
SDRA Board Meeting

Thursday, August 14th,, 2025
Stanley County Fairgrounds
Expo Center
Ft. Pierre, SD
6:00 pm CDT

Attendees



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

Agenda

1. Roll Call - Called to order at 6:02 pm CDT
 2. Review of Agenda
 - a. Heather Bosse made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed
 3. Reading of Minutes from 6/18/25 SDRA Board Meeting
 - a. [Minutes from 7/23/25 SDRA Meeting](#)
 - b. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Judy Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 4. President's Report
 - a. President Lance Lesmeister brought up the need for input on the IRS Form 1024 for reinstatement of Tax Exempt status for the SDRA.
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5. Financial Report

a. July Bank Statement

- i.  July 16, 2025 Bank Statement.pdf
- ii.  Profit & Loss August 14 25.png
- iii. Chuck Maher made a motion to accept the Financial Statements. Lanny Brooks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Finals Planning

a. Timed Event Stock Bid

- i. A bid from Brent & Jenny Belkham was accepted for timed event stock using a blind vote. \$8000 with help to feed and get them to the chute. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to pay rough stock contractors \$230/horse, rather than per out. Lanny Brooks seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- b. Kaiden Whitebear made a motion to invite steer ropers to fill the 12 spots Any invited ropers will purchase memberships and will not win year end prizes. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Heather Bosse made a motion to require a notarized parent's signature for any minors rodeoing on an SDRA Card or using their High School or Junior High Card for a permit. Kaiden Whitebear seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d. Team Penning Stock Bid
 - i. John Doblar was the lone bid at \$1650. He will haul them. Directors take care of everything else. Heather Bosse made a motion to accept the bid. Chuck Hamlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Personnel

- a. Bailey Tibbs made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel for the 2025 SDRA Finals. Judy Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Personnel were chosen:
 - i. Ryan Pettit - back pen director
 - ii. Brett Pullman - chute boss
 - iii. Jimmi Niclaus - Arena Director
 1. Nominated by Chuck Hamlin, Seconded by Lanny Brooks. Motion Passed.
 2. Jimmi will bring 4 helpers.

- iv. Matt Jones volunteered to help with the Timed Event Chute.
- d. Heather Bosse made a motion to add another judge, bringing the total to 4 judges. Mary Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- e. Rough Stock Judges
 - i. Chuck Maher
 - ii. Lonny Harrowa
- f. Timed Event Judges
 - i. Chase Albers
 - ii. Kelly Green
- g. Tractor Driver - Barry Knippling
- h. Announcer - Ty Dean. \$1800
- i. Pick Up Men
 - i. John Clark
 - ii. Jesse Wilson
- j. Timers
 - i. Roni Lesmeister
 - ii. Mary Scott
- k. Bullfighters
 - i. Jacob Berg
 - ii. Riley Schott
- l. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to accept the staff as noted above, Judyn Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- m. Chuck Maher made a motion to pay the personnel the same as last year. Matthew Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- n. It was decided to have a production meeting 1 hour prior to start of rodeo. All directors and personnel are required to attend and will be fined \$100 if they do not attend. Heather Bossse made the motion. Karla Hofhenke seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- o. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to move the Team Penning to 5:00 pm to allow time for the event followed by arena working prior to other events. Heather seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mary Pat Fawcett dissenting.
- p. Lance suggested the events without Directors not be allowed to pick up their checks until a director is elected. Chuck Maher made the motion. Kaiden Whitebear seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- q. The Honoree of this year's SDRA Finals will be the Tex Fulton Family on Friday.
- r. The Legends Award was determined to be awarded to the Longbrake Family in honor of Pete and Bud on Saturday.

- s. Chuck Maher made a motion to boost Facebook posts for up to \$300 and to advertise on local radio stations. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- t. On Friday, July 19th, the event specific meetings will be held at 12:30 pm with general membership meeting at 1:00 pm CDT
- u. A more cost effective program was discussed and it was determined to reduce the program to run order only with sponsors listed with each event, but only if sponsors are brought to the secretary before September 1st. Heather made a motion on the program specs and Kaiden Whitebear seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

1. The following Rodeo Approvals were reviewed. Chuck H, Chuck M - passed Karla
 - a. Oelrichs #1, 9/13/25
 - b. Oelrich #2, 9/14/25
 - c. Buffalo Steer Wrestling Stand Alone, 8/30/25
 - d. Sr. Men's Breakaway Stand Alone
 - e. Chuck Hamlin made a motion to approve all events, Chuck Maher seconded the motion. Motion passed with Karla Hofhenke dissenting.

2. Rule Changes were discussed and are as follows:

Rule proposal #1

Pg 6 Article VI, 2. To strike the following sentence

~~Team Penning shall be held as an optional event. Team Penning will have two directors to represent this event but have one voting right on the board.~~

Mary Pat Fawcett made the motion to accept the rule change as written. Chuck Hamlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Rule proposal #2

Pg 6 Article VI, 2.

Team Penning will have ~~two~~ **one** directors to represent this event ~~but have one voting right on the board.~~

(they may have co-directors to assist with job duties of their event but only one person may attend the board meeting)

Heather made the motion to accept the rule as written. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rule proposal #3

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The draw shall not be posted for Team Penning at any Team Penning event in the SDRA. The announcer will announce the number when the team crosses the starting line

Heather Bosse made a motion to accept the rule as written. Chuck Hamlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Rule proposal #4

To be a stand in for a director at a board meeting, that person will have to have been a SDRA contestant in that event in the previous two years.

Bailey Tibbs made a motion to accept the rule change as written. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Rule proposal #5

9-20 Stand alone events may be held at any venue in South Dakota regardless if the venue has had (or is planning to have) an SDRA approved rodeo. Monies won at stand alone events will not count toward the All-Around or Rookie Standings. ~~In order for monies won at stand alone events to count toward the individual event year end standings, a contestant must compete at a minimum of 3 of the regular SDRA approved rodeos that a contestants' event is offered.~~

All money won at stand-alone events will count toward the year-end standings regardless of how many SDRA Rodeos the contestants attend.

Matthew Jones made a motion to accept the rule as written. Kaiden Whitebear seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Rule proposal #6

32-2 It is suggested that the barrels be twenty feet from the fence and that the starting line be thirty feet from the chutes. ~~The standard distance between barrels is thirty five feet between the first two barrels and forty feet from either of the first two barrels to the third barrel.~~

Delete the wording that has been struck, or replace with different measurements.

Heather Bosse made a motion to accept the rule change as written. Chuck Maher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rule proposal #7

TP will either be held before the perfs at finals, OR it will be held in conjunction with Steer Tripping finals. TP conduct has been poor in recent years and especially over the past year. There is no reason our spectators should be subjected to the poor sportsmanship displayed recently.

Rule Proposal was rescinded as felt it was incorporated in previous proposals.

3. Next Board Meeting
 - a. TBD following the 2025 SDRA Finals
4. Adjournment.
 - a. The meeting was adjourned by President Lance Lesmeister at 9:27 pm CDT.