

Manitoba High School Rodeo Association

Student & Adult Executive, Directors at Large

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2016

Keystone Centre – Brandon

10:30 a.m.

- I. Call to order** – Kelly Millward called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
- II. Attendance** – Art Cochrane, Kelly Millward, Rachelle Boyes, Aurel Vodon, Steve Reimer, Holly Hollingshead, Scott Lockie, Alanna Madsen, Linette Lanski, Holly Madsen, Mac Rowe, Diane Allan, Terrance Vodon & Randy Allan
- III. Approval of minutes – December 4, 2015 – Conference Call** – Randy Allan motioned to accept the minutes of December 4, 2015 as distributed by email. Steve Reimer 2nd. CARRIED
- IV. Treasurer’s Report** - Randy Allan motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read by Diane Allan with a bank balance of \$45,298.89. Rachelle Boyes 2nd. CARRIED
- V. Scholarship Report** – Art Cochrane motioned to accept the Scholarship Report as read by Diane Allan with a bank balance of 60,672.83 which \$40,000.00 of this is held in a GIC due April 1, 2016. Alanna Madsen 2nd. CARRIED
- VI. Sponsorship Report** – As presented by Alanna Madsen Randy Allan motioned to accept a bank balance of \$7,227.52 in the year-end award bank account. Steve Reimer 2nd. CARRIED
 - We had 2 unpaid sponsorships from last year totaling \$400.00. I have already received notice from a few sponsors that they will no longer be sponsoring as their connection to the MHSRA is done so they are moving on.
 - We bring in around \$23,000.00 and spend about \$21,000.00 on year-end awards and scholarships linked to awards.
 - We are doing some shopping around the year as purchasing from the US with our dollar the way it is seems unlikely.
 - If anyone has any questions or sponsors please contact Alanna Madsen, Jay-Dean Smyth or Tracy Millward as those two ladies are taking over from Alanna.
 - Alanna is still looking for people to help with finals weekend.
- MOTION:** Art Cochrane motioned to add Tracy Millward and Jay-Dean Smyth to the bank sponsorship and delete Lisa Gillies. Linette Lanski No vote no quorum
- VII. Student Treasurer Report** – Holly Madsen presented a bank balance of \$3,923.35 in the student executive bank account.

Topics for Discussion

1. NHSRA Winter Meeting Report – Art Cochrane
 - Spring program gives us \$1,000.00 funded by the NHSRA for MHSRA to help promote the association. Example – booth @ MFR, posters at schools, ag buildings and possibly banners to put at town rodeos.
 - Merit Scholarship - \$5,000.00 for 5 senior members at \$1,000.00 each. Can be applied for after the 1st semester of attendance at school.
 - The Spirit Award Buckle – NHSRA sponsors this buckle
 - NHSRA will not be sponsoring the Reined Cow Horse Buckle
 - Flying J has come on board with a fuel card. 1 cent per litre.
 - Was a lot of discussion about younger grades but got shot down.
 2. Fundraisers
 - Golf Tourney – Is a no go as expenses will be more than the income.
 - 50/50 Progressive – Diane Allan to put in application and get it started. Discussed how it would be run. Possible deposit cheques required, the # of books each member is needed to sell, and the cost of the tickets.
 - Linette Lanski
 - Tag a trailer – window decals for a cost of approx. \$12.00 possibly less with promotion. Will look further into the details.
- MOTION:** Steve motioned for Linette Lanski to go forward with the ordering of the window decals for a fundraiser. 2nd by Rachelle Boyes No vote no quorum
3. MHSRA Clothing – Diane Allan brought forward that Pam Stemmer is stepping down from doing the MHSRA clothing.
 4. Animal Welfare policy for MHSRA – Aurel Vodon presented the following:

Welfare Recommendations for MHSRA

Welfare is becoming an issue in all livestock sectors. These issues have not, to date, affected MHSRA but it is a matter of time as many rodeos throughout Canada have been challenged to make changes or be forced to shut down. It is the opinion of the committee that MHSRA become proactive rather than reactive.

The appointed MHSRA committee has recommended a number of changes within the MHSRA rodeo program. The recommendations as listed will help the association to be proactive in the meeting animal welfare issues that will be facing rodeo in the coming future.

