

## Michigan High School Rodeo Association General Membership Meeting Minutes

Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Midland, MI

Meeting called to order at 10:40am. Roll Call had 52 members present and 27 missing.

Secretary Report submitted in writing by Bridgett Pletcher. Motion to approve minutes by Terri Robertson, Seconded by Colby Robertson. Motion approved. Secretary mentioned Report Cards are due upon receipt by the student EACH marking period, quarter, semester, trimester. If nothing on file by MSU call-ins, Student will not be able to enter. Call ins are Feb 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-9pm and will be posting information on website soon and facebook. Also Membership growth to 79 members.

Treasurer Report submitted in writing by Dee Yeager. Motion to approve report by Cory Griffiths, Seconded by Cara Pletcher. Balance of \$34,000 in our accounts with mention of outstanding bills and outstanding awards money \$2200.

President Jeremy Phillips recognized the Cinch Team and awarded their team shirts. Also, recognized Elewyn Pletchers for 10 years serving as National Director. Discussed a Sponsorship letter to be finalized and posted to the website for members to download and take to potential sponsors for donations. Second Gun Raffle to begin in April, after we finalize current raffle. Tickets will be available for pick up at Nashville Rodeo. Reminder, you must participate in 2 of our 3 fundraisers. MSU Rodeo Check-IN is from 4-5pm on Friday. Parking in the lot East side of Farm Lane. Contestants may stay in lot overnight. After crossing road enter door next to arena (Doors near the large overhead door). Stalls available in South Barn for \$20/night and \$5/bag of sawdust. Must be out by 9am. Make arrangements for stalls with Michigan Horse Council Expo Committee. Booth at the Expo and Stampede Rodeo in Feb to be manned by members and Raffle items to sell at booths.

National Director Elewyn Pletcher shared news from National MidWinter Meeting in Jackson Hole, WY. Mexico has joined the National Association and will be sending athletes to Rock Springs this summer. New Rulebooks were finalized and new rule changes will be discussed for next season. Yeti has become a new National Sponsor and has donated 1 cooler to each State Association. Another Sponsor is pending and will be announced when contract is finalized. Reported adding a new National Finals site for Junior High in Perry, GA for 2022 & 2023. Also brought to the attention of the association that the Little Britches Association has scheduled their finals which will conflict with our National Finals Rodeo and the IFYR. As we are contracted 6 years out, cannot move or accommodate the contestants that compete at LBFR. IFYR dates allow for competing there and also NHSFR. Short go qualifiers, need to contact Elewyn to make arrangements for later checkin. Current needs for hosting a Finals Rodeo include 3,000 campsites and 2,000 stalls.

Photo yearbook to be assembled WITHOUT ads. Jpeg Headshots only to be sent to Chelsea Pletcher at [cpletcherphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:cpletcherphotography@yahoo.com) (Seniors only-please include a bio (downloaded from mihsra.com)). Due by MSU!!

Terri Robertson and Andrea Postlewaite are getting bids on awards for finals. \$8000 approved at Board Meeting to begin purchasing. Will request more as items are acquired.

Queen Coordinators Polly Rodriguez and Chelsea Pletcher had 8 attendants at the Queen Clinic yesterday and have had 20 ladies inquire. Queen contest will take place Sunday at McBain Rodeo, with coronation at Sr State Finals in Chesaning, MI.

Cutting scheduled May 6<sup>th</sup> at Jesse and Tyler Flakes, contact Jeremy Phillips for horse rental info

Safety: Reminder to check over all of your equipment for wear or damage. Also steer riders to use 5" cinch.

Quilt: Monica Wiggers working on a Photo memory quilt and took photos at meeting. Monica also reported \$833 earned at Queens silent auction from Sunday. To go to the 2018-19 Queen to help with expenses.

Sr Interviews were conducted Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. 13 Senior participated and the board approved \$8000 to be awarded at MSU Rodeo. (students will collect after completing 1 term of college or trade school and providing grades with a request letter to board)

CowCamp committee to be determined. Michigan cowboy crisis fund dinner being discussed for McBain. PRCA fundamentals clinic to be held at Cow Camp AFTER Saturday night perf in the arena!! Clinicians are being organized.

Points: Bridgett Pletcher reports that placings are posted within 1 hour after rodeo on site. Website will be as soon as able.

Sr Auction: Members to bring auction items to Chesaning to be live auctioned off on Saturday afternoon!

National Cowboy Crisis Fund & National Basket Items will be collected by Monica Wiggers at each of our Spring Rodeos. Transportation of the baskets (1 JH and 1 SR) to be discussed in June at General Membership Meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Discussed rodeo sites for future rodeos, the cost of arena, facility and transport of stock. Many sites mentioned and rodeo committee to investigate options for next year.

Photo's of Association and thank you cards to be sent to sponsors. Need someone to head this!

#### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of State Finals Saginaw Co Fairgrounds Chesaning, MI NO ONE MAY ENTER grounds before noon on Friday JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>! Camping will be \$25/night electric and water. Stalls \$25/weekend-NO cleanup after! Barrel Racing Jackpot to be on Saturday. Members will need to volunteer time to help set barrels for this fundraising event. Sign up at check-in on Friday!

Membership jacket qualifications discussed. Must attend 51% of all rodeos in a regular season to qualify for membership jacket to be awarded at State Final Awards in June.

Next Season dates: St Johns Aug 12, Charlotte Sept 9, Clinton Sept 29 & 30

Rodeo schedule for Spring 2018 updated

March 9<sup>th</sup>-MSU Lansing, MI (booth and raffle 10 & 11) Call in entries for MSU are Wed. Feb 21, 6-9pm (989)871-3309.

April 14<sup>th</sup> -RCH at Tri C/V Performance Imlay City 1pm with warm up at 11am

April 28 @ 2pm & April 29 @10am Crosswinds Ranch Nashville, MI

May 6<sup>th</sup> -Cutting 11am at Jesse and Tyler Flakes Home in Reading, MI

May 12 @ 3pm & May 13 @10am Tylers Arena Ovid, MI

May 26 @12pm & May 27 @5pm CowCamp Arena McBain, MI JH State Finals and Sr Rodeo(shooting MAY be Monday)

June 8,9,10 State Finals Rodeo HS Chesaning MI- SR State Finals, General Membership Meeting and Awards

Paperwork due for Nationals at end of each Finals weekend!! Be prepared to commit if you are eligible!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bridgett Pletcher

MHSRA State & National Secretary