximum number for each event. Could have large numbers if weather is good.

Extra stock may be needed but they will consider when they have entry numbers.

Discussion was that it was approved by the Executive and Directors and was good way to encourage numbers.

7. **Finals report** – Last year we were charged for thirty gate passes/\$35 each that were to be given to us for free. It was taken off their fees. They were for Personal and judges.

Bob and Dianne were working on the finals contract; Art gave the suggestion to make sure that the wording is changed to clarify that that these gate passes should be at no charge for MHSRA.

Finals Date - June 10, 11, 12, 2016

- a. From 2015
- b. Approval for 2016
- c. Selkirk finals 2016 – Stock Contracts
- d. Packages to Committees

8. **Grocery Voucher Report** – Tabled, need more information from grocery voucher committee. Kelly to contact Vonda and Dianne.

9. **Minnedosa conflict with Canadians** – Executive and Directors would like Dianne to make sure that the membership is aware that there is only one day to get back from Canadians to make it to Minnedosa. This may affect Canadian and/or Minnedosa entries but it will be for each family to decide.

10. **Rodeo Committee Guide** – Dianne will send the guide out in January.

11. **Junior Finals 2016 and Junior Finals 2017-2019** – Marcy will make sure that Rapid City is still on board for 2016 and what their future plans are.

12. **Audit** – Dianne forwarded the books to Elizabeth Kracker from Stonewall approximately end of October. Terry will be forwarding the Scholarship books next week.

Ray is hoping to have the audited books before the end of January to help with his grant process. Terry Jackson has offered to contact the auditor to see what the timeline is and she will email Ray with the details.

13. **Cinch Money from NHSRA** - \$1050.00 US. Suggestion was that we should be setting up a US account.

Motion by Rachele Boyes to set up a US account with the Cinch funds in the amount of \$1050.00, seconded by Aurel Voden. Passed.

14. **Explanation of Insurance Policies**

a. Membership money goes to Farrell Agencies. If there is an accident at rodeo or going to rodeo and a member has to use an ambulance, this insurance will pay for this. You will have to pay out of pocket and then you will be reimbursed.

b. Director's liability - \$750/year, covers up to 15 people in the arena, paid to Farrell Agencies. If someone in the arena makes an error, an accident occurs and then the director is sued as an arena worker, this is when this insurance is used.

c. Contestant Liability – The \$4 we pay every time a contestant enters a rodeo is for contestant liability. If a contestant sues the MHSRA for an accident, this is the insurance that would be used.

Art is looking into to clarifying what we need for the K-5 rodeos. Also there is talk at the National level that there maybe a peewee rodeo division starting.

The Executive and Directors would like this insurance information passed along to all members with every membership package and clarified every year.

15. **Website update** – The website was requested to be updated and has not been to date. We as an association believe that this is a major priority that needs attention. To Date, Sheena has not been given the password or the information required to make any changes. Mckenzie has forwarded her password, but more info is required as soon as possible.

If the password is changed on the website, Marcy needs to let Brian know in Texas as her system is linked.

Kelly will be calling an Executive meeting to make a list of all items that have been left and not completed.

16. **Animal Welfare Policy** – Still working on this. Aurel Voden, Ray Salmon and Wayne Rowe are on the committee.

17. **MTRA Fundraising report** – Manitoba Team Roping Finals was worked by some of the MHSRA students and parents and were given \$1000.00 for their hard work. There was only a very small group that made this money. In the future we need to be a bit more organized so that we have more help. Great fundraiser.

18. **Awards Sponsors** – Alana Madsen has had no response for awards sponsors help. This will be her last year and people need to set up. Letters are going out for sponsorships. To date, there will be no Queen saddle for 2016 year as we have no sponsor, they will be receiving a breast collar.
There is \$5,044.00 in the bank with some sponsors in for this year. Maybe looking for a second saddle sponsor, not confirmed to date.

