

Michigan High School Rodeo
Director Meeting Minutes
Mid-winter meeting
Midland MI January 26, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by President Jeremy Phillips

Approval of minutes:

The previous directors' meeting minutes were printed and available for all board members. A motion to approve was made by Director Kennedy and supported by Student President Joel Neukom. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Coipel presented a printed treasurer's report stating the current checking account was \$20,000.00, the money market account that now housed both general funds and scholarship money had a balance of \$142309.82.

Sub accounts of that money were listed with balances of the following.

Queens Account \$2500

National Travel money \$2821.00

Scholarship Money \$34739.09

Senior Interview money \$10592.00

Awards Money \$12994.71

Secretary Neukom questioned if the scholarship money balance was adequate for the members' current liabilities. Director Scott said she had to update her records with some recently distributed funds to past graduates (\$11676.00) , but it seemed Treasurer Coipel's numbers were close.

It was stated that we have \$98,663.02 available in general fund money.

A credit card device option was also listed on the report, but not discussed.

Insurance amounts to be paid for the spring run is \$3432.00. Cutting and RCH were in question by Treasurer Coipel. Those are covered by including them on the April White Cloud Insurance form. Both are covered that was filed by Secretary Neukom.

Director Pletcher questioned combining the scholarship money with general fund money in the money market account. Treasurer Coipel assured him the sub accounts would track the money.

With no further discussion on the treasurer's report, a motion to accept the report was made by Director Huver and supported by Director Pletcher. The report was accepted as presented.

The president's report stated the senior interviews went well, and the amount going out this year would be approximately \$8000 and would be awarded at MSU.

The National Director reported that he came home early from the mid-winter meeting for a family funeral.

Vice President's report covered spring dates that were approved last year. Director Bok asked about the RCH and Cutting dates being moved to March. It was re-explained that the venue can be outside or moved indoors on site if need be, and cattle fit our specifications best at that time of the year. Brandy Casey asked if we could put Cutting all on one day and RCH all on the next. A short discussion was held, the board agreed that Cutting would be held Saturday, and RCH would be held Sunday.

In the Old business, Director Haley had text the spring shooting sport events dates of April 4th at 10am, 19th at 10 am, and the state finals to be held May 4th at noon. With a motion from Joel Neukom and support of Director Huver, the motion carried. The events are to be held at the Frankenmuth Conservation Club.

Next Christy Huver spoke to the board about fundraisers and the upcoming Frisbee Toss to be held at the Stamped Rodeo In February. It was determined that timing and space for that venue would not work. The Frisbee Toss would be put off until the MSU High School Rodeo in March. Mrs. Huver also spoke on organizing books for committee chairs in the future, as there were some breaks in communication with some of the events being held in the association. The board agreed to address those issues to offer more support to the volunteers.

Gun Raffle tickets were ready and would be handed out at the meeting following the board of Directors meeting.

In new business, Brandy Casey reported that she was working on year-end awards and asked if the board would once again appropriate \$5000 to the awards budget from the general fund. A motion to do so was made by Director Bok and supported by Director Kennedy. The motion carried.

A final point of new business, Secretary Neukom offered a proposal to dissolve the current Performance point scholarship program used by the association in our procedural handbook and replace the system with a jackpot/day money program instead. Secretary Neukom pointed out that most kids do not even earn back the money they pay into the program over their 7 or 8-year rodeo careers with the association. She suggested that it may make the association more competitive with other youth organizations offering jackpot/day money. A short discussion was held and it was broadly decided to table the proposal for a future meeting when more details could be provided due to time constraints. The general membership meeting was to start in 5 minutes.

Junior High President Emree Huver made a motion to adjourn, and supported by Secretary Neukom. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Neukom

MiHSRA Secretary

Addendum of Virtual meetings for contractor Proposals

The board met virtually both March 10th and 12th to go over the stock availability for the upcoming spring run. The current contractor, Twisted P Rodeo, sent a text message to Director Huver stating that he was unable to secure breakaway and tie down calves of appropriate sizes for the spring run.

This caused the board to reach out and try to find stock to make sure stock would be available for the spring.

Several calls were put out, and all that responded stated that they would want the whole bid of timed event cattle, not just breakaway and tie-down calves. All contractors agreed that our current bull and goat supplier could maintain his portion if he was willing, the association would be responsible for paying Nathan. (Previously, he supplied as a subcontractor under Twisted P Rodeo.) On the night of the proposal reads Mike withdrew his bid.

A bid from Mike Nichols of Ohio was \$8500.00. He would supply 20 calves, 15 Team ropers, 10 steer wrestling cattle, a minimum of 2 bucking horses, a minimum of 2 saddle cattle, a pick-up man, and possibly 1 bull fighter if we wanted. He also proposed that he would need a cancellation fee clause of \$2000.00 if the rodeo was canceled day of.

A bid from Shane Ingstrom of Flying Star Rodeo Productions was received for \$7600.00, he would supply 15 breakaway calves, 10 tie-down calves, 10 team ropers, 10 steer wrestlers, all bucking horses, saddle cattle, and a pick-up man. Our bulls and goats would remain the same and under the same terms that Nichols bid.

Wade Pickeral of Illinois was also contacted, and though he had pens available, if we had no other choices, he would prefer not to bid, as our rodeos were all in the northern part of the state, and the travel time was more than he wanted to take on. If needed, he would make animals available at approximately \$9600.00 plus fuel.

After all the information had been collected a motion from Director Kennedy with support from Director Bok to approve Shane Ingstrom's bid for the spring rodeos was made. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Shelley Neukom