

M-SRA Agenda  
October 26th @ 1PM  
Hungry Horse Saloon, Ericson NE

Present: Andy Knott, Taylor Davis, Bailey Bender, Terry Graff, Justin Boots, JR Clouse, Miles Kreeger, Rod Palmer, Scott Hollenbeck, JD Hoover, Mark Lovitt, Brittini Bradley, Brook Jamison, Danielle Wray, Ginalee Sinner, Spencer Sinner, Nate Bausch, Pam Hollenbeck. Others present were Jill Hudson.

Pam opened the meeting at 1:00 pm. The previous minutes were read, Andy made a motion to approve them without change and Taylor second. All in favor, none opposed.

Discussion was had as people looked over the financials - Taylor made a motion to approve without changes, Terry second. All in favor, none opposed.

Next, Pam read the rule proposals and results. These will be updated, added, or changed in the 2026 rule book. Bailey will get these off to the printers and will hope to have them back in time to hand out at the fairboard convention in January. In this ballot Payton Gorwill and Scott Hollenebeck were running against each other as stock contractor representatives. Payton received 5 votes and Scott received two - two stock contractors did not vote. With those results, Payton will take over as stock contractor rep on the MSRA board for a two year term ending in 2027.

From there we moved onto discussing the Vice President vacancy. Pam was elected Vice President due to no other candidates running against her - this term would run until 2027. Due to the unexpected passing of Jason Schnoor (current President) on October 3rd, Pam will now become the president. Per the rulebook any vacancy can be appointed by the President - that being said Pam asked Spencer Sinner if he would take on the role as Vice President. Spencer agreed and no one voiced opposition or concern.

Next, we moved into a recap on the 2025 finals hosted in Hastings. The hay was great, back pens were plenty, and the rough stock and timed event alleys were appreciated. For next year, a return alley would be nice, especially in the event of any inclement weather. Everyone was pleased with the run time of the rodeo and all the extra help from MSRA members and the Adams County Fairboard was a blessing. Bailey then went into detail about the office part of things: three office people was the perfect amount ensuring checks were cut in a timely manner and things flowed smoothly. Next year contestants will receive their back number and two wristbands to avoid people taking more than necessary. Stock contractor checks will be cut directly to the card holder and they can be divided up to sub contractors if necessary. Next year we need to have a stricter check-in deadline or better communication with those that are going to be late. To avoid having to change payout last minute before the performance started. We will continue with a sponsorship deadline for next year, money can be turned in at Johnstown but must be communicated to Bailey by August 31st. Next year, check or cash will be the only forms of payment accepted in order to avoid extra fees and maximize donor money.

Next year, stalls and hook ups will be mandatory to be purchased if staying on the rodeo grounds. Contestants will not be able to run generators, build pens, or tie out horses. This will be policed by the Adams County Fairboard. If a contestant is in violation of this agreement and is approached by a fairboard member, they choose not to correct their actions. They will be charged for their hook up/stall and will be placed on the MSRA blacklist with an additional \$100 fine/offense. Taylor made a motion to enforce this policy, Andy second. All in favor, none opposed.

With the discussion of stalls - hoses at the stalls would be appreciated for next year. We would also appreciate the grounds being fogged for insects. We also need to ask if the Adams County secretary would move her stall/camper hook up check in out by the MSRA office staff to make it more convenient for the contestants. This would also make it easier for MSRA board members to monitor contestant behavior as we were told some acted foolish. We really appreciate the great facilities provided by Adams County and look forward to upholding a positive relationship with their staff.

From there we moved into new news, Jill gave an explanation of the entry line and voiced several concerns that she was approached with as she secretaried rodeos. Contestants are questioning why they are being charged so many entry line fees. A change to the contract needs to state that late entry money will go back to the MSRA and the local secretary. While changing the contract the entry line will be increased to \$6 and only one entryline will be charged per contestant. Books also need to be released to the local secretary within 24 hours of call backs ending.

We also accepted the resignation of Dori Hollenback as one of the barrel racing directors per a phone call request to Bailey last week. Keva will retain her position and will need to reach out to the other barrel racers about finding a solution to their vacancy.

Discussion was had about the opportunity we have in November when we partner with the IPRA to host the Tri-City Rodeo in Kearney. We look forward to this event and its potential. Pam will take membership forms with her to Kearney in hopes of gaining new members. Andy made a motion that 2026 cards need to be bought by January 31, 2026 in order for money won in Kearney to count toward the 2026 standings. We held a vote between January 1st or 31st, the date of the 31st won 11 in favor to 7 opposed.

Then we moved into discussion of sponsorship money that needs to be raised by a director in order to compete at finals in the event that they do not qualify on money won throughout the year. Danielle made a motion to make the minimum amount be \$1,500 this is NOT to include product value. We again held a vote with the majority voting in favor of this.

Then we moved on to the fairboard convention. Terry, Pam, and Bailey will be in attendance at this on January 23-25th in Kearney. Bailey will book hotel rooms, registration, and round up some promotional products to hand out.

We then talked about sponsorship forms - they need to be revised for the 2026 year. Everyone was encouraged to look them over and bring ideas to the next meeting.

We then moved onto the judges clinic. Andy made a motion to have it in Ord along with the bronc school. Justin will reach out to the Valley County fair board about potential dates and will coordinate with Bailey to get this set up and advertisements sent out. From there we will work on getting instructors lined up - Ray Brown, Darin Boots, and Paul Cleveland were all suggested.

Miles made the motion to adjourn at 2:30PM, Andy second. All in favor, none opposed.

The next meeting will be January 25th in Kearney, NE at the Frye Bar & Grill at 1PM.

Respectfully Submitted

***Bailey R Bender***

Bailey R Bender, Secretary