

**Mid-States Rodeo Association
Directors Meeting
March 2, 2025
Grand Island, NE**

Jason called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Directors in attendance were: Jason Schnoor, Bailey Bender, Justin Boots, Miles Kreeger, Kelley Haythorn, Grand Turek, Brittini Bradley, Chad Heinert, and Mark Lovitt. Also in attendance were Hastings fairboard members: Patrick Niles, Andrea Engle, Brad Stark, and Seth Andersen.

The previous minutes were read from the meeting hosted in Kearney. No corrections or updates were needed. Kelley moved to approve, Miles second. All in favor, none opposed, minutes passed.

A current financial report was given. There are still checks that need to be cleared - those people will be contacted and they will be issued a new check out of our current Pinnacle account. Discussion was had about paying Teskey's we will pay 50% now and 50% later, it was mentioned that Pam would contact Teskeys to make this arrangement like they have been made in past years. We still need to collect \$4,553.80 from the Broken Bow committee. Miles made the motion to approve the financial report, Chad second. All in favor, none opposed, financial report passed.

Discussion was had with the Hastings fairboard members on the 2025 finals. We will extend a two year contract that will be drafted up by our lawyer. Clarification was given that stalls and plug-ins are charged per night. Camping will be booked online with dumping stations on grounds: Electric \$25, Water & Electric \$30, Full Hook-Ups \$35. Stalls will be booked the day of check in - contestants will be asked to pick out manure friday night/saturday morning and the fairboard will use a skid steer to clear that manure from the alleyway. Contestants will then be asked to pull all stall contents out at the end of the weekend and place it in the alleyway to properly be disposed of. It was mentioned to possibly have some mid states members sign a waiver with the fairboard to have clearance to operate equipment if needed. The Hastings fairboard will block off the infield for stock contractor use. The mid-states association will be able to use their own box pads and barrel covers for each performance. We will need to discuss a plan about having the cowboy auction due to legalities: date, location, food, and advertisement will need to be worked out. The fairboard will have a DJ and a beer garden on the grounds Friday and Saturday nights. Discussion was had about having Beau Coleman back as the chute boss - cost will be split between the association and fair board. Tonka Baj and Jake will host the mandatory contestant production meeting. The Hastings fairboard will provide 10-16 bales of quality hay for the stock contractors to use. Ticket prices, beer sales, and programs are up to the fair board to handle. We will need to finalize production times and place them in the contract - times mentioned were: Friday 6pm, Saturday 6:30/7pm, and Sunday 1pm.

Next we moved onto discussing the entryline. Prices for 2025 will be \$5.50 and will be moved to \$6.00 in 2026. The board decided that 12-4PM will be the minimum hours that the entryline needs to be open and should be extended on a rodeo schedule basis to accommodate busier times like the 4th of July week. The board voted between offering Tyson a one year contract or a two year contract. All were in favor of extending a two year contract for the 2025 & 2026 rodeo seasons, none were opposed - motion passed. Jason will work on drafting said contract.

Discussion was had about saddle and buckle bids - Pam was not present to present her Bid from Sloane. It was determined to gather all remaining bids and email them out to the directors over the next couple weeks.

Next we needed to make changes to our Pinnacle bank account. Grant made a motion to add Pamela Hollenbeck to the current checking account, Miles second. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Miles also made a motion to open a money market account by transferring the current account out of the First Interstate account and Brittini second. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Justin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15pm, Mark second, all in favor, none opposed, motion to adjourn passed.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bailey R Bender".

Secretary
Mid-States Rodeo Association