19. **Reining Cow Horse** – Marcy Helmeczi is to contact Linnette Lanski to see when the program will be running. What is needed for year end awards, Alana Madsen needs to know.

20. **Rule changes to NHSRA Mid winter meeting** – Any rule changes needed to be forwarded to Art by December 18, 2015 so that they can be forwarded to the National office.

21. **Fundraisers** – 50/50 license needs to be applied for as soon as possible.
The Truck magnets will be brought to the Mid-winter meeting, Marcy Helmeczi and Linnette Lanski on the committee.
Kelly still looking into the golf tournament and how it will be run.
22. **Update on 2016 Queen** – Prior to the meeting Kelly was unable to speak to Helen Peake for an update. The Executives and Directors have no knowledge of any interest in a queen contestant. Need to look into further.
23. **Mid winter meeting date and agenda** – February 20, 2016. We are to encourage our membership to attend.
Jan 25-30th Art will be attending the National Mid winter meeting.
24. **Charitable or Non-Profit** – Put on hold several times and now our lawyer has changed jobs so we have to start again. We will now have to wait for the next audit. We need to make a firm decision and go with it. Tabled to the next meeting. Bill paid in August for the previous lawyer. We will need a yearly audit, all information to be current and up to date with a proposed budget.
- a. Where do we go from here
 - b. Lawyer bill
25. **Rodeo Liaison** – Kelly and Art have stepped up to finish the year but we will need this position to be filled for the next year.
26. **Rodeos Lost** – We are losing rodeos due to stock costs, graduating members and other costs of running a rodeo. Hard to add rodeos when we don't have a lot of weekends to pick from. Also when we spread the rodeos too far, costs of travelling are difficult. Need to assist our committees with contacts for affordable stock. We will continue to work to increase our membership. Kelly, Art and Aurel will get together to talk some more.
27. **Email from Sheilagh Sattler** – Decision was that we can not change membership fees even though they would be only attending half the year. Also we should remind our memberships where our fees go and it costs to run our association.

28. **Membership Recruitment** – The complaint is that High School rodeos make no money. Suggestion to have volunteer jackpots at some of rodeos to increase the member's chance of making money when attending high school rodeos. Tabled. Mackenzie will take it to the student executive to see if there is any interest.
29. **Clinics for the membership** – In the past the Adult event directors would arrange to have a clinic in their event every year. Suggestion from the Executive and directors to encourage our adult event directors to start this practice again.
30. **Opinion survey** – Brian Gillespie has brought this to the executive and directors. He has prepared this document and would send it to all of the members for completion. It would be confidential and would be used for improvement of our association. It has been forwarded to Art and Kelly for review. Suggestion that it would be forwarded out before the Mid Winter meeting so it would start more conversations. Executive and the directors agreed to have it forwarded to the membership.
31. **Policy Manual** – Still needs to be worked on, Brian Gillespie has volunteered to start this process in a draft form. Approved by the executive and directors to proceed.
- a. Policies
 - b. Public statements
 - c. Ground Rules
32. **Rework our mentor program**- Mckenzie was advised that she needed to improve this program but has had no suggestions on what to do. Suggestions followed:
Art would like to see this program started at the finals so our new members have a mentor from the very first rodeo.
Would like the non-members also included. This fall our Queen was looking after the non-members and it worked well.
Suggestion that the new parents were also to be mentored, the high school rodeo association is very confusing to start.
Suggestion that the day that they are introduced to their mentor that an activity immediately links the two, like a scavenger hunt, etc.

33. **Memo about Logo's** – Art reminded us that permission is needed to use the National logo on any item.
34. **Team shirts** – Mackenzie Rowe has already looked after, Pam Stemmer has forwarded an email to Diane for circulation to the membership.
35. **Next Meeting** – Kelly will call another meeting before the Mid Winter meeting and will be in further contact.
36. **Information** – Telephone conference cost \$3.68 per link with ten links for a cost of \$36.80 for the two hours.

Adjourn – 10:00pm