



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023, AT 6:30 PM

JAMES R. SULLIVAN EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS

MINUTES

Meeting

Attendance: Ryan Kennedy, Matt Coyle, Debbie Mills, John Adams, Zach Burns, Tori Thelen, Gabe Ryan, and Tom Harris

Remuda Award- John notified the committee that this was the 19th time the award had been presented. John discussed previous Remuda Rodeo winners. John discussed what a privilege it is to win the award. Polaris Razor and a bronze are given to the Remuda award winner. John also discussed being nominated for all three PRCA Mountain State Circuit Awards- Most Improved, Best Grounds, and Large Rodeo of the Year.

Renewal of PRCA rodeo subcontractors- John discussed renewing several of the subcontractors for Rodeo 2024. The committee recommends that Summit stock and Rita Creek scoreboard contracts be renewed. In September 2024, a new RFP for subcontractors for the Fair & Rodeo in 2025 will go out. Hometown Rodeo contractors, Tyler Jolly and Payson Peterson were also recommended for renewal for 2024. The committee recommends the vet, Littleton Equine, be renewed as the rodeo veterinarian in 2024.

Clean up Monday after the Fair- John discussed Monday evening being a clean-up day after the Fair & Rodeo. John mentioned only a few directors attended and they were primarily volunteers. John requested everyone involved with the Rodeo committee to contribute to clean up on Monday because it is a lot of work and hard to accomplish with few people.

Hometown Rodeo- John discussed stipulating in events that contestants must keep forward progress. Gabe discussed that it is difficult to recite rules when contestants ask questions. Gabe recommended posting a copy of the rules near the arena. John preferred for the committee members to direct all rule questions to him. John will then refer them to the rule.

Associate Nominations- Debbie recommends Kate Wormington and Monica Dearing as Rodeo associates to present to the Fair Board. The committee also recommends that Ryan Kennedy be an associate member to the Fair Board. Matt Coyle, Josiah Fredericks, Deb Dilly, Chase Lutz, and Laura Martin are current associates. The committee decided that Laura Martin would not be recommended to renew her associate title. John discussed the importance of timeliness and work ethic among the Rodeo committee.

Plan of Work- John discussed the plan of work and rodeo task list with the committee. John talked about the expected agenda for the year. The rodeo committee has its schedule planned out within the year, with very few changes. Tom Harris requested that John send everyone on the committee a copy of the plan of work and task list. John said the goal of Rodeo is to put on the best damn Rodeo and hospitality they can. John met with Michelle previously to condense meetings to be more efficient, and if there are no agenda items, the rodeo committee does not meet.

PRCA Rodeo Convention- Dec 4-7 in Las Vegas. John asked if anyone was interested in attending the conference to contact him.

Stock Show Dinner- Debbie notified the committee that the dinner is on Saturday, January 20th, at 6 p.m., and the performance is at 8 p.m.

Mountain States Circuit- Finals are held on Friday, October 20th, followed by the awards ceremony.

Next Meeting: Tentatively February 14, 2023

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