

2022 February Meeting

February 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order on Sunday at 9:00 with the pledge and prayer. Those present were Thorpe Thompson, Dixie Huxtable, Shelly Thompson, Whisker Reynolds, Ken Persson, Haiden Thompson, Brannon Bartlett, Roger Jones, Debbie Engel, Quinn Larson, Justin Mayfield, Ryan Hayden, Josh Johnson, Shelby Petersen, Jymie Adamson, Hadley Furnival, Kolton Miller, Jaspur Brower, Sydney Jones, Barry Hayden, Nick Nichols, Jay Brower, Susan Lane, Baleigh Lane, and Joe Hayden.

Meeting minutes from the September 2021 fall meeting and January special meeting were read and approved by Haiden Thompson seconded by Quinn Larson. Motion carried.

Financials were discussed and Hadley Furnival made a motion to file for audit, Kolton Miller seconded. Motion carried.

National Director, Dixie, reported that Roberta Cordingly went to the Mid-Winter meeting. There were some new ground rules and rule clarifications made. She will get them on the website. A couple big ones being you no longer have to get a bid from the National Sponsors, Shooting Sports has become an event effective immediately, and there will be a minimum number of golf carts at Nationals and then for a few they will allow personal golf carts to be brought in. Felt back numbers have to be bought by the state again. Nick Nichols made a motion to purchase them for our state for both JH and HS, Hadley Furnival seconded. Motion carried. Dixie discussed the spring schedule. Susan Lane was present and asked that they would be allowed to move their rodeo to Easter weekend in order to host a JH rodeo as well. After much discussion and concern Roger Jones made a motion to allow the weekend change, Brannon Bartlett seconded. Motion carried. Susan Lane also asked that we approve the CoWN RCH and Cutting on May 20th in Loveland, 2 RCH and 2 cuttings each day in Torrington on May 21 and 22. After discussion Barry Hayden made a motion to only allow RCH at CoWN, Joe Hayden seconded. Motion carried. Hadley Furnival made a motion to allow 1 RCH and 1 cutting each day in Torrington May 21 and 22, Jymie Adamson seconded. Motion carried.

Queen, Roberta Cordingly, sent her report to Shelly to give. The board is very impressed with everything she is doing. She is trying very hard and doing great things.

Student President, Haiden Thompson, reminded the kids about sponsorship, reported to the board what awards have been ordered, and reported that Jacob Scharf has done an amazing job getting sponsorship and that his family is going to expectantly be moving immediately. She recommended with the amount of sponsorship he has done that he still gets his jacket and the board agreed.

Board applications are on the website, and we have 4 terms expiring this year. It was discussed about trying to get some individuals that don't have kids in the association to be on the board as well.

Website: Shelly is working with Becky Sorenson on getting the website redone. The board would like 2 years of results archived. The board wanted to make sure we have an Urgent tab that has the same info that is on the 'remind' and 'Facebook' page. Shelly showed them what it is looking like so far, and everyone thought it was looking good.

2022 State Finals has been changed to Buffalo, WY due to scheduling conflict with Rock Springs. Shelly went to Buffalo and met with the fairgrounds. Things will be different from the past as the board will

have to make sure everything is set up. For example scholarship interview tables, banquet tables, etc...., we will also be responsible for all trash clean up and stall cleaning. There is a 4-H club that would do the stall and trash clean up. The board asked Shelly to arrange this and check with them and see if they would come out once a day for the grandstands. We will charge a usage fee of \$20 per contestant to help pay for this. Covered stalls will be \$75, uncovered \$60, camping \$100, jackpot will remain at \$50 and mandatory, and stock fees will be \$90 this year to try and help cover the high prices of stock. With the minimum number of camping the adult board and student board will get first choice of camping spots. The remainder will be first come first serve. The board will let Shelly know if they want a spot. Shelly will check with Lisa Bellus and see if she would take care of the camping and stalls. They want to check with Bart and see what he would charge for all of the ground prepping for finals. We had someone contact us about being the official photographer and the board agreed to this as long as there was no fee to us. Haydens are working on the cattle and judges for the RCH and Cutting. Debbie Engel made a motion to have Thorpe Thompson as the arena director, Ryan Hayden seconded. Motion carried. Whiskers Reynolds and Josh Johnson will take care of getting people to help with the timed event stock side, Brannon Bartlet and Jay Brower will take care of the rough stock, and Shelly will take care of getting 5 kids to help and pay them \$200 each. Zach will work on trying to get a better rate on hotels. If there is an issue at Nationals with not enough camping spots, we will do the same as we have in the past. Brannon Bartlet brought up issues with the bull fighters and unsafe issues. After much discussion Dixie Huxtable made a motion that bull fighters will need to submit an application to the board for approval or have their pro card effective immediately; Brannon Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Stock Bids will be uploaded to the website. Please let anyone interested know.

Mandatory Meeting: There will be a mandatory meeting and equipment check at Laramie's HS and JH rodeos.

JH State Finals will be running the same as it was last year, and we will send Gillette \$1500 for help with costs.

RCH & Cutting: A suggestion was brought to the board about having adult directors for RCH and Cutting. The board said they would not turn down help, however they encouraged to become a director as that is what the directors do.

Judges seminar is planned for March 5-6. Information will be on the website as soon as its confirmed.

Shooting Sports: Jay Brower brought up several great ideas and suggestions that he will be implementing for the spring. The board thanked him for all of his hard work and help.

Rifle Raffle: Ken has the rifle and knives. He is selling lots of tickets. The student incentive will be an option again this year, it will be a \$60 credit towards entry fees for state finals for every 15 tickets sold by members. Thanks to Ken, we were also granted a commissioner's license. Ken did a lot of research on the best way of handling the license. We are doing an online auction for this. Info will be on the website and FaceBook page. The board appreciates and is thankful for all Ken does.

Scholarships: The board wants to look into being able to give the kids their scholarship money instead of sending it to their school. Dixie will talk to our accountant about this.

Eligibility requirements were discussed in length! After the issues this fall with individuals trying to cheat the board will now have to have new rules on eligibility requirements. This year (2022) only all contestants entered in State Finals will need to have the form (it is included in the state finals packet) signed saying they are in good standing and passing 70% of their classes. Starting the new 22-23 season, everyone will have to be finished with their prior year of school by August 15th, and a finalized signed transcript must be turned in. If they are in a non-accredited school, a proficiency test will be needed along with their homeschool transcript (a list of acceptable tests will be listed on the website as it has to be a proficiency test, not a placement test). Members fall transcripts will need to be turned in prior to their first spring rodeo. The form that is included with the finals packet that the school signs will need to be signed, and all national qualifiers will need to have their final transcript turned in within 5 days of the completion of state finals. This includes accredited and non-accredited home school students. All non-accredited students who are national qualifiers will need to turn in another proficiency test within 5 days of the completion of state finals (all qualifiers must be completed with their school for the year in order to compete at Nationals).

Quinn Larson made a motion to go into executive session; Barry Hayden seconded.

The board came out of executive session. Dixie Huxtable made a motion to give Bobby Welsh a 4-rodeo suspension due to Code of Conduct infractions in Big Piney and will be on censorship; Nick Nichols seconded. Motion carried.