



St. Paul Rodeo Association

Member Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

After what was an amazing 2021 and 85th Annual St. Paul Rodeo, we are now gearing up for our 86th. The wheels are moving forward expecting our event to be unrestricted and a resemblance of the new normal, whatever that is. I say unrestricted, but we will follow all State and County health guidance in place at the time of our event.

I'd like to take the opportunity one more time, and it probably won't be my last, to thank you all for an unbelievable 2021 and 85th Annual SPR. You really stepped up and gave our community and our patrons what we all needed. You should all be proud of what we accomplished – it was quite a year!

Moving forward, your Board of Directors have been working hard to make 2022's event even better. We have a busy schedule starting later this month with our Annual All-Member Meeting, Saturday, February 26th, starting at 5:00 pm at the St. Paul City Hall. Please mark your calendars. Prime rib is on the dinner menu and an open bar will follow the meeting. Your Board of Directors has authorized some exciting new capital improvement projects that will make you proud and these will all be discussed at a high level during the meeting. We also have four Board positions that are up for election. Three incumbents are running again, Brian Love, Sam McKillip, and myself. Grant McKillip is retiring from the Board after 24 years of service. Thank you, Grant, for your years of service and your dedication to making our Rodeo the best it can be! We currently have two members interested in filling board positions and their letters are included in this newsletter.

Please review the included 2022 schedule for upcoming activities. Lots of volunteer opportunities will also present themselves as we approach our annual event and as always, we appreciate you stepping up to help out when you can.

We are looking forward to introducing our new Court to the Membership at the meeting and are very excited to have each of them as our ambassadors for 2022. Welcome Queen Sarah, Princess Hope and Princess Macy!

We also have an exciting new class of Members this year so please take the time to introduce yourself and give them the St. Paul Rodeo welcome at our upcoming Rodeo activities.

Lots going on and lots to do. Thank you all for your continued loyalty and hard work for our St. Paul Rodeo, our tradition, and our greater community. Let's make 2022 the best yet!

Randy Ernst, President

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the St. Paul Rodeo Association will take place Saturday, February 26, 2022, at St. Paul Community Hall at 5:00 pm. The business of the organization will take place with a review of 2021, financial update, committee awards and a Prime Rib dinner following.

BOARD ELECTIONS: As per the St. Paul Rodeo Association By-Laws the membership has the duty to elect members to the Association's board. The board is charged with overseeing the day-to-day business of the Association, as well as planning for the future.

Three incumbents are running again: Brian Love, Sam McKillip, and Randy Ernst. One incumbent director, Grant McKillip, has announced he will not be seeking another term. Members will vote for four positions.

A huge thank you to Grant for his dedication to the St. Paul Rodeo! Grant's duties included Hospitality, Fireworks, and Insurance. The President may add, subtract, or trade duties among board members at his discretion.

Letters and resumes of those (in alphabetical order):

BOARD CANDIDATE: MARY DOOTSON

This letter announces my intention to run for the St. Paul Rodeo Association's Board of Directors. My vision is to help move our Rodeo forward, bring in new ideas, increase communication within our organization, and to uphold the traditions that have made us the best 4th of July Rodeo in the West.

My family began attending the St Paul Rodeo in 2005. After several years of enjoyment, we found our way to give back as volunteers – and in 2015, we became members. In the years since, I have volunteered in the ticket office, at many work parties and at trail ride breakfasts. I've also worked the gates, the souvenir booth, thank you parties, and many other events.

Two years after becoming a member, I was asked to co-chair the committee for Vendors and Concessions with my husband, Bryce. We receive vendor applications year 'round, and in February we send contracts to the selected vendors, collect payments, organize the layout of the concessions area, and respond to any issues that arise during rodeo week. From 2017 when we assumed vendor responsibility through 2021, the Rodeo's income from vendors increased from \$37,000 to \$100,000.

I see the organization growing in many ways and as a director, I will work hard and be open to new ideas. I'll listen to and communicate with our members. I'll get the job done using my leadership and organizational skills as I work with the Board and committee members.

I'm proud of our organization and of the jobs we volunteers do which results in the greatest July 4th Rodeo anywhere. Please consider me for the position of board member of the St. Paul Rodeo. I'll get the job done!

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Dootson

Professional Experience

Current: Retired - work with husband dismantling and recycling components of commercial refrigeration units
1979 – 2006: Intel

Community Volunteer Activity

St. Paul Rodeo Association Member: Hard working volunteer at numerous activities, and co-chair of Vendors & Concessions.

Keizer Elks Lodge #2472 - 2016 - present: Member and Board Trustee responsible for maintaining budget conformance and for daily operations. Also, volunteering to bring bingo to the veterans at the Portland VA Medical Center., I served meals at our lodge during our Veterans Day and Octoberfest dinners, and help grow our membership.

Miss America Program – 20-year volunteer

Began as an assistant in the dressing room, moved on to become the co-director of The Miss Washington County/ Miss Sunset Corridor Programs. Responsibilities included, planning budgets, gathering sponsors, choosing judges, & escorting winner(s) of the Miss Oregon Program.

Interests:

Fishing, Camping, Cooking, 401k Investing, Volunteering.

BOARD CANDIDATE: CODY MCKILLIP

St. Paul Rodeo Members,

Growing up my favorite rodeo of the year happened over the fourth of July, and this still rings true today. I am honored to have the opportunity to possibly step into a leadership role to help keep this a standard within the world of rodeo and continue to grow the tradition of the St. Paul Rodeo. My name is Cody McKillip, and I was born and raised in St. Paul. I have been a part of our family catering business for most of my life and volunteered countless hours to the St. Paul Rodeo Hospitality tent.

As a little kid from St. Paul seeing the lights, fireworks, and rodeo action; I was in heaven. As one matures you start to realize the hard work that goes into this rodeo production. I started volunteering early in my life, well before I became a member of the St. Paul Rodeo. I became a member in 2014 but have contributed to this rodeo long before that. I truly love the sport of rodeo and the lifestyle that accompanies it. The world we live in is as challenging as I've ever known, and I feel rodeo is a way to keep us grounded in our roots and heritage. I take so much pride in the fact I was raised in St. Paul and want to keep making sure we continue to progress within the world of rodeo.

I have taken a very active role in running the hospitality tent over the past 5 years and feel confident in my ability to continue to lead within this group. I have spent many hours in the hospitality tent and have experience overcoming the challenges and obstacles that come about before, during, and after the rodeo. Although I do not know everything involved on the director's side of this role, I feel my experience can continue to make this successful and enable our rodeo to be a "host of choice" for cowboys, contestants, and sponsors. I am levelheaded and quick to think on my feet to overcome challenges we may face and have firsthand experience tackling these issues in the hospitality tent. I feel I'm an open and approachable person who can engage the volunteers within my area to help the hospitality tent continue to prosper.

I am here to put the rodeo first. I want to make this rodeo better and help make it live up to the standard as “the Nation’s greatest 4th of July rodeo.” The rodeo we represent is much greater than the individual involved, and I want to maintain that mentality as a leader within this organization. I have been invested in this organization for a very long time and feel I’m ready for this next big step. I’m excited to have the opportunity to represent this great rodeo and to take a leadership role in keeping the standards high and to maintain our rodeo tradition.

I am not here for the title, but here for the job and to help the sport we all love continue to grow and prosper for generations to come. To enable my sons to grow up loving the sport, the way of life and the hard work it takes to keep St. Paul the best place to be every 4th of July!

Thank you for your consideration.
Cody McKillip

HALL OF FAME TENT & WILD WEST ART SHOW

The St. Paul Rodeo Hall of Fame Tent will be back this year. The Wild West Art Show and the St. Paul Rodeo Board of Directors made the decision to discontinue the Art Show and continue the Hall of Fame Tent.

The Wild West Art Show has offered the patrons of the St. Paul Rodeo a very unique and special experience, and we are grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. The artists that came each year have truly become part of the St. Paul Rodeo Family.

The Hall of Fame Tent offered a family-friendly meeting place to have enjoy cold Coors and Coke products, partake in the rodeo vendors food, shop for collectibles, view the St. Paul Rodeo Hall of Fame Display and the information booth.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 1st

Each year, St. Paul Rodeo sponsors two (2) \$4,000 scholarships. One of them goes to a graduating St. Paul High School senior, and the second is available to a son or daughter of a St. Paul Rodeo member. The applicant(s) can be either a graduating high school senior (any school) or a college undergrad.

Applications are available on our website and the submission deadline is April 1st.



ROYAL COURT CORONATION

Join us for the grand St. Paul Rodeo tradition of the Royal Court Coronation on Saturday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Community Hall. Queen Sarah Potter and Princesses Hope Riesterer and Macy Montgomery look forward to the official kickoff of rodeo season in St. Paul. Photo by Jeff Wong.

BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING

The 5th St. Paul Rodeo Association Best Practices Workshop will take place on Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 am at St. Paul Community Hall. It is open to all members.

This workshop also gives the committee chairs an opportunity to share with the group what needs they might have as we march forward to the 86th St. Paul Rodeo. We will also review St. Paul Rodeo's Strategic Goals & Objectives, update the group on exciting Capital Improvement projects and offer helpful information to improve our event.

Stay tuned for more about what will be covered in this session. If you have suggestions on topics you would like covered please contact Cindy at 719-440-7255 or manager@stpaulrodeo.com

Committee Roundup

SECURITY COMMITTEE – Kim Wallis, Chair

In 2021, our Health and Safety program successfully navigated a number of challenges while dealing with changing and often confusing government COVID-19 guidelines. The record setting attendance and hot weather generated many first aid calls which were swiftly addressed by our first responders from the St. Paul Fire Department. Law enforcement issues were minimal thanks to the fine work by the Marion County Sheriff's deputies, Newberg-Dundee PD officers, OLCC Inspectors, and Creative Security. Everyone worked together to handle a wide variety of issues: bumps and bruises, heat exhaustion, lost children, seating conflicts, and the mini donkey who managed to sneak into the Tack Room at midnight on July 3rd. Our flaggers from Bell Eddy Enterprises efficiently moved hundreds of vehicles in and out of St. Paul each night as part of our city-wide traffic management plan. Thanks also, to the City of St. Paul, who help with traffic and parade control. And two weeks after the rodeo, we supported the 2021 Rose City Cowboy Classic dog show, which brought about 4,000 visitors to the grounds over the 4-day event.

But the really special kudos go to you, our SPRA members, who helped make the event a safe one by watching out for our guests, and willingly participate in the health and safety plan. Please know that those of you who reported incidents to the health and safety hotline made a big difference, and in some cases, allowed us to diffuse some potentially serious incidents.

As we plan for the 2022 event, it would be great to add some volunteers to the Health and Safety team. If you're interested, please contact the Rodeo Office, or email me at SPR_Security@stpaultel.com.

TACK ROOM SALOON COMMITTEE – Shannon Ernst, Chair

The Tack Room Saloon is going GOLD this year! Any guesses on how many years the Tack Room Saloon has been wetting the whistles of Rodeo goers in St. Paul? Since 1972! So, this year we are going GOLD to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We would like to collect your favorite memories of the Saloon and if you have any photos to share, we would love to see them. (You can email them to Shannon@ranshan@comcast.net). During the Rodeo we would like to dedicate an area in the Saloon to showcase your memories and celebrate our great traditions and legacy that the Tack Room Saloon has had. We can't wait to hear your stories and see those photos! Be sure to like our Facebook page to follow the special events we have planned during the Rodeo too. We are continually grateful for all our incredible volunteers that take great pride in continuing the wonderful legacy of the Tack Room Saloon. Cheers to swinging open those Saloon doors for #50 and to more incredible memories for the TRS Posse and our guests!

21 CLUB – Del White, Chair

2021's rodeo was an amazing feat taken on by our dedicated members to pull it all together with very short notice. We did indeed put on an amazing rodeo for all to enjoy. The 21 Club had a hard time getting members to participate, but we know that was true for all committees.

This year, we have the blessing of the Board of Directors to either purchase or build two portable token booths which we believe will help cut down on lines by allowing people to purchase drink tokens outside the arena long before the rodeo begins. With that comes the need for more members to help so people don't get worn out working so many shows. This year, with a couple committees disbanding, we are hoping to be able to bring some of those people into the 21 Club to help with the need to fill roughly 108 positions which will fully staff the 21 Club ID verification and drink token booths for the entire rodeo. It is a lot of work, but at the same time it can be fun interacting with the fans to help make the St Paul Rodeo a fun and safe event for all.

21 Club members do not need to possess an OLCC license, but it never hurts to have the training so we can help keep an eye on our patrons. In closing, we wish everyone a great, happy, and safe New Year, and look forward to seeing everyone at the membership meeting and the 2022 St Paul Rodeo.

OUTPOST COMMITTEE – Matt Eide, Board Liaison

The Outpost will be back in 2022! What a popular venue it was, giving our patrons a fun place to have a cold Coke, Coors or Pendleton Whisky and watch the rodeo on the big screens! The Outpost Committee has new co-chairs – Reed Godfrey and Jim Aguilar – who will take over the reins from the Tack Room Committee who brought the venue to life in 2021. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this venue such a great addition to the rodeo. The committee is looking for support to make sure we deliver a fun, safe venue for our fans in 2022. If you are interested in volunteering in the Outpost email Matt Eide at estrawguy@aol.com. See ya'll in the Outpost!

2022 ST. PAUL RODEO SCHEDULE

Jan

2nd New Member Application Deadline (each year)

Feb

15th St. Paul Rodeo Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline
26th 5:00 pm St. Paul Rodeo Member Meeting: Community Hall

Apr

1st St. Paul Rodeo Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline
9th 7:00 pm St. Paul Rodeo Court Coronation: Community Hall
23rd 10:00 am Best Practices Workshop: Community Hall

Jun

5th 7:00 am Trailride Breakfast (ends @ 10:30 am)
10:00 am Trailride: Rodeo Grounds
11th – 12th Youth Rodeo: Rodeo Grounds
18th 8:00 am Work Party: Rodeo Grounds
6:00 pm Steak Feed: Outpost
29th 5:00 pm Hall of Fame BBQ

Thu, Jun 30th

7:30 pm **ST. PAUL RODEO**

Fri, Jul 1st

7:30 pm **ST. PAUL RODEO**

Sat, Jul 2nd

7:30 pm **ST. PAUL RODEO**

Sun, Jul 3rd

7:30 pm **ST. PAUL RODEO**

Mon, Jul 4th

10 am Parade
1:30 pm **ST. PAUL RODEO**
7:30 pm **ST. PAUL RODEO**

Aug

6th Fish Feed: Rodeo Grounds

Oct

9th Court Tryouts: Yamhill County Fairgrounds

Nov

1th Leaf Cleanup

2022 St. Paul Rodeo Sponsors

Announcer Stand Sponsor

Spirit Mountain Casino

Arena Sponsor

PAPE Machinery

Official Malt-Beverage

COORS/Columbia Distributing

Official Spirit

Pendleton Whisky

Official Vehicle

Newberg Dodge/RAM Rodeo

Official Soft Drink

Coca-Cola

Fireworks Sponsor

The Swancutt, Perkins & Danek Group

Broadcast Partners

PRCA

Cowboy Channel

Performance Sponsors

June 30: Don Pancho Authentic Mexican Foods

July 1: George Packing/NW Hazelnut

July 2: Reser's Fine Foods

July 3: Spirit Mountain Casino

July 4: 1:30 pm - Local Plumbing Co

July 4: 7:30pm – Benchmade

Grand Entry Sponsor

Boot Barn

Radio Partner

99.5 THE WOLF

Official Contestant Medical Provider

Justin Sportmedicine Team (Justin Boots)

Bucking Chute Gate Sponsors

Ernst Irrigation, Electrical & Tractor

GK Machine

Hazenber Dairy

J. Ruiz Farm Labor

Marion Ag Service

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Reser's Fine Foods

Schneider Water Services

Willamette Valley Hops

Timed Event Box Sponsors

Saalfeld Griggs PC

YETI

Gold Spur Sponsors

George Packing/NW Hazelnut

General Tree Service

Newberg Tire and Auto Service

Oregon811

PAPE Machinery

Event Sponsors

Barrel Racing - Equerry's

Bull Riding - Abby's Legendary Pizza

Jr. Bull Riding - Refrigeration Unlimited, LLC

Saddle Bronc Riding - Wilco/Valley Agronomics

Steer Wrestling: Oregon811

Team Roping: Les Schwab Tires

Tie Down Roping - Wrangler

Patriot Night Sponsor

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Hospitality Sponsors

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Hostetler Farm Tiling

McMinnville Gas

Pacific Ag Rentals

Pratum Co-op

Buckle Sponsors

Bareback: Marion Ag Service

Wild Cow Milking: Brown & Healy Family

Steer Wrestling: St. Paul Telephone

Saddle Bronc: Kerr Supply

Bull Riding: Dennis Laird/Windermere Realty Trust

Jr. Bull Riding: KG Farms

Team Roping : McKillip Excavation

Tie-down roping: Brown Insurance

WPRABarrel Race: Oregon Pacific Construction

All Around: Ted & Margaret McKillip Family