

2026 State Finals WYHSRA Board Meeting June 3, 2026

The meeting began with the pledge and prayer. Those present Scott Arthun, Thorpe Thompson, JR Crozier, Jeff Longwell, Shawn Lesmeister, Brian Coxbill, Casey Hoffman, Dustin Martinson, Cody Hutchison, Erica Jaure, Joe Smith, Jennifer Rice, Troy Tillard, Tyler Jolly, Mike Ruby, Ken Perrson, Hadley Thompson, Carter Hutchison, Katie Rice, Tyson Schmelzle, Dylan Thar, Cody Hayden, Taylor Hernadez, Shayda Lesmeister, Rhame Hicks, Kolby Smith, Bella Martinson, Landon Gold, Rylee Alameda, Kendrie Ewing, Jim Coxbill, Ty Scarbrough, and Shelly Thompson.

Minutes: Dustin Martinson made a motion to accept the Spring Douglas Minutes; Thorpe Thompson second. Motion carried.

Sponsorship: The kids did an outstanding job this year!!

Scholarship: They are ready for interviews. Has been a bit more challenging due to not knowing the numbers.

Rough Stock: Will have an equipment check immediately after the mandatory meeting.

Student Director: Went over the open positions Will have a meeting with new and old directors immediately after the mandatory meeting.

New Director: We voted on new directors. Those elected were Josh Manke.

JH: Brian Coxbill made a motion to pay \$500 Travel money to the JH National qualifiers; Ken Perssons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Memorial Night: Names for memorial night can be turned in the office.

Tough Enough to Wear Pink: We asked for names and had a couple ideas but it was decided to raise money for Medical Expenses for Alex Furnival and Hallie Crozier.

Help List: Shawn Lesmeister has it pretty taken care of.

Shooting Sports: Is going good. Shawn will hand his part over to the Hooten's after State Finals.

Drawing for Rifle: The drawing will be before the bull riding Saturday.

Ground Rules: We will use the same rules as last year. Inside the track will be dress code. If anyone is rude or disrespectful to the help the contestant can be disqualified.

Flags: Taylor asked that the student board would carry flags at night. She will go thru the flags.

Agenda: Shelly asked if that any agenda items get to her sooner rather than later.

Meeting Adjourned until Sunday.

The Sunday meeting began with the pledge and prayer. Those present Scott Arthun, Thorpe Thompson, JR Crozier, Jeff Longwell, Josh Manke, Brian Coxbill, Casey Hoffman, Dustin Martinson, Cody Hutchison, Erica Jaure, Joe Smith, Jennifer Rice, Tyler Jolly, Ken Perrson, Travis Griemsman, Taylor Hernadez, Kolby Smith, Bella Martinson, Turek Thompson, Tripp Thompson, Nathan Perterson, Claire Bilek, Gabby Longwell, Heston Crozier, Blue Butler, Hannah Coxbill, Teague Duncan, Landon Gold, Whitney Tarver, Memphis Erdman, Dixie Huxtable, and Shelly Thompson.

Financial: Dixie went over the financials up to today. After discussion J Rice made a motion and T Thompson seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Stock Contractor Critique: Everyone seemed happy with having enough stock for everyone to have 1. Rought Stock was all rideable.

State Finals: everything went well overall. Went over costs and the amount for stalls and camping we used. We were totally full. Told the kids to start thinking about awards for next year. We will add the W-9 to the membership paperwork as well for this coming season. D Martinson made a motion to change the ground rules for next year for both HS and JH and will not allow 3 loops in TR or 2 loops in BKW or TD. Contracts were gone over. J Rice made a motion to keep the judges, Kayla, and Kim will stay the same. The timers will be the same and we will increase them to \$1000. The kid help will go to \$300 plus an award or gift; T Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Stock Bids: We had 3 timed event bids for next year. After discussion and ballot vote, Tyler Jolly and Forbes will be our contractors.

