

Meeting – March 21, 2020 – 10:00am

Zoom Meeting; In virtual attendance: Ronald Schmidt, Patricia McKean, Peter Bew, Rob Palmer, Susan Wall, Tom Shuckburgh, Cory Hines, Holly Skocdopole, Gary Havel, Sherene Hawkes, Kyle Thomson, Wes Cyr, Tammy Broderson, Neil Heck, Celeste Chaytors, Carmen Freemark, Terrie Barkshire, Amy Shuckburgh, Chase Skocdopole, Payton Smith, Macy Burns, Presley Chaytors, Teran Broderson, Ryatt Thomson & Brooke Baehl

Motion: Cory approved Agenda as presented. Holly 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

Minutes – error in Safety Policy. This has been corrected to read:

- The Rodeo Officials will not start or continue a performance or without EMS on site and/or ambulance present.  
On the Sanction form, committees MUST state the company and/or firm supplying the Ambulance Service

Motion: Ronald Moved to accept amended minutes. Celeste 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

1. **Covid 19** – what will the AHSRA do moving forward.

Rodeos: Discussion on shutting down until April 24/25<sup>th</sup> weekend. Assessing before entries each time. Discussion of School's shutdown and should the AHSRA parallel itself with other school activities. May 1 is another suggestion. Also, discussion until the AB Government changes their public gathering lock down.

Trish explained National's position on what we do for the Provincial Finals. NHSRA Finals are moving forward at this time. It is up to us a Province as to how we move forward.

Motion: Susan moved: AHSRA Rodeos are canceled until May 1. AHSRA will determine how it moves forward past May 1 based on the Government's rules at the time. Payton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried

Motion: Susan moved: All Sanction fees for the cancelled rodeos will be refunded completely. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

Statement will be made by the AHSRA. This will be communicated to the Secretaries and the membership.

2. **Raffle Tickets:** Discussion on Quarantines and extensions for handing in tickets. Terry feels there are options for people to get tickets to the mailbox as well as having someone within the community help members out. The Post Offices are still open. Tickets must be submitted/mailed in. Raffle Coordinator will work with individuals if there are any issues with

ticket submissions and will let the membership know on a one to one basis what the alternative options are - otherwise the same protocol for collecting tickets is in place. let them know.

New members will still have to sell their tickets.

Discussion on memberships being credited back to people and how we respond. After May 1, 2020 we will decide if we are having rodeos and if we will refund memberships purchased after January 1, 2020.

3. **Legal Discussions** re: Mark Price ongoing lawsuit. Mark Price has countered that he will accept a \$25k payout to settle/dismissal. Our Lawyer recommends that AHSRA will allow Mr. Price to withdraw with no cost to either party. The Board was in approval of this response by our Lawyer.
4. **Finances:** Explanation of discrepancy in some of the items listed in this fiscal year (NHSRA Finals costs) (accrual vs. cash).

Motion: Chase moved to approve financials. Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

5. **Insurance coverage.** Discussions on ADD and Event Liability coverage. What should our coverage be?? Susan Wall shared her expertise in providing direction to the board on Liability at the events, who and what is covered and policies we have set in place. Should we be upping our aggregate if possible? Some concern over the number of events we hold and that we could be putting ourselves in a position of trouble.

Motion: Holly moved: The AHSRA hold a \$5 million/occurrence and \$5 million aggregate Even Liability Policy. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

The contestant AD&D will be lowered to \$25k/contestant, keeping it in line with the NHSRA Policy. Director' Liability will remain at the same level.

6. **Raffle** – ticket sales -\$104k in raffle account at the ATB. Next year's raffle would be prepared in June and application sent in around July 20, 2020. A Bid process is in place for the truck and trailers. Traditionally the bids have been going to the same people because they have come in the cheapest, subsequently keeping more money in the scholarship accounts. Hanna Chrysler supplies the truck and Allan Dale Trailers and RV – Trailer. 2 trailers and a truck - \$95k.
7. **Scholarships** – half a dozen in so far. Reference letters written by the Directors are very much appreciated for the kids. Scholarship deadline will remain intact. Emails are an option for the letters required. Packages are still to be mailed into Terrie Barkshire. 50% rule – fall meeting we said they had to attend 50% of rodeos in the Grade 12 year. Questions arose as to how this has been tracked in the past.  
The 50% will just be for Merit Scholarships moving forward not for Provincial Raffle Scholarships. The 50% rule will only consider the rodeos we have held. Further clarification– the 50% rule is not a rule for qualifying for the Provincial Finals.

