**NEVADA STATE HIGH SCHOOL RODEO**

**FALL MEETING**

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

**Friday, August 15th at8:00 am – Full Board**

**Eureka County Fairgrounds**

**Eureka, NV 89316**

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Roll call was take and present were:

Ron Unger, Bob Byrd, TJ Shippy, Chris Christian, Scarlett Buchanan, Brynn Barto, Huntley Byrd, Ryliegh Coe, Kashlin Hill, Ainsley Macpherson, Robert Steele, Jessica Lancaster, John Lindstrom, Trent Whitaker, Rose Buchanan, Mindy Filippini, Nora Hunt-Lee (Kellie Macpherson, proxy), Sage Hiibel, Monica Randolph, Bill Process, Chad Fears, Darrel Moser, Richie Griffith, Shorty Tom, Mike Genchi, Beth Weber, Dale Owen, Shane Cocking, Chad Roukey, Mark Morrison, Jamie Noyes (Rope Ashworth, proxy) & Shannon Sena

Absent were Shawn Silva, Matt Brown, Jake Solis, Rita & Shane Cheeney, Dan Ducan, JB Burke and Buddy Krebs.

1. Seating of delegates

Isabelle Rodrigues, Boulder City (replacing Ken O’Shaunessy)

Stephanie Kavanagh, Douglas-Carson (replacing Nathan Morian)

Bodie Matson, Elko (replacing Shawn Silva)

Lloyd Peugh, Pahrump (replacing Chuck Paache)

Robert made the motion to accept all incoming directors even though they weren’t there because we had the letters from the club. Trent 2nd and the motion passed.

1. Installation of new clubs

None

Approval of minutes from state meeting in May

Ron made the motion to approve the minutes. Jesscia 2nd and they were approved.

Report of officers

1. President-TJ Shippy

Welcomed all the directors and told them thank you for coming. He would like to reach out to those kids who enter our Nevada rodeos and thank them. He feels this might help make it more inviting to join Nevada. He’s looking forward to a good year.

1. Vice President-Chris Christian

He felt that the kids did well at nationals and is looking forward to a good year.

1. State Secretary-Kathy Gonzalez

Kathy talked about the online entry system. The directions in all packets. She asked the directors to please help members especially new ones with the membership forms as well.

She said that any club that is doing practices of any kind can ask to be put on the National insurance so kids are covered at any practice. Just need to reach out and let her know.

She is looking forward to a great year and wished everyone good luck

1. State Treasurer/report from state finals-Kelly Christensen

She went over the state treasurer’s report.

Bill made the motion to accept the report. Jessica 2nd and the motion passed.

Report of student officers:

1. Kashlin Hill-Queen

She reported that the National contest was fund and she ended up 5th in the national, won the horsemanship and was 2nd in the 50/50 raffle.

She also talked about traveling to Montana to some rodeos. Attended the Reno rodeo and took her mini horses and goats for kids to look at.

1. Scarlett Buchanan-President

She is excited for the new year. She helped Kashlin sell tickets at nationals and also attended the Reno rodeo with her.

1. Brynn Barto -Vice President

She said the student board was working hard already. She is looking forward to a great year.

1. Huntley Byrd-Secretary

She’s excited for the new year.

1. Ryliegh Coe-Public Relations

She’s excited for the new year.

1. Ainsley Macpherson-JHS Representative

She would like to reach out to new members to offer help if needed.

National HS Director’s Report-Ron Unger

He thanked Kashlin for doing a great job at Nationals. He said that only Emmett Silva and Kashlin were the only ones that received scholarships from the National Foundation. He said that any senior can apply and would receive a scholarship.

He thanked all the help at the finals with the bull riding stripping chute.

He said there were quite a few kids that made the short go and did well.

Nevada won 3 volleyball games. The most they have ever won.

He also reported that the National Mid-Winter meeting will be in Denver this year.

Ron said that the Nevada Crisis fund basket was the highest selling basket ($19,000) and because of that, Nevada gets to pick where they will be camped next year in Lincoln, Nebraska.

TJ wanted to thank Susan Wright for all her hard work on putting the basket together. He said we need to find someone else to do that again.

National JHS Director’s Report-Bob Byrd

He said the kids did great and a few made the short go. Huntley won the horse of the year and he talked about more kids applying for that. He felt that the finals went well and it will be in Guthrie, Oklahoma at the Lazy E arena for the next 5 years with the option of 5 more years.

