

October Board Meeting: NJHSRA October 8th, 2020

Present: John, Tom, Becky Mc., Kelly, Becky C., Shannon, Alison, Adri, Kevin, Dan L., Vanessa, Pam

1. Recap of Showdown at Cowtown – Tom thanked everyone for their part (parts) in pulling off an amazing Multi-State Rodeo. We received a lot of positive feed back and it appears that RJ and Cowtown were pleased as well. We were worried we couldn't get it done, but it was way better than expected.

We discussed trying to get a Friday night start next year, and the pros and cons of that. It will need to be discussed further.

- a. Registration: Fees: Communication with the states – we discussed having invoices for each state. We will also add the insurance fee to each contestant.
Pam stated that Virginia had a check sent out immediately and it made it very easy for us to do registrations. It was difficult to wait for Maryland and Pennsylvania to give entry fees on Saturday morning. We will ask that all states check in Friday evening.
- b. Arena: Events: Gate: Grand Entry etc. – Adri and Vanessa did a great job with Grand Entry. It all ran smoothly except for one student not being ready for Grand Entry. Alison did a great job getting the information to Dave Mayo and the 2 women who sang the National Anthem were amazing.
- c. Announcing: All were very happy with Dave Mayo. He kept things moving and worked well with Dave Showtime. He was able to keep the flow going.

- d. Stock: Kevin stated that they were happy with all the stock from Butch Groff and Cowtown. There were no complaints from contestants.
- e. Awards: Everyone thought the awards were great. Shannon did a great job ordering. Becky and Shannon said that it really didn't work having the winners coming up to the announcer's booth. They stated there needs to be someone in charge of the awards, other than the people in the announcer's booth. It was also discussed that there needs to be a third person working on times so that Becky, the rodeo secretary can enter the times in computer.
- f. T-Shirts and Sales -Everyone loved the t-shirts and the sales were very good.
- g. Food Vendor – Lapp's was great, everyone was very pleased with the food.
- h. Dave Showtime – Everyone really liked him and it helped with long perfs. It was unfortunate that due to time, he was not able to do all his acts, but he rolled with the format and worked well with Dave Mayo. He was helpful when the student was injured and he did a great job with Cowboy church. He definitely added to the weekend.
- i. Timers: Had people complaining about times, etc. There needs to be a chain of command set up
- j. Judges: Judges were great, very thorough. They will need to be paid more next year. We also need to read up on all the new rules.
- k. We had a discussion about arena help. We need more of our students out in the arena, and we need parent's support

to get their kids out to help. There a few doing a lot right now. Adri needs help getting the students signed up to the arena and Francis Pearson said that he would help with that.

- I. Kevin stated that Ed Pascale and Eddy Pascale, Francis and the Rhineer boys were very helpful with all the stock.
2. Battle by the Bay
 - a. Entries – approximately 50 from NJ are going.
 - b. Payment to Maryland: Students will pay us by October 30th and we will send a check to Maryland.
 - c. Plan a team dinner? We discussed all the rules with the Fairgrounds. We can prepare a meal, but not stay all together. Shannon and Becky will set it up. Francis wanted to bring a pig.
3. Fund Raising for Winter Meeting – There are approximately 5 students and 2 adults that want to go. There was discussion about what goes on at the meetings and John talked about the meetings and the social events. John also recommended a budget for the students. Ideas were talked about for fund raising but nothing concrete. Becky and Adri would like to have a meeting with the parents to discuss all of the details at BBB. It was also asked if NJHSRA could put in some money towards travel.
4. Planning for Beef and Beer in February – We set the date for February 6th. We will probably need a bigger hall as we have more students. We will also need to get a planning committee together.
5. Do we want to have a board meeting the Thursday before BBB or at BBB? No, we will have one a week after. November 12th.
6. Other Business –

Calendars: Alison reported that many calendars have been passed out to students and a lot have been sold already and some students are coming back for more. Selling all of these calendars will net a profit of \$8000.00. Pam to get the member list to Alison so that we can make sure that every student has sold there allotted 5 calendars.

Calendars will also be sold at Longwait Farms Benefit barrel race. Other sponsors have also.

Youth Group: John and Becca Pagels would like to hold a group throughout the winter months for our students, but open to everyone to go from farm to farm and have fellowship. Everyone thought it was a great idea. It will not be under NJHSRA but we will support it.

John Pagels also stated that he believes he has other places that we can hold rodeos and will look into it for us. John, Kevin and Tom will get together with John Pagels so we can hopefully have other arenas for the spring.

Team Jackets; Shannon did research and found some nice jackets for about \$100/each. We discussed using the calendar money to get team jackets.

Respectfully Submitted,
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