

**Michigan High School Rodeo
Director's Meeting Minutes
Of May 2025 Mcbain Meeting**

Meeting called to order by MiHSRA President Jeremy Phillips at 8:00 PM.

Minutes of the mid-winter directors meeting and supplement minutes of the emergency director's meeting to find a new livestock contractor were handed out to each in attendance. A motion to approve was made by Director Kennedy and supported by Director Scott. The motion carried.

Treasurer Coipel gave a verbal treasurer's report of \$167059.53 in totals funds. Roughly \$7000.00 in scholarships had been paid out since the mid-winter meeting, the travel fund had \$3661.00 for this years qualifiers, all top sellers had been issued their reward amounts to put towards their entry fees, and she had collected \$585.00 in hat fines as well as \$235.00 additionally that Dee had forward to her. A quick breakdown of spring rodeo expenses was as follows:

White Cloud #1 \$14,240.00

White Cloud #2 \$14,440.00

Ovid \$16,475

Total \$45,155.00

Total revenue including scholarship money was \$39,722.60 with \$500.00 still in the stripe account. Approximately \$4200 would need to go into the Scholarship fund account leaving \$35,522 left to cover bills. This created a short fall of spring revenue of around \$9633 for those three weekends. With state finals totals to come in around \$12,000 to \$14,000 also the spring run will put us \$21,000 to \$23,000.00 in the red. This eats up about 2/3 of the gun raffle net revenue. A motion to approve what was presented was made by Director Kennedy and supported by Vice President Huver. The motion passed.

The national director for Michigan is up for election of the board this year. Elewyn has expressed he would like to be considered for an additional 5 year term. Secretary Neukom moved to re-appoint Elewyn Pletcher Michigan National Director the motion was supported by Vice President Huver all were in favor the motion carried.

Also needing approval was the mandatory video fees for national contestants of \$25.00 each. Last year the association paid the \$20.00 fee but it was voluntary. This is now required and Secretary Neukom needed to know if this was a fee the contestant would be paying at the paperwork meeting Monday or if the association would still be covering it. A motion to cover the fee was made by Director Kennedy and supported by Director Scarlavai. The motion was approved.

Secretary Neukom presented the 2025/2026 forms to be approved for the next season. RCH and Cutting Structures, as well as the Rough stock forms were explained. A motion to approve all forms and keep current set ups was made by Vice President Huver and supported by Director Scott. Motion passed. The point system registry for next year of all regular season points to be carried into state finals and a two go structure of 10 points per go and 20 points in the aggregate for state finals was presented.

Director Judah made a motion to approve the current structure to be the same next year and was given support by Vice President Marc Huver.

Director Raynack updated on the shooting sports activities stating that both she and Tom Bell would be stepping down after this season. The association would need to find a new RSO to replace Tom on the range. Vickie McGillis volunteered to get certified and has helped in previous years to put the shooting event activities on. A motion to pay to get Ms. McGillis certified was made by Secretary Neukom and supported by Vice President Huver. All were in favor the motion passed.

Also discussed was reimbursing association volunteer mileage when facilitating fund raisers or furthering education on behalf of the association. A motion to make reimbursements according to the IRS Mileage set each year was made by Secretary Neukom and supported by Vice President Huver. All were in favor the motion passed.

At this time the student board was excused so awards for the season could be discussed. Students in attendance were President Joel Neukom, Vice President, Maddison Hoard, Secretary Tyler Bok, and Jr President Emree Huver.

The first award discussed was the senior Merit Scholarships. Secretary Neukom explained there were 5 to award for \$1000.00 each a list of current seniors with years in the association as well as offices held was emailed to the board members prior to the meeting. Director Scott, Kennedy and Secretary Neukom would all abstain since each has a senior(s) this year.

Director Judah nominated, Krista Cowels, Joel Neukom, Charleigh Scott, Caden Kennedy, Cameron Kennedy as the five candidates. A motion to approve the slate of candidates was made by Vice President Huver and supported by Director Scarlavai. The motion carried with 9 yays, and 3 Abstaining.

The next award to be considered is the Tesky Top Hand Scholarship this is a national \$250.00 scholarship for a graduating senior. Nominations included Brooke Andis, Joel Neukom, Hailey Grezikowski, and Charleigh Scott. After some discussion Director Judah made a motion to award Brooke Andis this scholarship with support of Director Bok. The motion carried 9 Yays with 3 Abstaining.

Next award is the Spirit Buckle Award, Clara Fredrickson was the first to be nominated and all agreed she would be the recipient.

The association has 2 pair of Bex sunglasses to award to a junior high and senior high member. Maddison Hoard was chosen for senior high and Morgan Bush for junior high.

The final award for the evening was the ADM feed award to be given to 4 members at the boards discretion. The award provides 90 days of ADM feed. Junior high members chosen for their help around the arena were Keely Bush and Jaron Lincoln. Senior high members were Morgan Allen and Joel Neukom.

With awards done Vice President Huver presented the 2025/2026 fall schedule. Charlotte Frontier Days would be September 6&7, Fall Cow Camp September 27&28, and Swanton Oh co-rodeo October 4&5, MSU March 6 2026, Spring weekends with venues to be announced would be April 11&12, April 25&26,

May 9&10, and State finals at Cow Camp May 23,24,&25. A motion to approve the schedule from Director Kennedy and supported by Director Scarlavai was made and passed.

The final piece of business was to revisit the dissolution of the performance point scholarship program that was presented by Secretary Neukom at the mid-winter meeting. Neukom suggested eliminating only the part of the program that involves the \$10 day fee and \$1 per point earned up to the limits of the program.

After lengthy discussions of what the program was, how it works, volunteer time it takes to track points over 7 or 8 years, and what governs the current point program (procedure hand book). It was decided that the program could be dissolved by a vote of the board as there was no mention of it in the by laws of the association.

A motion to discontinue and delete the performance point program explained in the procedure handbook of the MiHSRA as of the end of this season 2025 was made by Secretary Neukom and supported by Vice President Huver. All were in favor the motion passed.

A second motion to address the current money held by the association for members that have earned points under that program was made by Director Judah. The motion to dissolve and distribute funds equal to the points earned by current or graduated member with in the last two graduating classes that would be eligible to claim their money by July 31 of 2027 be issued a check for individual earned amounts to be issued by the Fall Cow Camp Rodeo in the fall of 2025. Support for the motion was given by Secretary Neukom. All were in favor the motion carried.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Scott and supported by Vice President Huver . Motion carried meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Shelley Neukom

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