

2024 Wheatland Fall WYHSRA Board Meeting 9/21/24

The meeting began at 4:00 with the pledge and prayer. Those present Scott Arthun, Thorpe Thompson, Dixie Huxtable, JR Crozier, Jeff Longwell, Roger Jones, Shawn Lesmeister, Brian Coxbill, Burt Reno, Jennifer Rice, Cody Waite, Casey Hoffman, Nick Nichols, Ken Perrson, Hadley Thompson, Braxton Condos, Kaeley Hutchison, Payton Bischoff, Tyson Schmelzle, Chloe Nichols, Cody Hayden, TeAnna Jolovich, Josie Waite, Taci Jones, Brenson Bartlett, Hays Espenscheid, Katherine Weese, Owen Thomson, Carter Hutchison, Ryder Morman, Shayda Lesmeister, Trigg Thompson, Jaqualyn Youngberg, Mr. Thomson, Patti Franklin, and Shelly Thompson.

Minutes: Coxbill made a motion to accept the State Finals Minutes; N Nichols second. Motion carried. T Thompson made a motion to accept the 9/5/24 Special meeting minutes; Coxbill seconded. Motion carried.

Financials: We went over the non-finals financials, balance sheet, and the fiscal year financials. Dixie let the board know that our accountant Kim Garrett will be quitting this year. It was discussed that Dixie would be open to continuing to do the financials so that we can just hand a year end QuickBooks report to an accountant, as well as State Finals. Compensation was discussed and will be further discussed in November. The board would like a breakdown of what jobs of Dixies would go together well so we can set up some job descriptions. N Nichols made a motion to hire Dixie to do the books and help with State Finals; T Thompson seconded the motion. Huxtable abstained. Motion carried.

National Director: As discussed before this is Dixies last year. We must get someone shadowing her. Everyone has a copy of her job description and what she does. We have not had much interest in her position. The board asked Shelly to put out a reminder on Facebook. Dixie went over that our National teams did a great job this year. Mid-Winter meeting will be in Deadwood, SD for any student directors that would like to go. The board agreed to allow up to \$3,000 in expenses for the students to attend. They just need to let Shelly know. Dixie's report is attached.

Secretary Position: Shelly gave out info on her position. She let the board know she would stay on for this year but would not continue if compensation as not adjusted as it just was not worth the time and the ass chewings. The board asked several questions about her job and the time it takes. Roughly 985 hours a year. It was discussed making it mandatory to use her to secretary the weekly rodeos. Shelly wasn't a fan of this idea as she likes clubs to be able to make the decisions. S Arthun had called most of the surrounding states to see what they paid their secretaries, and we are grossly low. The board wanted to discuss compensation. Shelly asked that Thorpe, Hadley, and herself be excused during this so it

could be discussed fairly. After they returned Coxbill made a motion to offer \$25 a member, \$2 for HS entries, \$3 for JH, and continue the \$1500 for updating the website and Facebook for this year than year 25/26 it would be a \$25,000 flat rate; Jones seconded the motion. T Thompson and H Thompson abstained. Motion passed. They would give Shelly time to think about this until the meeting in November.

Facebook: We have some issues with Facebook this year and negative, threatening, and untrue comments. The board discussed the possible ways to handle it. J Rice made a motion to make our Facebook page an informational page only; S Lesmeister seconded. Motion carried.

ARTS Program: Shelly shared info on the program. Brian our IT person is working on taking the receipt button off and adding a PDF button which would eliminate the receipts being emailed it would download straight to your device. Shelly needs to ask Brian if he can see wo downloaded or not. The board was super excited about this option and gave the go ahead if it is an option. It will cost under \$1,000.

Marketing Position: The board discussed that this needs to be a priority. S Arthun, R Jones, and S Lesmeister will work on a job description, pay, and application for the November meeting. R Jones made some calls on what marketing directors are getting paid. S Arthun also inquired what area states were paying or doing. We hope to open it at the November meeting and then be able to interview at the February meeting. The board will be incurring quite a few more costs and need to find a way to get the covered so that we do not have to take awards away from the students. We discussed having a member jacket or coat to purchase. The board felt that we did not want to do that at this time as they did not want it to take away from the National Qualifier jackets.

Student President: Hadley reminded the student board about the fundraising. Hadley asked the board for the dollar amount for the student board awards. D Huxtable made a motion to let them spend \$75 per student; N Nichols seconded. Motion carried. The students left the meeting and visited about state finals awards. They came back with a list of ideas. They were not going to do qualifier buckles. However, the adults said they must do the buckles. They went back and discussed more. Shelly has the list and will price things out to see where they are on costs.

2025 State Finals: Shelly discussed the finals dates. It was decided that our dates would be June 5-7 with the short go and banquet on Saturday the 7th. We went over contracts R Jones made a motion to pay the PRCA timed event judges \$2300 this year; T Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Cody Waite will get the barn, cattle, and judges for the cutting and RCH. Shelly will contact Casey at the Buffalo Fair Grounds about a contract. S

Lesmeister spoke with Jay Brower about doing our ground. It will be \$2,650 and hotel to the ground for everything or \$2,200 and motel for just the rodeo. C Waite did not feel we needed it for the cutting and RCH. N Nichols made a motion to have Jay do the ground work; B Reno seconded. Motion carried. Shelly was going to visit with Stallion and see if they would donate a trailer for State like they do for Wheatland.

Spring Schedule: We went over the tentative spring schedule. It was discussed that Rock Springs was looking at Easter weekend for their rodeo. R Jones made a motion to allow Easter weekend rodeo; B Coxbill seconded. N Nichols voted No. Motion carried. The board would like to add Vet on call info to the spring rodeo info that is sent out so that the clubs have a vet on call for that weekend. Someone had talked with a board member on regions. The board feels we are way too small to make this work but if someone wants to make up a proposal then the board would surely look at it.

Raffle: Things are going well. Ken wanted to remind the kids to talk to their local legions. They want to support our kids. Make sure we get on Facebook about the raffle.

Shooting Sports: Ken worked with the Legion and their shooting sports grant and got \$4,000 for our shooters. Reminded the kids to always ask you never know what you will get! The board thanked Ken for his time and help. Shelly reminded him to turn in his receipts!

Judges Seminar: PRCA clinic October 10-11 in Laramie and we will host one in Gillette in February. Scott asked Shelly to get the flyer out for the PRCA one.

Cuttings & RCH: Mr. Bray will be offering a cutting clinic in Basin. Info will go on the Facebook page. Winter cuttings are a go.