8. **New NHSRA Rules:** Trish and Ronald reviewed the new rules passed at the MWM. These rules will all be in place for fall 2020. Contestants/parents/committees will need to keep themselves updated on the rule change. Further explanation of the new Patch Policy for State & National Finals and televised events.
9. **Mid Winter Meetings:** Biloxi, MS. Trish S, and Ronald represented Alberta. Of interest, we are viewed as a camping group that rodeos, so the NHSRA is reframing their thought process moving forward for selection of Finals Sites. A priority will be given to: Indoor facilities, minimum 2000 camping spots and 1500 stalls. New Secretary was well received at the National level. Trish received additional training on the MMS database.
10. **Casino Dates:** August 22, 23, 2020 – these will most likely change due to the Covid 19 outbreak. Before this we had asked to have our casino moved to the final quarter of the year.
11. **Gaming** – We are still sitting in excess of what we are allowed to carry forward. Trish and Patricia are working extensively with the AGLC to confirm what is needed to become compliant with the rules of the AGLC. We need confirmation on GIC's to determine the exact amount - AGLC is still working on this and our 2019 filing. The AHSRA needs to determine what %'s we want to allocate to the various approved 'use of proceeds'. Approximately 50K still needs to be allocated to expenses. Scholarships, national fees, etc.... were discussed. Should it be for all HS kids, Nationals, etc..... committees, etc....Clinics are also an option.

Motion: Holly moved that we give each student a \$100.00 credit (from gaming proceeds) towards the costs of attending Nationals in 2020 - both Jr and HS. Celeste. 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

12. **Equipment lists:** Board members reviewed Equipment list compiled by Trish S. and the District Secretaries. Discussion on card makers, arena equipment, etc. All equipment listed is approved and the District Secretaries and VP's will coordinate the purchases within their own District. If any additional equipment not on the list is required, it will need approval by the board. Electric eyes and barrel covers will be purchased by the AHSRA.
13. **Scholarship dates:** Discussion of only paying out scholarships on (3) separate dates throughout the year.  
Motion: Tom moved the dates for scholarship payments - October 15, January 15 and April 15 the final scholarship per calendar year. Amy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.
14. **Memberships:** 2020 memberships must ALL be processed online, and it is the responsibility of the membership to complete these themselves. Guidelines are provided on the AHSRA website.  
Motion: Celeste – The AHSRA membership fees and the NHSRA membership fees must all be paid online through the National MMS dbase. Contestants are responsible for the service charges incurred. Carmen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.
15. **Cinch Team Captains:** Regarding the Leadership Cinch position - the board supports having the HS captains' mentor the JH Captains - AB supports the hands-off approach and allowing the kids

decide. Discussion on having D3 kids fully included as well. We suggest the kids figure out the game plan if they need help, they will ask for it. Suggestions that the kids talk to the other Student Presidents and get a list of names. Tammy Burns and Tammy Broderson will be adults if they need help.

16. **Grade 6 Incentive Award:** Discussion of this award money being paid out of gaming and not by the Districts.

Motion: Holly moved: Money for the Grade 6 Incentive Awards to come out of the Gaming account. \$250/student (male and female) with 18 months to use. Money must be used towards a clinic. Chase 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

17. **Season leader awards:** will still go ahead for the 2020 season regardless of the length of the season.

18. **VP and Secretary positions:** up for election this spring – as per the AHSRA By Laws. Secretary is 2-year term or longer and VP and President are 2-year position.

