

NDWS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
June 19, 2023 —6pm
MINUTES

Call to order. In attendance, Doug Muske, Jim Nelson, Dana Didier, Beth Didier, Royce Kinney, Kevin Christensen, Brandee Moore, Whitney Vogel, Dave Maasjo, Bill Carlblom

Financial Reports

Account Balances: Operating: \$25,418.20 Gaming: \$12,568.81 Money Market: \$75,737.01

Checking account balance: \$42,173

Outstanding invoice – West Fargo Hs Rodeo Rental \$14,732

Rebate on lights - \$10,000

Motion to approve financials by Jim Nelson. 2nd by Kevin. All approved.

3. