

BCHSRA MID WINTER GENERAL MEETING ~ MINUTES

Sun Rivers, Kamloops, February 20, 2010

Meeting brought to order at 1:15pm.

Directors in attendance:

Fritz Maier, Kelly Braaten, Ken Allison, Kevin Spiers, Connie Jasper, Leanne Pozzobon, Luke Pozzobon, Schaan Perry, Norman Kerr, Sandy Chevallier

Directors Absent:

Darrel Schneider, Ed Gardiner, Lynn Peck, Lynnette Mills, Robin Milliken, Sam Oakford.

Student Executive attending:

Kelcie Mills, Melissa Gamache, Jaylene Stewart, Justine Plecas

Others Present:

See attached attendance sheet. (17 student members, 21 associate members, 2 non-members)

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Schann Perry, second by Ken Allison. Passed

Adoption of Minutes of the February 9, 2009 minutes as posted on website:

Motion by Schaan Perry, second by Kevin Spiers. Passed

REPORTS:

National Meetings Report

- Fritz Maier, BC National Director travelled on behalf of BCHSRA to Gonzalas, Louisiana to the National High School Rodeo Association winter meetings.
- Animal Welfare was a big discussion issue, with plans to be more pro active and offensive than in the past.
- There is a new program called Build a Cowboy promoting up training for the sport.
- NHSRA awards in the range of \$166,000 in Scholarship money.
- The Shooting Events that are very popular in the US could be possible to have here in BC, as there is a trainer/coach in BC. The NRA sponsors the whole event the there are scholarships available as well. There only has to be one event to qualify to enter at the NHSRA Finals.
- Student Delegates must attend the NHSRA Finals. We were given leniency last year due to the VS virus last year. We need to have all 4 student executives plus an alternate available to attend.
- Gist Buckles will give back 2% to foundation scholarships.
- Corral Coats has come on as a new national sponsor.
- There is a new fund for an Anti-Terrorism Program to help fight back against activist groups such as PETA and SHARK.
- We will need to co-ordinate two baskets on behalf of BC for the Cowboy Crisis Fund, basket auction at the Wrangler Division National Finals and the High School National Finals.
- The Safety Seminars are mandatory. NHSRA will be producing some videos and cd's in cooperation with the PRCA and PBR to help with these.
- Calgary has put in a bid for the 2014 National High School Rodeo Finals

Financial Report - Leanne Pozzobon

- Financial Report from KMPG Accounting firm was circulated.
 - Funds were received from Canadian HSR Finals – Williams Lake \$2000 and that was directed to the Scholarship Account.
 - Funds in Old Wrangler Division Account \$4431.75. All money brought in from the Wrangler program will be directed to the Wrangler Division and its finals and program growth.
- Motion to accept financial report was made by Leslie Wright, second by Connie Jasper. Passed

Sponsorship Update - Sandy Chevallier, Norman Kerr

- BCRA – Back with memberships for HS & WD.
- Pushor Mitchell
- Best Bandages - Product
- Possibly have 1 or 2 saddle sponsors
- Request to have better information supplied to committees with our BC Sponsors listed better for the rodeo daysheets.
- If anyone knows of potential sponsors, please contact Sandy and we will work out advertising options.

Scholarship Update - Angie Cahill sent a report and Kelly Braaten read it to members.

Questions and discussion from floor:

David Wright - What kind of questions will the students be asked during interviews?

- Can the packages be available on the website?
- What is the process the students will go through to apply for scholarships?

Lee Fennel - Is there any way to have interviews prior to Finals so kids can focus on their competition better?

Connie Jasper - Explained the finals location is easier to coordinate interviewers and create consistency for all students.

- The board does approve the people chosen to do the interviews

Norman Kerr - Explained history of the scholarship program.

Fritz Maier - Talked about NHSRA scholarships available. There is one program that will match anything we send toward scholarships.

Raffle Update - Leanne has raffle organized.

- First Prize is CFR weekend package.
- Second Prize is \$500 gas voucher
- Third Prize will be a Wii
- Member who sells the most tickets will win \$150 gift Certificate from a NHSRA Sponsor
- This will be a **Mandatory Membership Support Program** and all members will pay up front \$100 for their tickets.
- Wrangler kids fund raising will go towards the Wrangler program awards and High School fund raising will go toward High School awards.
- We will get 400 books printed. Available in April.

Bingo Update - Connie Jasper

- All paperwork has been submitted. This current agreement expires in June 2010. After that, the gaming funds will be on a year-to-year approval. This year we are expecting approximately \$25,000 as a last payment of our current 2 year agreement.

Wrangler Division Finals Update - Sandy Chevallier

- *The 2010 BC Wrangler Division Finals will be at Quesnel rodeo grounds, May 21-23, 2010.*

- Points - Because of province split into regions, a revision to the qualifying points and points awarded at the finals needed to be revised. It was decided to have one system for both Wrangler and High School. We will be trying to build the Wrangler Division to become a “qualifying finals” in the next year or so, instead of an open rodeo that all members can enter.

POINTS FOR WRANGLER DIVISION AND HIGH SCHOOL FINALS QUALIFIERS

The top 12 Season Leaders from each region will be awarded 120 points for 1st place down to 10 points for 12th place coming into the finals. At the finals there will be 30 points per go (from 1st to 10th) and 40 points in the average (from 1st to 10th)

Top 12 Season Leaders from each region will start the finals with the following points:

1 st	120 points	7 th	60 points
2 nd	110 points	8 th	50 points
3 rd	100 points	9 th	40 points
4 th	90 points	10 th	30 points
5 th	80 points	11 th	20 points
6 th	70 points	12 th	10 points

High School Finals Update – High School – Kelcie Mills, Ken Allison , Leanne Pozzobn

- *The 2010 BC High School Finals will be at Merritt Pro Rodeo Grounds, June 11-13, 2010.*

- Qualifications. To qualify you must place in the top 12 in an event in your region, have your Mandatory BCHSRA Raffle Ticket fund raiser paid for and be a member in good standing.

- Finals Personnel – Connie has a notice for bids now out and on the website for Photographer, Announcer, Timers, Judges, Stock Contractors etc.

- Fees will be \$60 per event member qualifies in. Payout proposed for go-round winners.

- Student Executive has requested Victory Laps in the go-rounds at HS finals.

- Saddles will be awarded to the finals champions.

Year-end Awards Update - Leanne Pozzobon

- Awards committee met to discuss expenses. The goal is to have the season leader buckles (60+) covered by the raffle revenue.

- The Board made a decision to award Finals Champion saddles in all events in the form of a \$1200 voucher.

- Discussion followed. The vouchers program will need better clarification than in the past, so winners understand their options.

Queen Event Update - Darcey Woods

- Princess crown will be required as old one is no longer available.

- Queen Seminar will be in Kamloops, March 26-28, 2010 and Wrangler Division members are welcome to attend as well.

- NHSRA has combined the two horsemanship patterns into one pattern for the next Nationals so we will start to use the new pattern this spring.

- Speech topic has been announced as well.

Cutting Event Update - Wendell Stoltzfuz

- If anyone has questions, please contact Wendell directly at 250-378-2908 or check www.ncha.com
- Will try to have Cutting at Merritt, Armstrong, Williams Lake.
- Will try to get cattle and judges donated.
- BC Cutting Horse Association has a Clinic & Scholarship available to HS members.
- Canadian Cutting Horse Association has the Hans Hansma(?) Scholarship.
- At the fall rodeos we did award a 60 score with points by accident and that needs to be fixed. A 60 score is equivalent to a no-time/no-score, and should not get points.

Clothing/Merchandise Update - Kelly Braaten

- The fall orders made approximately \$1000. Kelly is working with Student Executive to pick a few new items for spring.

Home School Reporting Requirements Update - Sandy Chevallier, Fritz Maier

- Fritz reported from NHSRA Meeting that there are issues with the reporting process in almost all states and provinces. The term "Accredited" home school is one that is to be considered. U.S. may implement Qualifying Tests for homeschooled competitors to be eligible to compete.
- Goal is to have new and clearer guidelines for BC ready for the AGM in May.

Report Card Update - Sandy reported on behalf of Lynn Peck

- Report cards have been coming in now quite steady.
- Lynn commented on the outstanding work our members are doing and how great the majority of what she is seeing has been so far.
- The students that make the Honor Role or Principles List will be acknowledged on the website.
- Report Cards are due March 15/10 to Lynn Peck.

North Region Report (on rodeos, etc.) - Kevin Speirs

- Most supplies purchased – pole bases, box pads, etc.
- Kevin Speirs will take spare timer to North.
- All flags and banners for the north have been looked after.

South Region Report (on rodeos, etc.) - Norman Kerr

- Connie did up the job descriptions for Event Reps, they are now on the website.

Website

- New website is up and running, just waiting for the web hosting site address change over. We can still use the link from the old site for the time being.

Constitution And Bylaws

- All information has been sent to lawyer and review is started.

Mandatory Safety Seminars

- Proposed schedule has been given to Williams Lake committee rep, Kelly Braaten. Kelly will review and make time table changes to fit their schedule.
- Adult reps will cover their events. They need to cover rules and safety and may need to find qualified helpers. A time frame per event will be planned as well. Attendance will be taken.
- HS Student Reps will also take part in the Wrangler Division Seminars

Annual General Meeting –

- The AGM will be in Quesnel on the May long weekend of the Wrangler Division Finals. This is a North/South co-approval with Wrangler. Will notify members of time & place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rodeo Approvals & Co-Approvals

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| - Deadman's Creek | - April 10 – 11 | APPROVED |
| - Fort St. John | - April 24-25 | NOT APPROVED YET
(Currently has AB as 1 st approval, BC 2 nd approval) |
| - Prince George | - May 8 – 9 | APPROVED |
| - Hudson Hope | - May 29 – 30 | APPROVED |
| - Dawson Creek | - June 5-6 | APPROVED |

Annual General Meeting – Lee Fennell

- Will we be able to elect new directors from the floor at the AGM. It was understood that 14 days prior was what has been done in past. Sandy will clarify this prior to AGM Agenda being posted.
- Associate memberships must be purchased 30 days prior to the AGM to be eligible for a vote.

Arena Safety – David Wright

- Discussion regarding harrowing prior to the Goat Tying. The girls are landing in big ruts left from previous events and could easily be injured and out for the season. We will recommend to committees that they should harrow at least the goat run area prior to the event.
- There is a guideline for rodeo committees in the NHSRA Rule Book (page 95).

Kamloops Rodeo Club – Wilana Collins

- The Kamloops Rodeo club members have been doing a great job promoting High School Rodeo within their High Schools. They are having meetings and dummy roping events at school and generally making other kids aware of the High School Rodeo opportunities. Great job by all needed to be acknowledged!

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm with a motion made by Darryl Braaten and second by Schaan Perry.