

2025 Wheatland Fall WYHSRA Board Meeting

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

Minutes: J Rice made a motion to accept the State Finals Minutes; T Thompson second. Motion carried.

Financials: D Huxtable is working on getting everything switched over. Taxes are due December 1. She feels we really need a Financial committee. D Martinson will head this committee along with JR Crozier, E Jaure, and S Arthun.

National Director: D Martinson doing a great job. He spoke with Laurie Thoman and they will be working together on the Queen contest. He is hoping to have the spring club forms be electronic this year.

Marketing Director: Everyone looked over the new sponsorship forms. A few changes need to be made to have some lower dollar amount options available. New deadline will be April 15th in order to be in the state finals program.

Queen: Everything is going well. She will be attending mid-winter meeting.

Student President: Hadley reminded the student board about the fundraising. The students left the meeting and visited about state finals awards. They came back with a list of ideas. Shelly has the list and will price things out to see where they are on costs.

Midwinter meeting: This will be in Denver this year. T Thompson made a motion to all up to \$3000 for expenses for student directors to go; C Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Live Stream: We went over some of the live stream issues. We really want to continue to offer this. All complaints need to go to Shelly so she can make a list then Dustin, Shelly, and Scott will be work on this.

2026 State Finals: We discussed some more contracts. Shelly talked with the board about Kim Davis doing music and helping Kayla Hutchison. The board agreed and offered her \$1000 for the week. Shelly reminded the board that in February we will need to vote on a site for the 27 and 28 Finals.

Spring Schedule: Looks to be the same. Shelly will reach out to the clubs prior to the meeting so we can firm everything up in February.

Clubs: Several people think that every member should be part of a club and have to help fundraise and put on a rodeo. Lots of discussion was had about how to handle this and who would track it. J Longwell, T Thompson, C Hoffman, T Tillard will look into this.

Raffle: Things are going well. Ken wanted to remind the kids to talk to their local legions. They want to support our kids. Tickets will be due in Gillette now in order to get the credit for State Finals. Ken brought up that if anyone can get a commissioner's license that would help with sales!

Shooting Sports: We had a shoot at almost every fall rodeo. S Lesmeister and JR Crozier are doing a great job. Looking at doing two rounds at State Finals.

Judges Seminar: S Arthun will be getting this put together.

Cuttings & RCH: Winter cuttings are a go.

The board went to Executive session. When the board came out B Coxbill made a motion to allow someone to enter the team roping 2 times depending on unique cases. It will be on a case by case basis. For safety reasons partner will be chosen. Partner that is roping for a second run will not get any points but the team may win money; S Lesmeister seconded the motion. JR Crozier and C Hutchison abstained. Motion unanimously carried.