

General Membership Meeting
Craig, Co. State Finals
6-18-2011

37 people in attendance

Jeff Jones called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to elect new Board Members.

The new Board Members are:

Adult – East Slope – Bruce Denton

Adult – West Slope – Todd Farrington

Youth – President: Paxton Segelke

Youth – East Slope – Chy Black and Trenton Turner

Youth – West Slope – Cole Smith and Ian Duzik

Barb Roskopf reminded everyone that we need items for our National Basket for the Crisis Fund that is sold at the Jr. High and High School National Finals. The money goes to a very good cause.

Some of the people that Jeff Jones and the Board would like to think for helping in the arena are: Clay Corzine, Robert Lay, Kelly Bond, Grant Koenig, Mike Pearce, Tilt James (he also sponsors a Saddle) and all the other people who help every week at the rodeos.

Siri Stevens from Rodeo News told us they are raising the price of the Rodeo News from \$11.00 per member to \$13.00 to help cover costs.

Jan Yates wanted to know why there is so much down time during the State Finals. Jeff explained to her that there isn't that much down time for the board. Wednesday members don't have to be here until 8:00 p.m. Thursday we have two Rodeo performances. On Friday morning is the Cutting, which lasts until noon or later. The Queen contest was at 1:00 p.m., the Sr. Scholarship interviews started at 11:00 a.m. and went until 3:00 p.m. The Sr. Night started at 6:30 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. was the membership Dance. Saturday we have two rodeo performances and a Potluck for all the members. Todd also reminded everyone that one of the reasons the cities are willing to pay us to come is in exchange for us being there for a few days. What might seem like down time to some really isn't for others.

Sherri told everyone what the \$65.00 Office charge was used for. It includes the following: Rooms for rodeo personnel, Judges, Timers, Stock Contractors, Dance, Programs, Announcer, Hay & Grain (if not donated), Cutting Judge, Cutting Cattle, etc. The state took in \$7,605.00 for the office fee; we took in \$5,148.00 for the stock fee. We paid out \$13,075.00 for the stock.

We hand out a finance report two times a year, at the fall general membership meeting and at the spring general membership meeting. If you have finance questions please ask. It is very important to come to the meetings.

Tim Segelke brought up the Trailer Ticket sales. Jeff explained that 4 of our members or parents called the Secretary of State and ask them to shut down the ticket sells. They reviewed our ticket and it wasn't illegal but Jeff didn't have the time to go to Denver to prove that we are non-profit and the other things that had to be done, he has a full time job besides being the President of our association. We weren't doing anything illegal but the board decided to terminate the ticket sells and pursue getting a raffle license. We will work on getting a Raffle License and then next year we will have a mandatory ticket sells, if anyone chooses not to be a member because they do not want to sell the tickets, that will be their choice. We still own the horse trailer.

We talked about why we need to sell the tickets. The ticket money helps pay for the state finals awards. Jeff Jones has been the primary person getting all the saddle sponsors. We need to get more self-efficient; people are giving less and less sponsorship money. The ticket sells will guarantee saddles for the state winners if we don't get sponsors.

Siri Stevens said that the bottom line is rodeo is a very expensive sport and that we chose to rodeo so we will have to find ways to fund our sport and not expect other people to sponsor our event. Siri said she would like to help us grow our association.

Kelly Snauffer wants to split the state and have rodeos on the West Slope and rodeos on the East Slope. Jeff explained that there aren't enough members going to the rodeos to split the state. The clubs would not be able to pay for the Stock Contractors if they didn't get enough contestants. Right now we have about 100 contestants going to the High School rodeos.

Stephanie Spitz said she would like to see fewer rodeos. Jeff said the reason we have as many rodeos as we do is so the kids have a place to rodeo and to make money for the state so we can pay all the expenses. The comment was made that when we don't have rodeos the kids don't stay home, they go to other rodeos. The board feels from a business aspect we have the right amount of rodeos.

Kelly Snauffer feels clubs are trying to make money for themselves on the stalls. Todd explained that most clubs aren't trying to make money off the members they are trying to pay for the facilities. Todd Farrington said he feels we need to have the Club Leaders go to their County Commissioners and ask that they lower the price of the facilities.

Wayne Wise suggested we have 1 rodeo a month at a central location. The opposition was how to sale ads for a rodeo in another town. Some people said they didn't think that would be a problem. There was much discussion.

Paxton and Hayden Segelke said they would really like to thank all the people who have really worked hard for the association.

Wayne Wise said he feels the association would be much better if we all had Positive Attitudes. If we come to the meetings just to complain, but have no solutions, nothing gets fixed.

If you have an idea for the association, put it in writing, give it to a board member and we can discuss it at the board meetings. If you really think your suggestion will benefit all members in the association, the board would really like to hear you opinions.

The meeting was adjourned.