

Michigan High School Rodeo Association

General Membership Meeting

Midland Mi February 6 2022

Minutes of the August 28 2021 General Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Jeremy Phillips at 7.30pm.

Roll call was waved by President Phillips due to gathering restrictions still in place for Covid 19 recommendations and mandates.

The board of directors and student officers were called to the front of the meeting and introduced as well as all student event directors.

The secretary's report was read for the June meeting with a motion to approve was made from Marc Huver and support from Jerry Newell, the motion on the floor carried unanimously.

Treasurer Dee Yeager gave an oral report that all fund balances stating a ending total fund balance from the previous year of \$131000.00+ this amount including the scholarship and general fund balances. With no questions from the floor a motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Shelley Neukom and supported by Cayce Huver. The motion on the floor was approved by all. Fund raising was explained to the membership and the requirements to participate from each member is to either sell wreaths, gun raffle tickets, or both with a total of 20 items, wreath, tickets, or combination of both to be sold by each member.

With the absence of our National Director, Shelley presented a final rule change submission for the three rule changes or updates that were presented at the March 2021 meeting in Albion Mi.

1st presented was to add 5th grade eligibility to the grades able to join and compete.

2nd presented was to amend the number of events that the association would pay for the national director to attend to read 3 events per year.

3rd was to amend the cutting horse rules to no longer give the committee the right to appoint attendees to the national finals, a member must qualify the same as all other events.

A motion to approve all three amendments or changes was made by Brandy Casey and supported by Dee Yeager. The motion passed all in favor with no opposed votes given.

President's report spoke to the membership regarding Dress code in and out of the arena as well as the requirement to wear a back tag at tall times when on the grounds. The zero tolerance policy for alcohol, tabaco, and drugs was again explained to the membership and parents. Shelley also briefly explained the Draws (day sheets) that are posted as well as the order of Go and the difference between them. These will be posted before each rodeo and each day is treated as a new rodeo for our state, Saturday Draws will be different then Sunday and depending on the conditions and animals the order of go may or may not change so it is important to always check these postings before start times. It was also explained that because they are separate rodeos even though they are run on the same weekend it is possible to draw the same animal the second day. The only time that this is not allowed to happen is the state finals because that is one rodeo with 2 go rounds and an average. The other important information on these postings is how many contestants will be in the Performance and Slack as well as any drags that will be made. This is to help contestants be up and ready when it is their time to compete. Drags and stock numbers will affect these as well as arena conditions so each rodeo may be different. A final point of how to handle a challenge by a contestant was covered by Jeremy. He explained at no time should a contestant approach a judge if a challenge is to be made the contestant must do so before leaving the arena and the challenge is to be voiced to the student director in the arena at that time. With no questions on these policy's, rules, or information Jeremy turned the floor over to Awards Coordinator Brandy Casey.

Brandy took a moment to explain this years plan for the Crisis Fund Basket for nationals explaining that \$20.00 per member would be collected at the mid-winter meeting in February or March of 2022 and with the funds a themed basket would be made and sent out to senior finals from the state of Michigan.

The senior interview scholarship auction would be held in McBain and members could either secure a “big ticket” item or make a cash donation to the fund. This money is used to help cover the senior interview scholarships that our state awards.

Brandy then explained that Logo wear for the association would be online this year with links to be provided soon. The delivery of purchased items would be at the McBain rodeo yet this fall. The money made off of logo wear sales helps fund the year end awards given out at state finals in June. She next explained that Michigan Team Shirts would be ordered in the spring and all members could purchase. These are the shirts that we ask our national qualifiers to take with them to finals for the State team picture but all members are welcome to purchase one.

Student President Trey Casey asked for the floor to explain the banners that appear around the arena for every rodeo and asked for membership to help both put up and take town these banners at each rodeo. These banners represent our national sponsors and help fund the sport that we all enjoy.

As the last item of business President Jeremy Phillips asked for questions or concerns from the floor. A parent expressed concern over an incident in the arena earlier in the day at the rodeo. A horse was disciplined by a member with a rope during a performance run. This was missed by the judge however Jeremy explained that this can result in a disqualification. The sport of rodeo has been under the microscope for sometime and as contestants and board members it is our responsibility to represent this way of life in the best light possible. Correction of animals is always something that should be handled with restraint and level headedness. Going forward this year the membership was warned to please be mindful of this and if they have any questions to please seek out a board member.

With no further business Jeremy asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Brandy Casey and supported by Holli Haley. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted

Shelley Neukom

Michigan High School Rodeo Secretary