

NJHSRA Board Meeting – December 15th, 2020

Present: John R., Tom S., Pam S., Becky Mc., Kelly C., Alison C., Adri R., Becky C., Kevin C., Dan I., Shannon P., Vanessa P.,

1. Calendar fund raiser update: (Alison) So far we have sold \$4420.00
50 Students picked up calendars/36 have returned the \$ for the calendars sold.
5 students have not picked up calendars at all.
70 Calendars are still out for sale. We have approximately 100 calendars left to sell.
Discussed announcing on Facebook that if you have sold the calendars, we will be sending out order forms for your jacket. (Alison will do this) Hopefully this will be an incentive to the others to sell their calendars.
Discussed selling the remainder of the calendars at a discounted price. Update: we will wait on discounting the calendars until February as it is mainly a fundraiser for NJHSRA.
2. Jacket Update: (Shannon) Shannon explained it is a barrier jacket and each student will get their back number on the jacket and name on the front of the jacket. Shannon said that she may be able to get child sizes.
Pam will make up an order form so that we get all the information needed to place the order.
It was planned to put the order in the first week of January, and we will encourage students to get their calendars by the end of December so that they can get their jacket.
3. Dues/Entry Fee Collection Update (Pam, Kelly, Tom) Pam and Kelly will work with the approximately 15 students that have not paid their dues yet.

4. Mid-Winter Meeting: (Adri)

a. Change of venue to Arlington, Texas

Pricing for flights and hotel Southwest – Adrianna will cancel those flights and book. The price for the tickets to Texas are cheaper than the ones to Michigan. Adri is trying to get a cash refund instead of a credit towards future flights. Right now we have a \$400/credit.

American - \$227/Round Trip to Dallas Fort Worth
Leave Tuesday, January 19th
returning Saturday, January 23rd

Hotel: \$119/night (3)rooms Adri will be booking these December 15th. John booked his flight on America Airlines and will be arriving early morning in Texas. There are no shuttles from the airport so everyone will have to get an Uber.

b. Chaperones: Jo Cattell, Tom Stapp, Adrianna Ruggieri

5. Fund-Raising Update:

- a. Beef and Beer – Becky said that the venue is not booking any events. It was decided that we cancel this event for 2021.
- b. Soup Sales – still up in the air with Tractor Supply
- c. March 6th Ride for Autism this event was moved to Dun Hollows so Shannon explained to Kelly Harp that NJHSRA would not be able to supply the food.
- d. Other – Becky suggested that we do an online raffle/auction, where people purchase tickets and then get a chance a day for one month. Some of the items we already have are: Yeti Cooler, Cooker. We will ask families and companies to donate items. Becky will get with her committee and discuss all the particulars and then bring it to the board.

- e. Amazon Smile Account: Becky encouraged everyone to make sure that they are signed up. A post she put up on Facebook again so that all our families and donors are aware.
 - f. Becky put a post up on Facebook for Thankful Tuesday and raised \$170. Facebook is supposed to match this?
6. Other Business:
- a. Awards Committee: Emily Cappiello has joined the awards committee.
 - b. Shannon said the Buckles are already picked out and they will be meeting to do the other awards in February. The All-Around Saddles for the Jr High and High School Girls was discussed and John explained that if they can get it done with the budget they have been given, then they should. We discussed that she will need to get a quote from saddle makers and then explain to Nationals why we are using another vendor besides our sponsor if it turns out to be cheaper.
Adri brought up that we should have the saddle made so it can be presented at the awards ceremony.
 - c. The New Queen Crown has been ordered for next year as well.
 - d. Update on the App that Becky Clanton has running? Becky said that it is going well, there are 37 students/parents signed up. She asked that if there is something that we would want put on Remind, that we should contact her.
7. Spring Schedule:
- a. Tom said that the connection that John Pagels was working on did not pan out. The Dream Park does not want any rough stock.
 - b. Kevin has talked to RJ and thinks we could probably use Cowtown the beginning of April.
Kevin also reached out to Scott Miller again and he has not gotten a response. We discussed using Cowtown for our

finals, if we cannot find another venue. It was brought up perhaps the Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend. Kevin will also talk to RJ about having a rodeo the beginning of May.

- c. John talked about the Legacy Series in Ohio. At this time, the board does not want to offer this to our students as pointed, but they are open to go. The payout at these events may be worth attending.
- d. Pam brought up that because Jay McAllister is the only one competing in saddle bronc, he may be able to go to get points for the season. John said that he will look into this.
- e. Kevin also suggested we look into D&D, and Lisa Perozzi was also interested in hosting a rodeo. Pam also suggested that we don't rule out Legacy Ranch if we are having difficulty finding a facility.
- f. Tom said that finding a facility is our first priority and we should all be working on finding venues.

Tentative Schedule:

End of April

Beginning of May

Finals – Memorial Day Weekend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Stapp
NJHSRA Secretary