

May 6th, 2021 NJHSRA Board Meeting Agenda:

Present: John Ruggieri, Tom Stapp, Becky Mc Allister, Kelly Candeloro, Alison Caruso, Adrianna Ruggieri, Dan Lorimor, Kevin Clanton, Shannon Pearson, Pamela Stapp

Absent: Becky Clanton, Vanessa Pascale

1. Kaycee Clanton: Warren County Fair Rodeo – Kaycee called into our meeting to talk about holding a rodeo at the Warren County Fair on August 7th. She would like to hold slack during the day as we have the arena for the entire day without charge. We would charge admission for the evening performance (split the door fee) which will be the Top 10 High School, Top 5 Junior High, and Top 3 Tumbleweed. Kaycee is getting stock bids. She also said that perhaps we could do professional bull riding or open barrel race. Adrianna suggested that we do the goat tying event earlier in the day because of animal rights activists and PETA. Kaycee said that she would only have the very best so it would be quick. This is still something that needs to be discussed and decided on.

All were in favor of having this rodeo and John Ruggieri asked Kaycee to keep us informed as to how the board can be of help. Kaycee also talked to the board about her Goat business. She is hoping to continue to supply goats for HS Rodeo. Diamond K Goat Tying

2. May 8th – Chica's Ranch Details -Kevin stated that he has 2 judges for tomorrow, one being Donny Holladay. He said we definitely need volunteers with loading calves and catching horses. Pam said that she has asked Elizabeth Pascale and Jenna Waddington to catch horses. Adri also stated that she will be there as well.

We discussed the Grand Entry and it will be just the queens and the flags. With prayer and the National Anthem

3. Finals:

- A. Schedule of Events – Pam discussed the schedule and that forms will be given out this week-end so everyone is aware of what is expected of them.
- B. Social Sunday Night-April Haley, Jenna Waddington and Kaycee Clanton are in charge. There is talk of food and a dance.
- C. Voting on New Board-Nominations. Pam explained that there are several positions up for re-election President, Vice President, Secretary, Rodeo Secretary, Treasurer.
- D. Scholarships -Pam Said that she will be sending out all the requirements for scholarships for the board to be aware. Pam also went over the bios of the 3 Seniors that are graduating and eligible for scholarships.
- E. Stock- Kevin said that bulls are the only stock needed for finals, everything else will be supplied by Kaycee (goats) and Cowtown. They will come either from Scott or Kevin. Alison asked about other stock companies and John and Kevin gave their reasons for choosing All-American.
- F. Awards- Tom said that all awards are ordered and we are good shape.
- G. Becky McAllister to talk to Lapps about opening for the weekend. Kevin to get it ok'd by RJ first.
- H. Programs – are completed and going to print next week. We will order 100 and sell them for \$5.00/each.
- I. Admission: \$5.00/person, parents are free for the weekend. Becky Mc Allister will set up a sign up for the gate so that parents can take turns at the entrance gate. Dan Lorimor will man the contestant gate. We will have 2 colors of arm bands: one for Saturday and one for Sunday.
- J. Crisis Fund Basket: Kim Whitehill is working on this for finals.

4. Rodeo Schedule for Next Season:

August 7th- Warren County

September 3rd, 4th, 5th-Wellsville, PA, Frontier Days

September 12th – NJHSRA Fund Raiser @ Longwait Farm

October 1st, 2nd, 3rd -Showdown at Cowtown

October 16th and 17th - NJ Rodeo

November 5th, 6th, 7th- Maryland Battle by the Bay (Delaware)

March- NJ Rodeo @ Chica's Ranch

April – NJ Rodeo

May – NJ Rodeo Finals

We are looking at other venues for our rodeos: Stylish Acres, Rocking J, Allen Johnson's place.

Alison, Kevin, John and Tom will be on the committee to look at these farms to see if we can have a rodeo there.

5. CINCH Team Table @Cowtown on Saturdays. We discussed getting 10 season passes that can be passed around to those that are manning the tables.. Betty Harris has already invited the queens to be involved on Saturday nights. Kelly Candeloro and Becky McAllister will set up the schedule and be in charge of the table and all the hand-outs. We will try to be there several times throughout the season.
6. Pam asked that we be able to have another meeting closer to finals to discuss details of the week-end, since there is so much going on. All Agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Stapp
NJHSRA Secretary