

1ST BOD Mtg of Season 2021-22

August 1, 2021

Location: Lone Hickory Arena

In Attendance: Toby Galliher, Mandy Melton, Billy Williams, Chris Whitt, Chris Brown, Chrisann Ricciardi, Derrick Bass, Amy Colvard, Jason Brumley, Sharon Livengood, Jennifer Sanders

Out Sick: Amanda LeMaster

Derrick called the meeting to order

Prayer – Brad Stewart

Treasurer Report presented by Derrick Bass in Amanda LeMaster's absence.

Report shows we will start the season with \$1111.75 in the General Account and \$21,692 in the Scholarship Account Board reviewed the numbers.

Motion was made by Brad Stewart to approve the Treasurer's Report

Seconded by Toby Galliher

Vote = AIF

Minutes from Last Board Meeting were discussed and approved by board.

Motion made by Amy Colvard

Seconded by Mandy Melton

Vote - AIF

OLD BUSINESS – was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: Committee Assignments

1. Rodeo Committee – This committee will be in charge of assigning volunteer work, and keeping track of who worked at each rodeo. For example: Arranging EMTs, Gate workers, cattle helpers, barrel and pole setters, etc...
Committee Members: Sharon Livengood, Mandy Melton
2. Scholarship Committee – This committee will be in charge of Scholarship Fundraising and Academic Assessment
Committee Members: Andrea Galliher, Chrisann Ricciardi, Glennis Ussery, Amanda Watson, Marc Hill
3. Stock Committee – This committee will be in charge of taking all Stock Contractor Bids and evaluating our best options. They will enforce throughout the season that stock is up to par per National rules and regulations
Committee Members: Jason Brumley, Brad Stewart, Billy Robinson
4. Awards Committee – This committee is in charge of purchasing year end awards. Committee members:
Chrisann Ricciardi, Sharon Livengood, Jennifer Sanders, Mandy Melton (Young Guns)
5. Fundraising Committee – This committee will be in charge of creating additional ways to raise money for the association's general fund account that will go toward year-end awards and prizes. Committee members:
Mandy Melton , (Mandy to recruit more)
6. Sponsor Committee – This is something that all board members need to be aware of all season – there needs to be a constant search for new sponsors. Committee Members: All board members.

Motion was made by Mandy Melton to approve all committees and their members

Seconded by Sharon Livengood

Vote - AIF

GUN RAFFLE

Discussion: Board discussed whether or not to sell the Gun Raffle tickets again this season. Board felt this is a very successful fundraiser and decided to continue.

Motion was made to continue the Gun Raffle by Amy Colvard

Seconded by Toby Galliher

Vote – AIF

New Season Fundraising Requirements

Discussion: Board discussed keeping the fundraising requirements the same as past years. Board felt that members are familiar with the amount that is required and the \$400 is still an efficient amount to help cover prize line expenses.

Motion to keep fundraising requirement at \$400 was made by Jennifer Sanders

Seconded by Mandy Melton

Vote – AIF

YOUNG GUNS

Discussion: Board discussed the fact that some people were complaining about the Young Guns being ran along with High School and Jr High Contestants. Board felt that unless the Young Guns membership grows substantially that we will continue to run them with HS and JH like last season. There was also Discussion about running the 2 Young Gun age divisions as one event draw (ex: there will not be a drag in between K-2 and 3-5) in order to save time. Mandy Melton pointed out that her rule book already reflected this decision.

Discussion on 5th graders and where they will compete since JH age division changed to include 5th graders.

Board discussed and decided that we would let the child choose which Division they wanted to compete in – BUT they could not compete in BOTH. The board also will give the child the right to switch divisions mid-season if they wish. In this case old membership and points will be forfeited and a new membership must be purchased for the new division.

Motion to give 5th graders and option of which Rodeo Division they wish to compete in was made by Sharon Livengood

Seconded by Toby Galliher

Vote – AIF

Discussion Only – Tabled for later time – Board discussed an up and coming idea for “Rodeo Pals” – which is like a “big brother” program for Young Guns and Jr High to pair with a High School Member if so desired. This is something that will be carried out by our Student officers.

YEAR END SADDLES

Discussion: Board discussed the option of having saddles onsite at State Finals like in past years verses awarding Saddle Certificates. The board felt that having the saddles onsite was good for prize line presentation. Board also discussed that giving the regular Year End Saddle instead of a certificate would save the parents the expense designing a saddle. Board also felt that keeping the Year End Saddles less detailed made the All-Around Saddles that are designed by the recipient more significant.

Motion to have Year End Saddles onsite at Finals was made by Sharon Livengood

Seconded by Brad Stewart

Vote – AIF

CUTTING / RCH OPTIONS

Discussion: Board discussed keeping the options the same as last season for Cutting and RCH, which is offering the minimum of 3 Performances. Board discussed if we happen to have more of a turn out we may increase the number we will offer.