- **Junior Division.**—The end of the arena rule was incorporated at an annual meeting in Neepawa for all seniors..The rule was established to help eliminate livestock injuries from animals crashing into the end of the arena. A feature the viewing public as well as the contractors frown on. The end of the arena rule also aides in helping the contestants to develop their roping skills, horsemanship skills & eliminate complaints from the contractors for roughing of the stock. Therefore the committee recommends that the MHSRA Directors approve the recommendation that the end of the arena ruling be incorporated for the Junior Timed Events (Tie Down, Ribbon Roping & Team Roping) & bring this change of ruling forward for acceptance @ the annual meeting in Gilbert Plains to be incorporated into the MHSRA Junior Timed Events starting the 2016-17 rodeo year.

- **Tie Down Roping :**

1. This event has often saw calves once released walking away limping. The injury is often caused by tight pigging strings tied between the dew claws & hoof. It also should be noted that often the times are 15 seconds plus & the calf once released stackers off due to the tight rope cutting off its wind. The 6 seconds that the calf has to remain tied also causes extra pressure on this leg area A number of rodeos to continue this event have waved the 6 second ruling..Once the calf is roped & tied there is no 6 second waiting time frame.

There for the committee recommends that the MHSRA Directors approve the recommendation that the 6 second rule be waved & take it forward to the Annual MHSRA meeting to be approved starting the 2016-17 rodeo year.

2. The committee also recommends that the contractors supply separate groups of calves for Tie Down & Break Away events. The same calves for Ribbon Roping & Tie Down can be used but running the same calves through the chutes for the Break Away roping is extremely stressful & only adds to the risk of injury .This requires better communication with the contractors as well as the host committee.

3. A number of years ago the ruling that a contestant would receive no time if the calf was jerked down @ the time of catch between the 10 & 2 o'clock positions. Unfortunately the wording was such that a contestant received no time plus loose all points earned for the day.. This has not curtailed the occurrence .The judges do not agree with this ruling as it is worded. In fact their hands are tied for incorporating this ruling.

Therefore the Committee recommends that the wording be clarified & that for the Tie down, if judges feel the calf was jerked down within this radius (10-2 position) that there be a no time for the contestant that event for that particular day. The committee would like to change the radius to the 11 to 1 o'clock position as is being incorporated in other rodeos throughout Canada & USA

- Goat Tying--- Mother Nature dictates some variable arena conditions. Some of these conditions are very injurious to the livestock involved (goats). The public do not like to see the goats flipped & tied in water & severe muddy conditions .This may also cause some accidents with the participants. The press over the last number of years have published pictures in local papers of goats covered in mud or almost submerged in pooling arena water. This is not good publicity for MHSRA.

The committee recommends that for future rodeos the arena director ,judges & contractor (goats) consult & make changes to the arena conditions so the goats are stationed on dry as possible ground for the event (such as adding sand to eliminate the severe conditions ,move goat peg)& in severe cases that the event be cancelled for that particular day . The final decision is the decision of the contractor who has a substantial investment both in dollars as well as health of the animals.

Note: The contractor owns the arena (many of us do not realize this fact) during the rodeo & has final say on the use of the livestock being supplied.

Respectably submitted by Welfare Committee
Wayne Rowe Chairman

5. Finals Report – Packages to Committees for 2017 – 2019
Approval for 2016
6. Grocery Voucher Report – Final Tally
7. Little Buckaroo's – Holly Hollingshead and Scott Lockie
8. Rodeo Committee Guide
9. Audit Report
10. Website update
11. Awards Committee

New Business

1. Grocery Deposit cheque from Kaden Paton – Diane inquired about whether to deposit the the deposit cheque for grocery voucher as Kaden joined after the sale of the vouchers. She was advised to deposit it.
2. Grunthal Rough Stock School Letter – We will offer a membership to one of the kids involved in the clinic as chosen by the Hanover Ag Society.
3. Pay Canadians Invoice – Diane was advised to pay the Canadians invoice of \$4,000.00 when received.
4. Swan River – Rain Date - Swan River High School Rodeo inquired about a possible rain date. Diane to advise them that that is not possible.
5. Survey – Diane reported that only a handful of surveys were returned. Kelly Millward instructed her to resend it out for those to have another chance to complete.

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