

SDRA Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Governor's Inn

Pierre, SD

10:00 AM CST

The South Dakota Rodeo Association Board of Directors' Meeting was called to order by President Lance Lesmeister at 10:02 am CST at the Governor's Inn in Pierre, SD.

Attendees

Lance Lesmeister - President	Judy Stevens - Vice President
Penny Schlagel - Secretary	Karla Hofhenke - Committees Representative
Barry Knipping - Judges (sub)	Ronnie Wilson - Stock Contractors
Heather Bosse - Barrel Racing	Cedar Jandreau - Breakaway Roping
Bailey Tibbs - Goat Tying,	Sherri Knipping - Mixed Team Roping (sub)
Mary Pat Fawcett - Team Penning	Vern Dubbelde - Team Penning
Absent - Bareback Riding	Chuck Hamlin - Sr. Men's Breakaway
Chazz Gabe - Bull Riding	Cassie Mehlbrach - Calf Roping (sub),
Kyle Hapney - Saddle Bronc	Matt Jones - Steer Roping
Kaiden Whitebear - Steer Wrestling	Absent - Team Roping Header and Heeler


Minutes

The Agenda was amended to include discussion about the Sponsorship Packet that Cassie Mehlbrach had developed and the D & O Liability Insurance Liability Policy researched by Karla Hofhenke. Motion by Heather Bosse and Seconded by Vern Dubbelde to approve the additions to the agenda. Motion carried.

Karla Hofhenke made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Cassie Mehlbrach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karla Hofhenke made a motion to waive reading of the January 19, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes and approve them as they stand. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lance Lesmeister began the President's report thanking Bailey Tibbs for getting the SDRA Charter back and Karla Hofhenke for working to get the income taxes up to date.



Discussion followed on improving the flow and possibly shortening the Finals to make it a more crowd pleasing event.

The Financial Report was read and a motion was made to approve it by Barry Knippling. Bailey Tibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cassie Mehlbrach sought input on the Sponsorship Packet that she had compiled noting that the final draft would be available the next week.

Karla Hofhenke reported on the quote of a \$3,000 of liability insurance for the Board Members and Officers. Matt Jones made a motion to pursue the policy and Mary Pat Fawcett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Garbe and Mark Braunschmidt (Zoom) each appeared to revisit an issue at the Finals. Mary Pat Fawcett made a motion to issue a follow up letter for clarification to Mr. Braunschmidt and Cassie Mehlbrach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was noted that while we bank at Dacotah Bank, there is no branch in Huron, leaving us nowhere to get change or store the cash after performances. It is being considered that we move to American Bank & Trust as they have branches in all cities in which we may hold the Finals. Chuck Hamlin made a motion to move to American Bank & Trust. Cassie Mehlbrach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Stand Alone events and the use of the Midwest Rodeo Entries. It was noted that entries MUST go through Midwest Rodeo Entries and late entries will have a \$50 late charge for onsite entries. That late fee cannot be waived by the committee. It was mentioned that High School Rodeo Members do not have to purchase an SDRA Card or pay the permit fee as they can enter using the NHSRA Membership Number.

Four saddle bids were entertained and, after voting, Mary Pat Fawcett motioned to accept Scott Thomas Saddles (ordered through Double D Western in Huron, SD) as the 2025 Saddle vendor. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Six buckle bids were reviewed and following a vote, Cassie Mehlbrach made a motion to accept the Double D Western and A Cut Above Buckles buckle bid for 2025. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Kubota Raffle is underway and tickets can be checked out from Penny Schlagel. You can contact her at 605-638-0757 to get your tickets. They sell for \$20 a piece or 3 for \$50.

Ticket prices at the Finals were discussed. It was motioned by Sherri Knippling and seconded by Chuck Hamlin to charge \$15 for advanced tickets, \$20/adult ticket at the door, and \$5 for 6-12 at the door. Children under 6 would be free.

Mary Pat Fawcett made a motion to leave the contestant wristbands at \$30 with the option to buy one additional wrist band for that price. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Heather Bosse made a motion to open bids for the Photographer position at the SDRA Finals. Cassie Mehlbrach seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Discussion was held regarding membership dues for Board Members. They are free if the Director secures the needed sponsorships for their event. Heather Bosse made a motion that directors do not pay their dues, but will be fined the \$110 should they not secure the sponsorship. Cedar Jandreau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Pat Fawcett made a motion to push back the deadline for sponsorships to July 1st, 2025. Vern Dubbelde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the date of the next Board Meeting. Vern Dubbelde made a motion to hold the meeting via Zoom on April 6th, 2025 at 1:00 pm CST. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barry Knippling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.