SDRA Board Meeting

Thursday, August 13th, 2026
Stanley County Fairgrounds
Expo Center
Ft. Pierre, SD
6:00 pm CDT

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Attendees

- Lance Lesmeister, President
- Judy Stevens, Vice President
- Karla Hofhenke, Committee Rep
- Ronnie Wilson, Stock Contractors
- Chuck Maher, Judges
- JJ Alley, Barebacks
- Lanny Brooks, Saddle Bronc
- Burke Vanderpool, Bull Riding
- Matthew Jones, Steer Roping
- Colt Dunkelberger Steer Wrestling
- Chuck Hamlin, Sr. Mens Breakaway
- Kelsey McDaniel, Mixed Team Roping
- Cedar Jandreau, Ladies Breakaway
- Heather Bosse, Barrel Racing
- Bailey Tibbs, Goat Tying
- Penny Schlagel, Secretary
- Cade Hammerstrom Team Roping Header
- Daine McNenney Team Roping Heeler
- Collin Palmer Calf Roping

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1. President Lance Lesmeister called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm CDT
2. The agenda was reviewed and no revisions or corrections were suggested.
3. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to waive reading of the minutes from 7/23/26 SDRA Board Meeting. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. President Lesmeister reported that he had spoken to Katie Eslick of the SD State Fairgrounds and noted that she was flipping the arenas and this year the rodeo would be held in the south arena.

5. Secretary Penny Schlagel reported that the current bank balance was $76,422, with the balance in 2025 being approximately $46,500. Credit was given to the Board for getting their sponsorships in early this year. The July 2026 Bank Statement, August 10th, 2026 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements were shared. Chuck Maher made a motion to approve the financial report. Kelsey McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Finals Plan
    a. Timed event stock bids were reviewed from 3L Productions and Belkham Timed Event Cattle. Chuck Hamlin made a motion to accept the bid from 3L Productions for Team Roping, Mixed Team Roping, Calf Roping, Ladies Breakaway and Sr Mens Breakaway Roping. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.
    b. SDRA Personnel/Rough Stock
        i. Colt Dunkelberger made a motion to offer the Finals Secretary position to Karla Hofhenke for $1000. Chuck Maher seconded the motion. Motion carried.
        ii. Heather Bosse made a motion to offer the Assistant Secretary position to Tanya Hofhenke for $500. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.
        iii. Heather Bosse made a motion to offer the judging contracts to Lonny Harrowa, Chuck Maher, Chase Albers and Kelly Green.. Matthew Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
        iv. Heather Bosse made a motion to offer the timing positions to Sherri Knippling and Brenda Wilson with Roxanne Harrowa as an alternate. Chuck Hamlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
        v. Burke Vanderpool made a motion to offer the bull fighting contract to Riley Schott and Jacob Berg. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.
        vi. Lanny Brooks made a motion to offer the contracts to Pick Up Men Dalton Moore & Louie Brunson. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the requirement for pick up men and bull fighters to purchase their SDRA cards and work SDRA Rodeos PRIOR to the SDRA Finals.

vii. Heather Bosse made a motion to offer the chute boss positions to Matthew Jones and Bret Pullman. Lanny Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

viii. Heather Bosse made a motion to invite Barry Knippling to manage the ground. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion.

c. The fairgrounds has agreed to open the Tapp Haus on Friday & Saturday Nights.

d. Chuck Hamlin made a motion to honor Jerry Bowar from Faulkton. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

e. Heather Bosse made a motion to honor Kristi Birkeland from Dupree. Cedar Jandreau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

f. Discussion was had over voting for Rodeo of the Year. This year we will be doing it before the SDRA Finals via Google Form.

g. JJ Alley made a motion to have large plastic poster boards made in place of a program. Kelsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

h. Heather Bosse made a motion to keep the ticket prices the same as the last year. JJ Alley seconded the motion.

i. Performance Times/Schedule was reviewed

j. Advertising was discussed with a budget of $1000 for the Watertown radio station and $1000 for the Huron radio station. Additionally, $1000 was allocated for Facebook Marketing and the ads on the Pierre radio station.

2. Donna Green shared a list of things to be considered when voting on rodeo of the year.
3. Bailey Tibbs made a motion to approve the Oelrichs Rodeos, Buffalo Matched Steer Wrestling and the Fruitdale SMB. Karla Hofhenk seconded the motion. Motion carried. - Bailey, Karla
4. Animal Abuse allegations were discussed at the Scotland Rodeo. Two $25 fines were levied.
5. Rule Change proposals were reviewed and discussed. They will be voted on at the 2026 SDRA Finals.
6. Ronnie Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Kelsey McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.