Motion to keep the number of Cuttings / RCH performances the same as last year (3 minimum) was made by Amy Colvard

Seconded by Derrick Bass

Vote – AIF

RODEO POINT OPTIONS

Discussion: Derrick read the point options from the rule book that we are given. Board decided to keep things the same as last season where we offer 3 full rounds at Finals instead of 2 rounds and a short go. Board felt it has been working well for the kids and association so no change is needed.

Motion made to keep Point Option #1 was made by Brad Stewart

Seconded by Sharon Livengood

Vote – AIF

Discussion Only – tabled for later time – In relation to State Finals and the fact that our numbers are getting larger, the option of having separate timers for Young Guns / Jr High and High School was brought to the table for later discussion closer to finals. This was discussed in order to give office workers a break.

SHOOTING

Chris Brown, shooting coordinator, presented his Shooting schedule to the board. The board also discussed the possibility of having a Multistate Shoot while we were in Asheville. Derrick was going to follow up with Big Ivy Guns to see if that was something we could do at their indoor range. Chris Brown also shared that there could possibly be some January Dates coming available.

SHOOTING SCHEDULE:

Shoot 1 – 9/18/21

Shoot 2 – 10/17/21

Shoot 3 – possible Multistate in Asheville

Finals – 5/7/22 – Staley, NC

Motion to approve Shooting Schedule was made by Amy Colvard

Seconded by Derrick Bass

Vote – AIF

Discussion Only – tabled for later time – Paying for help at Rodeos. Board discussed the fact that some of our last rodeos were taking longer than usual to complete and that was due to lack of help in the arena. If we cannot remedy the lack of help with volunteers there may be a need to pay for additional help so rodeos can be ran efficiently. Paying for workers, in turn, will generate more cost for the association that may have to be absorbed by the charge of ground fees per contestant.

TRAVEL MONEY DISTRIBUTION - **NEW**

Discussion: To go along with the discussion of the “lack of help at rodeos” - The board discussed a new way that Travel Money will be distributed this coming season. Travel money will be allotted on a percentage in relation to the number of rodeos the contestant or a family member helped at a rodeo. (EX: if a contestant or family member helped at 50% of the rodeos – they will be given 50% of the allotted travel money amount per contestant.) The Rodeo Committee will be keeping track of who helps at each rodeo and the job they performed. There will be a sign in sheet in the rodeo office where volunteers can sign in to make sure they get their credit. It was discussed there are several other states that distribute their travel money this way and it has helped out with volunteer participation greatly.

Motion was made to approve the new travel money distribution method by Brad Stewart

Seconded by Sharon Livengood

Vote – AIF

ASHEVILLE MULTISTATE – Discussion – tabled for later time

Discussion: This year in attendance we will have NC, GA, SC, VA, WV, MD

The board discussed ways to run the rodeo most efficiently since we will be even bigger this season. Discussion of starting Friday morning or possibly even Thursday afternoon. Derrick will be checking on the cost of renting the facility for an extra day. Evaluation of the cost verses bringing in money for additional days of camping/stalls will be done to see if they offset each other. Weather permitting we will use the covered outdoor arena for poles and goats.

The idea of the food bar for rodeo staff and workers (like they have in Perry) was mentioned so that everyone can eat when they have a chance.

RODEO CONTRACTS

Discussion: The board feels that it is now necessary to have a NCHSRA Rodeo Contract for all outside producers. The Contract will outline who is responsible for specific costs and responsibilities. It will outline what is expected of NCHSRA and the outside producer. This contract must be signed by each party before the rodeo will take place. The board discussed the importance of the contract so that NCHSRA will not be left paying for expenses or performing duties that were not their responsibility.

Motion made to enforce Rodeo Contracts for all outside producers was made by Sharon Livengood

Seconded by Amy Colvard Vote – AIF

Discussions on tentative rodeo locations – tabled for later date

Discussion. The board discussed the fact that if Jay does not want to sign the new Rodeo Contract then we can go to an alternate location. We have two locations that can be used to fill in for tentative rodeo locations. One location is in Elm City (different location than last year) and the other one is in Bristol TN. There was also discussion about the Gaffney Rodeo being a tentative location due to the fact that the facility is under new ownership. Board also discussed if due to COVID if the Carolina Classic Rodeos get cancelled again we can go to the Livengood Arena.

WARM UP ARENA TIME – NEW RULE

Discussion: Board discussed the contestant's phone usage during warm up in relation to safety issues. Board decided it would be good to ban phone usage during warm up or behind the bucking chutes. This will make the contestants more aware of their surroundings. This also goes for the use of ear buds as well.

Motion was made by Derrick Bass

Seconded by Mandy Melton

Vote – AIF

Motion made by Amy Colvard to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mandy Melton

Vote - AIF