Committee appointments

1. Prize committee appointments

Nora Lee is stepping down for this committee. TJ asked Sage if her would help the student board with this.

Jessica said that Nora will help them transition over.

A discussion followed about setting the prize budget.

Bob made the motion for the prize committee budget of $125,000 with the option if needed to ask for more. It was 2nd and approved.

Bob also made a motion to have an actual budget. It was 2nd and approved.

1. Scholarship committee-Kathy Gonzalez

She said she has Ron Unger, Monica Randolph and Beth Webb on her committee.

This committee will remain the same

1. Points committee

This committee is TJ, Kathy Gonzalez, Carrie Earie and Laure Thomas

d. Queen committee

To discuss the appointment of a new queen director.

TJ wants to eliminate this committee and move it to be under the State Finals rodeo committee. They can ask whoever they want to help with the queen contest.

Kellie asked who helps with this because there is a lot of work that goes into making it a success.

Bob made the motion to eliminate it and move it to the State Finals rodeo committee. Jessica 2nd and the motion passed.

1. Student Advisory committee-Bill Process

Will remain the same

1. Eligibility committee-TJ, Jessica, Kathy

Will remain the same

g. Bylaws committee-Sage Hiibel, Chad Roukey and Bill Process

Bylaws review. Discussion of the Current Bylaws and the necessity to have them rewritten or are they ok in their current state.

If the board votes to change the reading of the Bylaws the E-Board will choose an attorney to work directly with the E- Board and Bylaws committee to ensure all changes are binding and legal with current laws

TJ talked about having an attorney review our bylaws before the board takes a vote on any changes. He wants to table this until the review happens.

Jessica wanted to thank Sage for all his time and effort, but thinks we have too many rules as it is. She thinks we really don’t need to add anything and we don’t want to handcuff ourselves. She thinks we can start with ground rules and if it’s in the best interest, we can add later.

Richie said we need the right kind of attorney that know what we need.

Bob said people need to ability to be able to make decisions at rodeos.

TJ will get an estimate on the cost to get this done. He is hoping to get it donated.

Jessica made the motion to table until our mid-winter meeting so we have time to hire an attorney to look them over and clean them up. Ron 2nd and the motion passed.

New committees to be appointed:

Rodeo assistance committee:

This committee will handle care packages for all districts putting on a rodeo in the fall or spring season. This will include arena directors, flaggers, timers, gate openers, tractor drivers, all in the local area. If no one is available on the list given, then assist in finding help. Provide training or assistance with rules and bylaws for directors and flaggers before the rodeo begins if needed.

TJ said we really don’t need a committee, but wants to be able to help the clubs.

Jessica asked for volunteers or maybe have an email chain regarding help for each club.

Kathy said she will start it with all the directors.

State rodeo committee:

This committee is to work directly with the E-Board to put together bid packages for all bidders to include the following; the number of stock needed for each event Junior High and High School; figure out hay needs for stock and try to find hay donations; find arena directors, flaggers, all assisting positions for each performance, timers, announcers, office help and scheduling.

TJ feels the executive board needs help with some of these things. He’s asked Rose Buchanan, Jamie Noyes, Sage Hiibel, Trent Whitaker and Student Board. He feels the full board will be deciding on any decisions. He wants more transparency.

Trent asked if bids could be added with the contractors list to be sent to the full board.

Dale asked about the rough stock and when they would change from easier stock to tougher stock during the year.

Robert said the board should accept the lowest bids.

Laurel made the motion to table the bid discussion. Jessica 2nd and the motion passed.

TJ asked for a motion to approve the new board.

Jessica made the motion. Bill 2nd and the motion passed.

Bylaws and rules committee:

To Work with E board and directors to ensure all rules are to be followed throughout each season. Help train our arena directors, flaggers, and timers to ensure they are willing, and capable of helping out at our rodeos throughout each season. Reviewing any changes presented by the E board or full board to make sure no rulings are made incorrectly. Helping with any grievances  throughout the season to make sure our rodeo officials are both backed in their rulings, and corrected if such event has occurred. Update all ground rules through each rodeo season.

TJ feels each rodeo needs to have a meeting with all their arena help to make sure they all know what they are doing and know the rules. He would also like to see a walk through by the judges of the stock to make sure they are healthy before we start.

Laurel made the motion to accept this. It was 2nd and passed.

Rough stock committee

To ensure we are providing the best stock we can get for our rough stock contestants. Work with each rodeo as needed for judges and stock overview. Help the state committee with procuring the best animals for our athletes’ abilities at our state finals rodeo

TJ asked Trent to talk about this.

