

**Meeting Minutes**  
**General Membership Mid-Winter Meeting**  
**February 18, 2017**  
**Fairboard Building Powderly, KY 2:00 PM CT**

Mark Wilks called the meeting to order.

Marlee Henson opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Stacey Spain, State Secretary, done a roll call of all paid members.

Lynn Osborne, State Treasurer, read treasurers report. **Rusty Kreider made a motion to accept the treasurers report as read. Justin Talip seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

Stacey Spain, State Secretary, read the Meeting minutes from June 12, 2016. **Mike Tobin made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mike Spain seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

Van Henson, National Director, gave his Directors report from the Mid-Winter Meeting that was held in Las Vegas. Van gave praise to some of our contestants for overcoming injury and returning to the sport. Van reported that Lincoln, NE. would be hosting the NHSF in 2020 & 2021. Van discussed the changes that were going to be made at Lebanon this year for the JR High National Finals – they are moving the stalls, open riding and practice arenas more, having more water, and moving the Trade Show in a building instead of under a tent. Rule changes – the rules will change for Chute Dogging in 2018 finals for the delivery, must be delivered by straight chute. The states can implement at anytime. The National Office would like to see the Queens that come to Nationals to compete with National Sponsors on them. Also don't forget if you make the top 20 and you have any type of patches or logos that are not National Sponsors they have to be covered up. Van Henson announced he was stepping down as National Director at the end of this year, please email your nominations to Stacey Spain by May 1, 2017.

Mark Wilks discussed the need to have nominations submitted by May 1, 2017 to Stacey Spain for 4 outgoing Western Region Board Members. There was discussion about why both regions got to vote on all board members.

There was discussion about the Awards committee and the amount of money spent last year as a state on awards. The awards committee members were named and 2 volunteers were asked for, Crystal Pendley and Beth Scheidler volunteered. The Awards committee will consists of Lynn Osborne, Mike Winders, Mark Newman, Haley Fauste, Crystal Pendley, and Beth Scheidler.

Last items on the agenda is the by-law changes, There are not enough members present to have the vote. We only have 57 of the 80 we need present to hold a by-law vote change. We will proceed with a discussion about what the boards thoughts are on going back to one(1) state. The question was asked when would be the next chance we could vote again, Van stated he is going to check into some options.

Connie Hankins brought up Kroger will give our organization free money, a certain percentage. Lynn tells Connie that right now we are not eligible as we are waiting on legal to get the paperwork right

before we can enroll due to a mishap a few years back, Shawn Conkwright explains Southern States has the same type of program with their feed.

Ty Wilks gave thanks on behalf of the officers and organization to the Spains and the Osbornes for raising the money for Cowboy Prom by doing the concessions at the Little Britches Rodeos.

**Shawn Conkwright made a motion to adjourn. Avery Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carries.**