Election of Officers: Brian Coxbill, Scott Arthun, & Jeff Longwell where all nominated for President. After written ballot S Arthun will be the president. J Rice made a motion to accept the current board to continue for the new year; J Longwell seconded. Motion carried.

Shooting: The Hooten family will be taking over S Lesmeister's position. Shooters really enjoyed liked having 2 rounds at state and shoots at most rodeos.

Nationals: we have 53 qualified. We have enough for 2 and ½ shirts. J Longwell made a motion to give \$500 for travel money to the HS contestants; T Jolly seconded. Motion carried.

National Director: The board commended Justin on the job he has done this year. Dustin made a motion to put a rule change for RR that it would become an optional event due to safety concerns; T Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dustin made a motion to buy an extra eye set and replace our eyes sets every 5 years; Jeff Longwell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dustin asked the board about some guidelines for doing events at State Finals. The board wants to make sure they are informed on what is going on and taken by surprise on things. Dustin made a motion to let the executive board decide on the events, deadline for this will be the Gillette rodeo, & email to the entire board once the schedule has been set; Jeff Longwell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Prom was discussed at length. Dustin asked the board to come up with guidelines for Prom so we do not have what happened last time. No one wanted to step up and take this on so for now Prom has been tabled. We have until the spring meeting to work on this.

Club Member: T Thompson reported to the board the different things various states are doing with members being part of clubs and helping. After much discussion B Coxbill made a motion to require each member to declare a club that hosts a rodeo or pay a fee of \$500 to be split between rodeo hosting clubs. Each member will have to have a form signed off by the local secretary due prior to State Finals; J Rice seconded. Motion carried.

Queen: Taylor is excited to represent WY again this year and went over her year. She reminded everyone she will need some flag carriers.

Fall Schedule: the team roping draw was discussed. J Longwell made a motion to accept doing the team roping draw for this coming season 2026-2027; T Griemsman seconded. Motion carried. Members can only use this 3 times in the fall and 3 times in the spring. You cannot use it at state finals. Members will have to let Shelly know they want in the draw and if their name is drawn they must pay the extra TR fee, period. The extra run will only count for money to the member that roped 2 times but points and money will count for the member drawing the partner. Late entries and membership was brought up and the idea of paying a late fee. It was unanimously decided to allow NO late entries or fees. The schedule for the fall has changed a bit due to the calendar and Wheatland not being able to host a rodeo. We will start Labor Day Weekend (Saturday) in Larmie for JH & HS, Riverton (HS), Rawlins (HS & JH), and Torrington (HS & JH).

JH: We will be adding one more JH rodeo this year. All points and State Finals will stay the same.

Extra Awards: The Jim Moore and Tom Parker awards were discussed in length. Erica Jaure made a motion to change the Jim Morre award to only being 1 event at each end of the arena with 15 points per event, we will give spurs to the winner (\$750). The Tom Parker

award will stay the same with the exception that it will be a cinch buckle set to the winner (\$500).

Judges Seminar: Scott will get one lined up for after the first of the year.

Ken Perrsons: The board applauded Ken and his exceptional work. He raised over \$50,000 this year. He is going to check into getting another commissioners license. He went over his ideas for the raffle this year and the board gave him to go ahead as he sees fit. We just need to incorporate the drawing better.

Scholarships: It was decided that 2 letter of recommendations will be needed with the scholarship applications starting this year.

New Year Forms: Points will stay the same this year. Cutting, RCH, and JH saddle steer and JH bareback steer will be optional.

Sponsorship: The board talked with Jess in length and then asked her to step out so an evaluation could be done. Jess said the hardest part and most time consuming part of her job was making sure the student directors were staying on top of things. She felt she could raise more money if she did not have to do this. She would like to do everything this year and not have the kids help and see what happens. The board approved this idea for the coming year 26/27. Jess will need to give monthly updates to Dustin. We will reevaluate next year as to how this worked.