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. He would like to see more safety.

Cole Whitaker said it’s not fair for the kids to get on starter stock and feels they need more consistency in the stock.

Trent spoke about having decent stock for the safety of their kids. He would like to be on the committee along with Jesse Segura, Justin Snow and Matt Marvel. He will also volunteer to be the chute boss at all the rodeos.

TJ said that right now with the rough stock contestant numbers, they only have to go to 3 rodeos to qualify for state. He doesn’t think that is the way to grow this event. He would like to allow the committee to monitor the stock.

Richie asked about having some schools to help these kids.

Trent said he would like to do that. He said that Charlie Gardner already has been helping a lot of the kids in the saddle bronc.

Laurel wants to add that she didn’t know there was a place to go for help. She would like to see more information about this.

Mark also wants the jr. high kids included in schools or help.

Jessica made the motion to accept the committee. Ron 2nd and the motion passed.

Sage asked about setting a budget.

Kathy asked that they be able to ask when they need help with the schools.

A discussion followed.

Mindy made the motion to let Treat reach out to the executive board for approval when he knows the cost. It was 2nd and the motion passed.

When the rough stock and queen committees have been assigned new directors, there will be a ground rule allowing those directors to go out of the full board and find professionals in this field and allow them to assist in the running of those committees.

Old Business

1. Confirm 2025-26 rodeo schedule

We went over the schedule and confirmed all the dates. We also added the reining and shooting to those rodeos who are having these events.

New Business

1. Cutting, reining, bareback and saddle bronc steer riding , optional or mandatory

Bill made the motion to keep all the same. It was 2nd and passed.

1. Shooting points to accumulate during season or qualify top 4 at state finals

Bill made the motion to keep the same with attending 3 qualifying rodeos with best 9 to count for points like all the rest of the events. Rose and Trent 2nd and the motion passed.

Robert made the comment that 1 kid missed 1 shooting last year. He didn’t win state, but was in the top 10 at nationals.

1. Set dues. Current: Students: $26 Independent: $276 clubs: $200

It was decided to keep everything the same.

1. Set assessments for 24-25 ($5 fee from rodeos that is split into general/scholarship/crisis fund)

It was decided to keep everything the same.

1. Host club for Cowboy Prom

Scarlett asked Washoe if it was ok to have there. They said yes.

She also asked Elko if they could have their homecoming dance at their rodeo. Trent said he would have to check with his club.

She also asked about having a budget of $5,000 for other activities the board wants to do at each rodeo.

A discussion followed.

Jessica made the motion to approve $2500. She amended her motion to approve $3,000 as there was already $2,000 leftover from last years fund raising. Bill 2nd and the motion passed.

Laurel said she will pay with checks.

1. Point system

Bob made the motion to keep the same as last year. It was 2nd and passed.

1. Presentation of rough stock issues given by Trent Whitaker along with rough stock contestants to address full 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.

Already talked about.

1. 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 can cover multiple stock contractors providing stock to our awarded contractor.

TJ wants contractors to be added as additional insured or provide certificate of insurance for each rodeo. He doesn’t feel we know who’s there and who’s being covered. He would like the bid for state finals to say who all is actually being covered and providing livestock.

He wants an invitation bid proposal sent to the full board along with a list of stock contractors that will be sent the invitation to bid.

A discussion followed.

TJ would like to see a refined bid to meet our needs.

Sage made the motion for the State Rodeo committee to submit a draft of the invitation to bid to send out to all directors to approve before sending out for bid. Trent 2nd and the motion passed.

Mike Genchi wanted to know how to someone could get on the contractor list.

Sage said they just need to let the board know.

TJ also wants to review our contract with Winnemucca and see what we need.

Good of the Association

Kashlin asked for approval of $2,500 budget for the queen prizes.

Sage made the motion to approve the budget excluding the saddle and the buckle. Bill 2nd and the motion passed.

Laurel said she would like to help, but not at all the meetings. She will be there for the end approval for any funds.

Bill wanted to add these ground rules.

-- in the goat tying that all contestants will run in the draw order. If a contestant runs out of order, it will be a no time.

--in the goat tying, all extra goats will be tied a minimum of 5 times. If the extra is used in the middle of the event, it will be tied as many times as needed before the position it is used in.

Bob made the motion to accept these ground rules. It was 2nd and passed.

Adjournment-the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.