

Board Meeting October 5th, 2021

Present: Tom, Joe, Kelly, Pam, Becky, Vanessa, Kevin, Pat

Absent: John, Ashley

1. Showdown at Cowtown Review: Tom gave everyone huge congratulations for a great job at Showdown. It was run efficiently and professionally. There were no outstanding complaints. All feedback was good. Kelly reported on the fund raising: We made money on the Smarty Raffle. (about \$1000) We made money on the t-shirts (\$700). The gate (\$2200). In total the amount taken in was (\$18, 035.00).

Tom talked about handling our numbers for next year, perhaps numbering the amount of states. We should say a maximum 450 entries.

Vanessa stated that having Ali, Tom Allen and Brian Johnson helping at the gate made things run very smoothly.

Tom and Kelly met with RJ to handle all the receipts from this weekend. They reported that RJ was very happy with the entire weekend and quite positive with how everything was run and how the grounds looked. The lights ended up costing \$2000.00.

2. Kevin suggested that we need to have stricter gate calls for the rough stock. Pat suggested that we have someone behind the chutes to get the contestants moving. The argument is that every other contestant has to go by the time limit or get disqualified.

Tom suggested that we bring it up at the meeting on Saturday morning at Chica's.

We also discussed the need for arena helpers to be up at the arena and doing their job. We discussed also having a little "how to" for our arena helpers. Also talked about a 3 strikes policy for those that do not do their responsibilities.

The suggestion was to have a student list and ask for volunteers at the meeting. We will check off names and keep as a record.

3. Equipment Trailer: Tom/John suggested that we add an equipment trailer Tom talked about a trailer for sale. The trailer is 6'x14'. The original price was \$4900 and the dealer agreed to let us have it at \$4000.00. It is located in south Jersey. An advertising wrap is about \$2000. Feedback among the board was positive. We just need to find out who will be housing and hauling. We will house the bowls, flags, poles, tables, banners, etc.

Tom asked the board if we want to purchase it outright? Pat stated we should get it while available at this price.. Kevin and Kelly agreed and it was put to a vote and carried unanimously. We are going to purchase it and Tom will talk to the wrap company. We talked about fund raising for the trailer/wrap? We need to get a committee to work on the wrap. Becky Clanton will head this up.

4. Chica's 10/16-10/17

Cost for the weekend:

Arena: \$1000.00

Stock: \$7000.00

Kevin stated that the judges are up to the stock contractor. He does not want to be accused of picking judges. He stated that Van does a great job and all agreed.

We discussed dismantling Ali's time clock so it is not viewed from the stands as there were a lot of complaints last rodeo (bulbs were out on her clock so the display was incorrect)

Announcer: Ashley said that she will be happy to announce and we will use Tom's music.

Photographer: There was a lot of discussion about the photographers. We have not seen any pictures from Cowtown yet. Kelly was unable to open the zip file that Keith sent. Some of the complaints were that he was in the way of contestants this weekend. We believe he has a big job on his hands getting the pictures ready for all to view so we would like him to concentrate on that before we make any final decisions on any one photographer. We were very appreciative that he came and worked all those hours for us. He still needs to be paid \$250.00 for the weekend..

Colleen McIntyre was also discussed and one of the complaints were that her water mark on the photo was too large and people were not able to really view the photos. Update: Colleen is going to look into shrinking the water mark with her tech support. The board decided to have Colleen come to Chica's next week-end. And then we have the winter to discuss a plan going forward for photographers.

Hospitality is planning a dessert/dance social (casual as many other activities are going on)

5. Battle by the Bay:

Becky has been helping Shannon Naylor with the entries. We have also heard that there are no hotel rooms for 20 miles. We talked about the camping and we will try to stay together as a state, if possible.

6. Other business:

AWARDS: Tom talked about awards for Finals. He suggested that the awards committee submit the awards to be ordered by January 6th. So that awards can be ordered by January 31st.

We have more money, so it was decided that the budget committee add to the Awards budget for this year, cautioning that we need to make sure it is sustainable for the coming years. After the fact: John mentioned that we should use more of our National sponsors this year. ie: American Hat company and also Slone Saddles. The budget committee will try to get together next weekend to discuss a budget.

FUND RAISING: It was discussed that we need to have the kids fund raising to attend the mid-winter meeting. (this is for the student board). Jackpots were discussed as well as Soup Sales. Tom asked if the Fund Raiser at Longwait was earmarked for anything, which it is not.

Vanessa asked if we could perhaps get the Horse Park for a change of venue and Kevin said if we did he would try to get it sanctioned for both NBHA and WPRA. Kevin will talk to Kelly Harp.

Chica's was also brought up as a venue for this.

Respectfully Submitted,

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