

## July 1<sup>st</sup> NJHSRA Board Meeting

Present: John R., Tom S., Joe C., Kelly C., Pam S., Becky C., Alison C., Kevin C., Ashley F., Vanessa P., Pat H.,

1. NJHSRA Finals in Iowa – Congratulations to Nessa Pascale  
Vanessa to give us quick overview of the week. Vanessa reported that they had a great week. Everyone was complimenting Nessa on a job well done. Vanessa stated that our basket made over \$225.00, and we really need to plan to have baskets for both Jr High and High School for next year. She was thankful that we received so many donations and we were able to split some of them up so that she could have a basket donation for NJ. Vanessa also stated that we really need to push people to go to Nationals.
2. High School Finals in Nebraska – Update from John. John reported that it seems the NJ Team is in good shape. Kim Whitehill is having shirts made up and John is encouraging our team to play volleyball. Our first match is with PA. Shannon and Kim are also getting a team dinner together. Kim has the flags, Marlena and Gianna are doing well with the costumes. Katie H. is doing a fund raiser to raise money for those traveling to finals. (update: they have raised over \$2000.00 so far) Vanessa discussed the patch policy at finals and the team needs to be careful so as not to get disqualified.
3. Finance update- Tom/Kelly Kelly reported that at present we have \$21,500 in the account. We discussed the purchasing of poles so that we are not borrowing John Ruggieri's every rodeo. Everyone was in agreement that we should purchase our own poles and get the correct painting on the poles. We brought up a utility trailer as well to carry all the equipment and computers, printers, etc. It is still on our wish list. We need to circulate the flyers again to see if anyone wants to donate.

Vanessa stated that she spoke with other states at finals about what is allowed to be carried over to the next year, and they said only a small amount. Kelly looked up the guidelines for no-profit and we are allowed to carry over money for operating costs, etc. There are no specific

guidelines in the National rulebook. John stated that they do not get involved with the finances of each state.

4. Board Insurance Coverage – update from Tom  
Tom reported that the liability insurance is to cover the board, for wrongful decision, wrongful procedures, etc. This is not about property damage or injury as we already have coverage for that. This will cover directors, operators, and volunteers. The cost of this is \$1050.00 for the year. After discussion, Kevin made the motion to accept this proposal to get insurance coverage for the board. Vanessa seconded and motion was carried unanimously.
  
5. Registration opened today – Update from Pam Pam reported that 2021-2022 Season Registration opened today and we already have 9 signed up and out of those 9, 6 were new students.
  
6. Committee sign up – update from Pam(see attached) We still have openings on some committees. Pam will send it out again to see if we can things covered.
  
7. August 7<sup>th</sup> Warren County Rodeo – Update from Kaycee  
When should call-ins be? 7/26-7/28 Do you have your top picks for the perf? We had discussion as to how to decide on the top picks for the performance. Kaycee stated that all the bull riders will be in the perf, chute doggers as well and break away. It will be the Top 10 High School, Top 5 Junior High, Top 3 Tumbleweed. With all others being in the slack during the day.

Announcer: Checking on Dave Mayo

Music: Nick Holladay

Stock: Ty Eglin

Judges: Kevin is still working on this.

Set-Up: Kaycee said that they are doing a demolition derby the night before so we will need all hands on deck to check the arena and do some picking.

We will have an am team meeting and clean the arena immediately following. Kaycee would also like to talk to the all those in the

performance to explain the "hot lap". Kevin stated that we will need a production meeting.

We also discussed hand outs and give-aways for potential new members.

Schedule:

Registration to begin at 8:30am (Becky, Pam and Kelly)

Mandatory Team Meeting: 10:30am

Slack: 12:30

Cowboy Meet and Greet: 3:30-4:30

Performance: 5:30

Pam stated that everyone must be fully registered in order to participate.

8. Showdown at Cowtown – Need to get details going. Other states asking to participate. Pam explained that NY has asked to be invited as well as West Virginia. We discussed the amount of contestants and the best way to get both rodeos complete.

John discussed doing the mandatory meeting Friday night and beginning very early Saturday morning. **Kevin will ask RJ about a price to use the lights, should we go past sunset.**

Announcer: Alison got quotes: Jersey Jakes \$1200.00/perf

Kurt Warner \$ 750 perf + Sound

Another name brought up was Ty Warner and Alison will contact him.

It was decided that because of our all-day rodeo set-up, Dave Showtime Meyer would not really work out. Last year he really didn't get to do his act. Also the cost was taken into consideration.

We discussed eliminating Tumbleweeds to make more time for Jr/HS contestants. It was decided that Tumbleweeds could participate on Saturday, and Sunday would just be the Jr/HS Divisions.

Alison brought up that we should try to get corporate sponsorship in order to have added money. She stated that it would be such a big draw to have \$10,000.00 added money to this event. We need to secure it by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Becky will work on getting a flyer together so we can deliver them to businesses.

Awards were discussed: Ashley would like a list of awards to be handed out so that she can work on this. It was discussed to have a basket with gift cards, for round winners to come and collect their prize. (Cabellas, Tractor Supply, NRS, WAWA, etc.)

Event Winner for the weekend

All-Around Champion: Boy/Girl Jr/HS/Tumbleweed

Fast Time Award

Ashley and Becky to get together to discuss awards and then present it to the board.

Before signing off John was wished a safe trip to Nebraska and Vanessa was wished a hearty get-well, as she was still in the hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Stapp  
NJHSRA Secretary