
SDRA Board Meeting



Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Will Mortenson Law Office
Ft. Pierre, SD
6:00 pm CDT

Attendees

- Lance Lesmeister, President
- Judy Stevens, Vice President
- Karla Hofhenke, Committee Rep
- Ronnie Wilson, Stock Contractors
- Chuck Maher, Judges
- Grady Hemingson, Barebacks
- Lanny Brooks, Saddle Bronc
- Chazz Gabe, Bull Riding
- Matt Jones, Steer Roping
- Kaiden Whitebear, Steer Wrestling
- Chuck Hamlin, Sr. Mens Breakaway
- ReAnn Crane, Mixed Team Roping
- Cedar Jandreau, Ladies Breakaway
- Heather Bosse, Barrel Racing
- Bailey Tibbs, Goat Tying
- Mary Pat Fawcett, Team Penning
- Vern Dubbelde, Team Penning
- Penny Schlagel, Secretary
- Team Roping, Barry Knippling sub
- *Team Roping, Kole Latham - absent*
- *Calf Roping, position open*

Agenda

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm at Will Mortenson's law office in Ft. Pierre, SD. Will Mortenson, Attorney and Callie Iverson, CPA were both present as guests.
 2. There were no additions to the agenda.
 3. Chuck Maher made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
 - a. Ronnie Wilson seconded the motion
 - b. Motion carried.
 4. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to waive the reading of the Minutes from the May 8, 2025 Board Meeting
 - a. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion
 - b. Motion carried.
 - c. [5/8/25 SDRA Meeting Notes](#)
 5. President's Report - Lance had no items to report
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6. Financial Report - Secretary Penny Schlagel shared the June 16th, 2025 bank statement as well as the June 17th Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. As well as reporting on the status of the Venmo account and its use. Judy Stevens presented a bill for advertising from the TriState Livestock news.
 - a. June 17, 2025 Quickbooks Balance Sheet
 - i.  June 17 Balance Sheet.pdf
 - b. June 17, 2025 Quickbooks Profit & Loss
 - i.  June 17, 2025 P & L.pdf
 - c. Judy Stevens made a motion to accept the Financial Report as it is written.
 - d. ReAnn Crane seconded the motion.
 - e. Motion Carried


Old Business

1. Tax Exempt Status with IRS
 - a. Legal implications - Will Mortenson
 - i. As we have not filed the Form 990 with the IRS since 2013, our Tax Exempt Status was automatically revoked.
 - ii. A couple of options going forward:
 1. Shut down the current SDRA and contribute all assets to a new non-profit.
 2. Could use "DBA" (doing business as) SDRA as a portion of the new entity.
 3. Would have to reapply for South Dakota recognition as an organization.
 - iii. Work toward reinstatement with the IRS
 1. Callie Iverson - CPA for non profits.
 2. The process of reinstatement is similar, though it will require a statement of Reasonable Cause and recreation of tax records for those years that were not previously filed.
 - a. We only have bank statements available to us direct from Dacotah Bank from 2018 onward.
 - b. Mary Pat Fawcett had saved year end financial statements from other years & Callie thought they would be enough to recreate the paperwork.
 - c. Although it may not be successful, we could reorganize if it isn't accepted by the IRS.
 - iv. Penny Schlagel reported on her phone calls (3) and in-person visit with the IRS, noting that we do not currently have any fines against the SDRA, though they cannot guarantee we will not incur penalties secondary to late filings.

- v. Chuck Hamlin spoke up regarding input he has received from SDRA members expressing their desire to work to maintain the SDRA in its current form.
 - 1. Mary Pat Fawcett made a motion to move forward with the process to reinstate our Non-Profit/Tax Exempt Status with the IRS by completing the 1023 paperwork and filing past tax returns.
 - 2. Chuck Hamlin seconded the motion.
 - 3. Motion carried
 - vi. Discussion was held regarding the hiring of Callie Iverson, CPA to complete these tasks and the need to give her Power of Attorney to access necessary IRS records.
 - 1. Chuck Hamlin made a motion to give Callie Iverson Power of Attorney so she is able to access passed SDRA tax returns that had been filed so she can move forward, working to rectify the situation.
 - 2. Karla Hofhenke seconded the motion.
 - 3. Motion carried.
- 2. Video/Reels Promotion
 - a. Penny reported on contact with Darcy Krick Photography on the cost of creating Reels for promotion of the SDRA. She charges \$375/rodeo to collect footage and \$35/Reel to create them.
 - b. Heather agreed to reach out to Erin Provost to get a competing bid.
- 3. Photographer: Nick Johnson of 144 Visuals was chosen by the committee to be the 2025 SDRA Finals
 - a. Choice based on:
 - i. Ease of working with him
 - ii. Cost to SDRA
 - iii. Cost of prints, digital prints
 - b. Chuck Maher made a motion to hire Nick Johnson as the SDRA Finals Photographer.
 - c. Heather Bosse seconded the motion
 - d. Motion carried.
- 4. Rulebooks were available for all Board Members.

New Business

- 1. Rodeo Approvals
 - a. Buffalo, SD
 - i.  2025 Buffalo Rodeo - SDRA (1).pdf
 - ii. Judy Stevens made a motion to approve the Buffalo Rodeo application.
 - iii. ReAnn Crane seconded the motion.

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- iv. Motion carried.
 - b. It was noted that Casey Heninger would be replacing John Hunt as a judge in Wessington Springs.
 - 2. Contestant Conduct
 - a. Team Penning
 - i. Mary Pat reported that a team penner had been verbally abusive towards the other Team Penning director, Vern Dubbelde and had made a post on Facebook as well. Mary Pat had reached out to that member citing Rule 38.7 in the SDRA Rule Book "Harassment of a Director" Comments ensued on the SDRA Team Penners Facebook page bringing Will Mortenson into the conversation regarding the use of the SDRA title for event Facebook pages as well as the need for a Social Media policy to be signed by all members.
 - ii. Chuck Maher made a motion to leave the situation as is.
 - iii. Ronnie Wilson seconded the motion.
 - iv. Motion carried with Vern Dubbelde dissenting.
 - 3. Individual Event Facebook Pages
 - a. All individual event facebook pages will need to be approved by the Board at the next Board Meeting.
 - 4. Finals Planning
 - a. Brainstorming ways to improve the SDRA Finals Rodeo.
 - 5. Next Board Meeting - Zoom Option?
 - a. July 23rd, 6 pm CDT Pierre, SD. Location tbd. Zoom option will be available.
 - 6. Adjournment.
 - a. Mary Pat Fawcett made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Heather Bosse seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion carried.
 - d. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm CDT.