



Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
September 19, 2025  
SD State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD

Present were:

Lance Lesmeister, President  
Judy Stevens, Vice President  
Penny Schlagel, Secretary  
Karla Hofhenke, Committee Representative  
Ronnie Wilson, Stock Contractors  
Chuck Maher, Judges  
Chazz Gabe, Bull Riders  
Matthew Jones, Steer Ropers  
Kaiden White Bear, Steer Wrestlers  
Heather Bosse, Barrel Racers  
Bailey Tibbs, Goat Tyers  
Mary Pat Fawcett, Team Penners  
Cedar Jandreau, Ladies Breakaway Ropers  
Lanny Brooks, Saddle Broncs  
Chuck Hamlin, Sr. Men's Breakaway Ropers

Absent:

Grady Hemingson, Barebacks  
ReAnn Crane, Mixed Team Roping

Open Positions:

Calf Roping  
Team Roping Headers  
Team Roping Heelers

The SDRA Board of Directors called their Directors' meeting to order at 12:02 pm, September 19, 2025 in the office of the DEX Center on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD. .

Pictures were discussed and it was encouraged to get event specific group pictures. Nick Larson from 144 Visuals is on the grounds, but any pictures are appreciated.

Lance Lesmeister reported he had no input from Callie Iverson, CPA on the current state of our IRS Filing.

Mary Pat proposed that the action voted upon by the Board at the last meeting to re-introduce the Rule Change proposal eliminating Team Penning as Parliamentary Procedure was not

followed. It was noted that nowhere in the rule book were Roberts Rules of Order adopted as our meeting format. The proposal will stay on the ballot.

Discussion was also held regarding the need for a 2/3s majority to pass any ballot proposal. Again, it was noted that was not indicated at any place in the rule book, only a “majority”.

Lance dismissed the meeting at 12:55 pm as we needed to move to the General Membership Meeting in a separate location.

## **2025 General Membership Meeting**

President Lance Lesmeister called the 2025 SDRA General Membership Meeting to order at 1:20 pm in the Heritage Center on the grounds of the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron, SD.

President Lesmeister updated the membership on the association’s situation with the IRS noting we are currently in a holding pattern waiting on the response of Callie Iverson, CPA contracted by the SDRA to complete the process to regain our standing as an exempt entity.

Housekeeping issues such as rough stock running of stock, the need for a big nod in timed events and stalls that have not been reserved need to use the website or see Penny were addressed.

Ballots were distributed to each person with a membership noting that each member could only vote on his/her own ballot. There was no place on the ballot for the rodeo of the year, so members were instructed to write it in on the bottom.

Financials were reviewed by Penny Schlagel, Secretary. No questions were posed.

It was noted that we have purchased a new electric eye and it was in stock at Double D Western. The electric eye is purchased through proceeds of the use of SDRA electric eyes at sanctioned rodeos.

Nominations for Vice President were opened. Maureen Hollenbeck nominated Donna Green, Doni Zeller seconded the nomination. Karla Hofhenke nominated Judy Stevens, Kaiden White Bear seconded the nomination. Patty Jo Burress made a motion that nominations cease. Doni Zeller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was a review of the rule proposals.

It was shared that Katie Eslick and staff from the South Dakota State Fair Office would count and tabulate the votes. None of them have any affiliation with the SDRA.

Kelly Green made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Lonny Harrowa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

### **Post-General Membership Directors' Meeting**

President Lance Lesmeister called the SDRA Board Director's Meeting to order at 4:02 pm on Saturday, September 20th.

Heather Bosse made a motion to move to Executive Session. Matt Jones seconded the motion.

Bailey Tibbs made a motion to end the Executive Session. Cedar Jandreau seconded the motion.

As the SDRA General Membership voted to remove Team Penning as an SDRA Event, it was proposed that Team Penning could function as an associated group, responsible for their own rules and monitoring of contestant conduct. There would be neither a Director's seat for the Team Penning event nor would there be money added to the event from the SDRA. However, the SDRA could host their Finals, track their points and in turn they would be expected to follow SDRA rules at rodeos.

Mary Pat Fawcett made the motion to accept that proposal. Karla Hofhenke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karla Hofhenke made a motion to offer Judy Stevens the position of executive assistant. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kaiden White Bear made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.