19. **Camping Policy** – how will we allot camping spots at Nationals when we know there is a shortage of spots for all. Proposed Policy: When the requested camping spots exceed what are provided by the NHSRA Finals, Alberta will follow these guidelines for allotting spots and determining who shall be in the overflow camping:

1. All Provincial Champions will be awarded one spot each.
2. All contestants that have requested (1) spot will be placed next – if spaces are exceeded at this point, this shall be a random draw for finalists placing 2-4.
3. Additional family spots will then be allotted a space – this will be a random draw.
4. If a contestant is in overflow camping, they will be offered a spot with the entire group before any roll ups are awarded this spot – this too shall be random with no priority given to any District.

20. **Cow horse and cutting** – Discussion of gaming money being available for judges and livestock in Cutting and Reined Cow Horse at District rodeos. Rob has asked this and will put together some financials to support his ask. Discussion on how this would be fair across the board for all of the events. Thoughts of distributing gaming money to each District and let the Districts select on how they may use it at a committee level. Supporting documents/invoices would be required to ensure we are in compliance with the AGLC Use of Proceeds.

21. **Policy and Procedures Updates:**

Motion: Ronald moved: The contracted bookkeeper and the Chairman of the Board shall have access to all banking platforms. Cory 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carried.

Motion: Holly moved: The Membership deadline is moved to February 1, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried .1 OPPOSED.

Motion: Celeste moved: These will be a LATE FEE on memberships. A \$50 additional fee on Jr or HS memberships shall be added after August 1 for the New rodeo year. Carmen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

Optional Events Clarification: Cow horse, Cutting, Jr Division BB and SB - the season points a contestant has won, will not be counted towards the All Around for Provincial Awards. In Optional Events, only the points awarded at the finals will count towards Provincial All around points.

Mandatory Meeting at the Finals – Discussion of enforcing the ‘mandatory’ element of the meeting.

Motion: Trevor moved: **Roll call** will be taken at the Mandatory Meeting. If a contestant is not in attendance at the mandatory meeting (without a noted approved excuse) they shall be fined \$50.00 payable to the Contestant’s District. This must be paid before the contestant can compete. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

Finals Entries - 5 Day Policy and 48-hour notification policy -allow it to stay as it stands and review it after this year’s finals.

Ticket Policy – is their or should there be room for appeal when a contestant does not return their tickets and money on time??

Motion: Gary moved: We remove the portion of the policy where a student has the right to appeal when their tickets are not in on time. Cory 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried Jamie will review with Terrie on the policy.

AB Rule – Ribbon Roping – leave as is highlighted in the Policies until it is confirmed by nationals in the rulebook.

22. **Finals Review.** Discussion of what we do for prizes, saddles, buckles, etc....for the finals and what we do as a Province. Are we willing to allow adjustments to their bids? If we can use Gaming/General funds in some capacity to help with the finals, should we? Unanimous that the Province is here to support our Final’s Committees. Olds Go round buckles have already ben ordered for the HS finals. The Province will request that each committee provides a revamped proposal and the board will review them. Items the committees need help with, will be reviewed and the Board will decide what they are able to assist with. Nanton will also be allowed the same option to revamp their proposal. Each committee to provide a revamped proposal.

23. **Betty’s invoice.** Discussion on hours billed by Betty.

Motion: Celeste moved: The AHSRA will pay the hours charged and the yahoo email bill; however, we will not pay for the yahoo email account moving forward. This is the end of financial compensation for services provided by Betty Leischner. Neil second. Carried.

The Board is requesting again that the AHSRA email that Betty has be deleted.

24. **Website update.** The creators of the website had some health issues, and this has delayed the new website. It will be launched at the end of this season.
25. **New Zealand and AB** - we put on hold any plans moving forward with student exchanges until the Covid 19 Outbreak is resolved.
26. **June meeting** will be held at Olds College allowing us to utilize the call-in feature.

Contract Personnel asked to leave room – discussion of these positions by the remaining board members.

27. **CES, Points and Raffle/Scholarship** will be reviewed more in depth and the positions will be opened for applications – details to follow as per the Chairman of the Board.