

**MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
LEWISTOWN, MT – 08/18/2023**

President Denver Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

In Attendance: Tater Erickson, Jay Wagner, Kortney Diegel, Tim Larson, Ricki Grebe, Ty Parker, Tobin Arnold, Clint Begger, Cassie Gibson, Sophia Wyatt, Debbie Lund, Billie Harms
By Zoom: Mark Radue, Ryan Gaasch, Payton Levine, Hailey Burger, Dan Wyatt
Absent: Kari Trexler

Minutes from previous meetings of 6/28/23 in Hobson and 7/28/23 by Zoom, were read by Debbie.

MOTION: Tater moved to approve the minutes as read.

2nd by Jay.

Motion approved

High School Secretary's Report – Debbie

Gave current membership numbers and reviewed bank balances. Presented profit and loss for year ending 7/31/23. Reported that Turner Horse Sales donated \$1367.50 from the sale of the colt.

Jr. High Secretary's Report – Billie

Presented current profit and loss and bank account balances. Reported on current JH Memberships.

MOTION: Tim made a motion to approve the secretaries reports.

2nd. By Ricki.

Motion approved

President's Report – Denver reported that MHSRA is moving forward with producing the 2024 state hs finals. He sent a letter to Colter Heckman with the Steerhead letting him know that we were not offering him the optional 3rd year of the contract.

National Director's Report – Jay

Jay reported the Mid-Winter Meeting will be Jan. 16-20, 2024 in Branson, MO. Reported that NHSRA is allowing the states to decide on the HS Breakaway Bell Collar Rule and on the 2-loop rule at their state finals. Reported that Bloomer Trailer donates 2 trailers to nationals, and they feel more members need to be involved. Nationals may require each member to sell a raffle ticket in the future.

Promotions Committee – nothing to report

Judge Coordinators – Kortney

All assignments for the fall season were completed and sent out. Would like directors to support the judges as much as they can so we can try to grow our judging pool.

Troy Henderson asked that the judges receive feedback on the evaluations that are done on them at each rodeo. These evaluations go to the judge's coordinator and the judges don't know what is said.

Discussion was held on how to better evaluate the judges and let them know what they need to do to move up the ratings list.

Discussion was held about holding a HS Rodeo Judges Clinic after the fall season and that all directors would need to attend. Kortney will reach out to Doug Clark and Dave Harrell to see if they would instruct a clinic for us.

Crisis Fund – Jay

Nothing was paid out for the 2022-23 season. Reported that if we do have more applicants in the future that we may need to come up with fundraising ideas for the Crisis Fund.

Shooting Sports – Dan

Reported that there were increased shooting sports contestants at the Townsend HS Rodeo. Is trying to get another shoot in Dillon for this fall. Brought up that he would like someone to step up and learn how the shooting sports events work so that if he is not available that we can still have a shoot.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PR/Marketing Contract- Tater explained that we need to hire a PR/Marketing person and that the board needs to let that person know what is expected of them. From research he found that most pr/marketing positions pay 10-20% of the sponsor money raised. Lots of discussions were held and MHSRA would like to hire someone that is involved with the western industry and in Montana. We will investigate a couple of options for people that have been recommended.

2. Secretary Contracts -Debbie reported that she had 1221 hours for the past year, with her current salary it comes to \$20.50 per hour. Billie reported that she had 966 hours for the past year and with her current salary it is \$20.70 per hour. Discussion was held.

MOTION: Tater made a motion to increase the secretary wages by \$4.00 per hour and reevaluate in one year and the secretaries to continue keeping track of their hours.

2nd by Ricki

Motion approved

3. Extra Team Shirts – Billie asked the board what they would like to do with all the shirts left over from Rocky Mountain Supply. There are pink, black, and red shirts in large and x-large.

MOTION: Jay made a motion to give a shirt of each color to the state directors with the MHSRA logo, names and districts embroidered on them.

2nd by Ty

Motion approved

4. 2024 HS State Finals Rodeo – We are moving forward with the production of the 2024 State HS Finals Rodeo. Majestic Valley Arena sent a copy of their use contract. Much discussion was held.

State HS Finals will be held June 3-9 in Kalispell

State JH Finals will be held May 31-June 2 in Dillon

Some committees were set up so they can gather information for the HS Finals to be voted on at the January board meeting.

Livestock – Denver, Tater, Tim

Awards – Ricki, Debbie and 4 student officers

Promotion – Jay

RCH/CC – Mark Radue and possibly Nathan Ruth

Shooting Sports – Dan and Sophia

Opening Ceremonies- Kortney, Jolene Robbins, Billie

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Team Roping – Andy Bolich had contacted the board about revisiting the 3-loop rule for team roping. After much discussion it was noted that the board had previously voted to only allow 2 loops for safety reasons and for the stock contractors. No action was taken at this time.

2. JH Officers – Jay would like the JH Student Officers to become more involved with the association. He would like them to attend meetings, be allowed a vote and attend the Mid-Winter Meeting. Discussion held.

MOTION: Tobin made a motion to have Junior High Student Officers attend board meetings with voting rights.

2nd by Tater

Motion approved

MHSRA By-Laws will need to be rewritten to make this change, then published and amended.

MOTION: Kortney made a motion to change the MHSRA By-Laws to include Junior High Officers as voting members of the MHSRA Board of Directors.

2nd by Ty

Motion approved

3. Back Number Ceremony for HS Finals – Jolene Robbins presented her idea of a back number ceremony for the Top 20 contestants in each event going into state. Discussion was held. Jolene will be on the Opening Ceremony Committee for the Finals and incorporate something into the opening ceremonies.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Denver let the board know that Sue Arnold will be the new Raffle Ticket Coordinator for the MHSRA.

Next meeting will be held in January in Great Falls during the Montana Circuit Finals.

MOTION: Clint made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by Jay

Motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.