

MINUTES

MiHSRA Mid-winter Meeting

Date | time January 25, 2025 | *Meeting called to order by* President Phillips

In Attendance

Attendance was recorded at the door by the student board

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the general membership meeting held in McBain, Michigan Spring of 2024 were approved.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Coipel updated the association on fund balances and fundraising totals.

President Report

The president reported that the gun raffle was on track, and a gun order was made. Tickets were printed and distributed at the mid-winter meeting. All tickets would need to be turned in at the first White Cloud rodeo in April, with the drawing to be held at the second White Cloud two weeks later in April.

National Director

Director Pletcher reported he had just gotten back from Deadwood SD from the national association mid-winter meeting. Unfortunately, he had to return early due to the passing of his mother-in-law.

Vice President Report

Director Huver reported that things were in place for the upcoming MSU rodeo. Again, members were reminded of the time and space constraints of the venue and asked to plan accordingly.

Student Director Report

Director Kennedy reported that the prom and parent mixer had gone well the night before and there were no issues. Next year's date had been submitted to the office at the hotel, and once we had confirmation, the board would post the dates with the fall schedule.

Committee Reports

Awards Chair Brandy Casey went over awards for both national jackets, 51% jackets, Buckle Sponsor status, as well as other sponsor letters that were available.

Fundraising Co Chairs Jennie Hoard and Christy Huver reported on the Fall raffle and the wreath sales results which were both very positive. The hunting raffle and yeti cooler raffle made \$10592.00 in profit to add to the

senior scholarship fund and \$2500.00 to start a Queen's award fund to replace the Queen's auction. The wreath sale also made a good profit, adding \$7532.50 to the general operating fund after expenses.

No old business was listed: New Business

Under new business, Secretary Neukom brought up the Performance Point Scholarship portion of the association. Currently, the members pay \$10 per regular-season rodeo and then earn \$1.00 per point they accumulate at that rodeo. This money is then held with a cap of \$1000.00 for Junior High (if they started after 5th graders were added to the roster \$750.00 if under the 6th grade rule) and \$1000.00 for Senior High to be paid after they submit the qualifying transcripts or certificates after graduation. Secretary Neukom pointed out that over a 7-year MiHSRA membership, a member had likely paid \$910.00 on average to the program, and most receive less than \$600.00 back after graduation. This was confirmed by Director Scott.. This is especially true for the girls because points are only awarded to about the top 25% of participants. Boys, however, because there are not always 10 in an event, are more likely to earn points if they simply do not DQ. Even so, using Joel as an example, he will have paid nearly \$800.00 over his membership career (Covid year was shortened). That said, he had earned only about \$1200.00 for his fund, and he has never had a rodeo that he didn't earn points. Secretary Neukom suggested to the board of directors at the director's meeting to dissolve the program and move towards a daily money jackpot system. The idea was floated at the parent mixer the night before with an overwhelmingly positive response. The board of directors decided at their meeting earlier that morning to table the idea and ask the general membership for more feedback. Though this is a board decision, the membership feedback is welcome and needed. A decision will be made at the final director's meeting held at state finals.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made at 11.58 AM all were in favor meeting adjourned.

May 24 2025, McBain, Michigan 7:00 Pm

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Neukom
MiHSRA Secretary