

Spring 2023 Meeting in Douglas

Meeting was called to order with the pledge and prayer on Saturday February 5th, 2023 with the following present Barry Hayden, Thorpe Thompson, Dixie Huxtable, Shelly Thompson, Ken Persson, Nick Nichols, Debbie Engel, Quinn Larson, Ryan Hayden, Burt Reno, Roger Jones, Whisker Reynolds, Sydney Jones, Keyton Hayden, Nick Albrecht, Raelee Caldwell, Cooper Justus, Baliegh Lane, and Colby Smith.

Minutes: Thorpe Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes from the fall meeting in Wheatland; Ryan Hayden seconded. Motion carried.

Financial: The board went over financial statements. Roger Jones made a motion to file the financials for audit; Thorpe Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Dixie: Talked about Mid-Winter meeting. This will be the 75th anniversary of Nationals in Gillette. Queen contest will start early due to 75th anniversary Concert Saturday night. New national rule change belle collar catch only for BKW starting the 23-24 fall season for HS. We discussed having this be a ground rule for the spring season. It was decided to not do this. New ground rule for nationals is a solid color flag in the breakaway. No print or wording on the flag. Thorpe Thompson made a motion to be a ground rule for the spring season to allow solid color flags with no wording or writing for the breakaway; Sydney Jones seconded. Motion carried. The ghost points will no longer count towards the AA points starting the 23/24 season. For JH Nationals 1 more year in Perry, GA, then 2 years in Des Moines, Iowa, then starting in 2026-2035 will be in Guthrie, OK. HS Nationals will be in Gillette this year, 2 years in Rock Springs, 2 years Lincoln, then hopefully a long-term contract in Gillette, WY. We are working on the Spring Schedule. Do not have much paperwork in yet.

Students: Sponsorship is way down. The kids need to be getting sponsorships in.

Board applications: Will have 2 for sure possibly 3 openings. Please be thinking of applicants.

PR Person: We need to get something done here as Becky Sorenson is not able to continue doing this. Quinn Larson made a motion to ask Shelly to do the website and social media side of things for up to an additional \$1,500 a year; Deb Engel seconded. Thorpe Thompson abstained. Motion carried. Dixie's term is up in 2024. She will entertain staying on for 3 more years due to Nationals asking her to stay on for the Executive Board. Keyton Hayden made a motion to beg Dixie to stay on as our National Director; Nick Nichols seconded. Motion carried. Thorpe Thompson made a motion for \$500 a month, minimum 10% commission on any donations secured and reevaluated in 6 months (end of the 22-23 season) to a PR person, if the PR person gets the sponsorship for a student, then the student gets the credit; Roger Jones seconded. Motion carried.

State Finals: Brannon Bartlett made a motion to set the fee's for camping \$130, stalls \$75 plus bedding if available, entry fee's \$150, and shooting \$40; Ken Perrson seconded. Motion carried. Reminder of the grade requirements for the spring season are as follows, everyone must turn in a fall transcript prior to the first spring rodeo, everyone that is entered in State Finals will need 1 of 2 things, a year end signed final transcript or the form that is included in the state finals packet stating that the contestant is in good standings. If the contestant makes it to Nationals, they must be finished with their school year (this includes home school students), we must have a signed year end final transcript, and if in a non-accredited school they must provide a current proficiency test within 5 days of the finish of State Finals. A reminder that everyone must be passing 70% of their classes to be eligible. Burt Reno made a motion

to have our official photographer be Clint Foster; Whiskers Reynolds seconded. Motion carried. Dixie will check on live streaming that. The Cutting and RCH judges and cattle are being looked into. Dixie Huxtable made a motion to have Whisker Reynolds take the timed event sheets, Brannon will do rough stock, \$250 for the kids that help; Roger Jones seconded. Motion carried. Nick Nichols made a motion that the Arena Director at State Finals will be Thorpe Thompson, Burt Reno seconded. Motion carried. Working on Host Hotel for State Finals. RCH, Cutting, and Queen will be in the indoor arena. Ambulance and Concessions, Dixie and Shelly will visit and get this lined out. Thorpe will work on getting hay. Tuesday morning, Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning for RCH and Cutting competition. Ken is working with the Legion posts to see about getting the banquet sponsored. Dixie will contact Dickinson's on Jim Moore and Tom Parker awards. We discussed camping at Nationals and if we are short spots then we will handle that like in years past.

Mandatory & Safety Meeting: We will have a mandatory HS meeting before the rodeo on Sunday in Laramie. A rough stock equipment check for HS will be on Saturday before the night performance. JH will have a mandatory meeting Friday mid-day and depending on the order of events will depend on the time for the equipment check in Laramie.

JH: Thorpe Thompson made a motion to give Gillette \$1500 and pay the insurance for the JH State Finals; Nick Nichols seconded. Motion carried. If they need any help the board will be there to help. The schedule will be roughly the same.

Cutting and RCH: Cooper Justus made a motion to co-sanction with COWN for only the Oct. 5-8 date due to rodeo conflicts; Deb Engel seconded. Motion carried.

Judges Seminar: 1st weekend in March in Gillette, 9:00 Saturday and 8:00 Sunday at Arthun's barn. Event Directors can come for free. We discussed our judges list, and everyone agreed to stand behind their decision from the fall meeting.

Riffle Raffle: We did not get the commissioners license this year. Ken has tickets to sell. Student Incentive same as last year. Incentive is towards state finals entry fees not the jackpot fee.