**NEVADA STATE HIGH SCHOOL RODEO**

**FALL MEETING**

**Thursday, August, 14th at 6:00 pm – Executive Board**

**Friday, August 15th at 8:00 am – Full Board**

**Eureka County Fairgrounds**

**Eureka, NV**

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.

Roll call was taken and present were:

Ron Unger, Bob Byrd, Chris Christian, Jessica Lancaster, Nora Lee (Shane Cocking, proxy), Darrel Moser and Scarlett Buchanan

Absent were Shawn Silva and Nora Lee.

Minutes of previous meetings

None

Gatlin Sleppy infraction at nationals

Daxton Melindez infraction at nationals.

Should we ask both young men to write letters about what happened how it happened and what made them decide to act in the manner, or should we make them both attend the fall meeting to discuss the situation in person. I know Dax wasn’t really involved however we still need to discuss it to ensure transparency throughout.

Bob reported on this and said that Daxton was a victim by association. He said the national association confined Daxton to his trailer for the remainder of the Finals. They disqualified Gatlin from the remainder of the finals and confined him to his trailer, but didn’t send him home because his sister was still competing. He said that Gatlin wrote apology letters to both the National association and the executive board.

TJ said that he also paid his club back his national funds.

Bob said he doesn’t want any more punishment as he feels he has already been punished enough.

TJ is going to visit with both kids to make sure that they understand what they did and what might happen if something else comes up.

State Finals Review

State rodeo review. Did we miss anything at our first meeting that needed addressed. I feel each club should be asked to help with events. No director should be without a position at state

TJ started by saying he wants to update the list for the State Finals help. He feels that all directors need a job and if they can’t help, he feels they don’t need to be directors.

He also wants to see day sheets with back numbers on it. Kathy said she can do them that way and will.

Bids for state rodeo

To discuss the following issues such as allowing contractors to bid on their best fit, rough stock, timed events, allowing them to bid on only their best animals in each event. How to ensure we are getting the best stock for our contestants to showcase their abilities in each of these events. Are we making sure that our insurance is able to cover multiple stock contractors providing stock to our awarded contractor

TJ feels all general and sub-contractors need to be listed as additional insured on the State Finals insurance and for all the other rodeos as well.

He asked the board if they feel we should get separate bids for rough stock and the timed events.

The board agreed that would be a good idea.

By-laws review

Bylaws review. I feel it be best for the association to have an overview of the bylaws by an attorney chosen by the E-Board or full board to ensure we are doing the best for the association. It’s has been brought to my attention that these should only be handled by an attorney and not our parents for any necessary changes to the reading of the bylaws and then voted into law by full board. We can work with our attorney to ensure we are getting it correct however we are making the association extremely vulnerable by not having this handled properly

TJ said that Shawn had asked Sage and his committee to clean up the bylaws, but he thinks this should be done by an attorney.

Presentation of rough stock issues that have been continuously brought to my attention. I have asked Trent Whitacker along with rough stock contestants to address the E- board with their thoughts on how to improve our rough stock events and contestant opportunities throughout our rodeo seasons to ensure we are working towards a better future for all contestants in these events.

TJ had Trent Whitaker and a couple of kids come to talk about the rough stock events.

Trent said that the rough stock numbers are down and had some ideas on how to make the events grow.

Giovanni Berg said that he feels the stock should be even and the contractors should not bring colts or rougher stock for the high school kids.

Jessica asked if this had been a problem all year.

Trent said not all year.

Darrel suggested writing a letter to the contractors and maybe have each club list the contractor on their activity sheets.

Trent though that splitting the bids would be better for each rodeo.

TJ feels we should do what we can to make it better for all our kids.

Bob thought the kids should do a survey to get their input.

A discussion followed.

TJ would like to have a rough stock committee with Trent, Jesse Segura, Justin Snow and Matt Marvel. He would like to give them permission to have input on what stock will be good. He would also like to have a chute boss and asked Trent if he would be willing to do that. Trent said yes.

Queen committee. I would like to discuss the appointment of a new queen director as the current coordinator is no longer a director of the Washoe club. Also discuss how to properly handle the day-to-day issues of appearances of our queens and how to properly address our flow of communication

TJ wants to eliminate the queen coordinator position and have it fall under the other new committee, the State Finals committee.

New committees. Discuss the following committees to decide if they are needed or add value to the association.

State rodeo and activities to handle all aspects of the state finals including bidding and event coordination.

TJ would like to appoint Rose Buchanan, Jamie Noyes and Bodie Matson to this committee. This committee will work with the executive board and student board to be sure everything is working correctly.

Rough stock – talked about under the rough stock issues

By laws training for new arena directors

TJ wants to help the people wanting to know how to be an arena director. He’s asked Bill Process and Sage Hiibel to talk with them and the flaggers before each rodeo to make sure they know what they are supposed to do.

Bob would like to see these meetings about ½ hour before each rodeo. He would also like to be involved.

TJ asked Shane to be involved as well.

Laurel Thomas. Should we appoint Laurel to all boards that are spending money for the association. I strongly feel that she should be added to all these committees. Not to make decisions, however to ensure that all our money is accounted for and offer advice as needed

TJ wants her involved with anything having to do with money, especially the prize committee.

Jessica said that Nora will be stepping down and that we’ll need to find someone else.

Kathy Gonzales. I would like to discuss the position of secretary and the duties that follow. I feel that a lot has been added to Kathy’s plate over the many years of her service and I would like to talk with her about those added positions and if we able to have some of those jobs can be delegated to other board members. Also discuss online entries progress and what we can do to help.

TJ asked Kathy about her job and what they can do to help.

Kathy said she is fine with what she does and she would reach out if she needs help with anything.

Salaries were discussed and Kathy said that she is fine.

Bob and Jessica said that she doesn’t make enough.

Bob also wanted to see about getting a real budget put together. He asked about maybe paying Cody Sleppy for all that he does with the barriers for each rodeo.

Scholarship committee. I would like to address several items in this area as I feel we are not the police but should have a follow up with all our seniors. Especially if we have several committee members we should appoint one strictly to follow up on applications. Should we as an association demand all our seniors attend college to get the money from the senior dinner or share the money equally as long they meet the requirements excluding college. For example, we have 2 young women who worked hard for each year beginning in 5th grade through high school who choose horse training as their college and career who never received any money for the dinner they helped put on and attended. We should not punish kids who choose not to go to college, we should be willing to assist them in any way possible in their future endeavors in my opinion

TJ would like to see if we can figure out a way to reward all students to further whatever their career paths are. He would like to help the kids that may not be going to college or a trade school.

New ground rules to adopt from the national office

Jessica asked about the goat tying and if we could make our own ground rule that they cannot run out of order or it would be a no time. She also feels the extra goats should be tied in case we have to use them.

The board agreed that both these should be a ground rule.

Points system

The board felt we should keep the points system the same.

Good of the Association

Ron said that Cinch gave each state $150 to give to any contestant that needed help.

A discussion followed.

TJ said that each executive board member needs to submit a name to Kathy in 30 days and we would give the money to them.

Ron also said that the National Mid-Winter Metting will be in Denver.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.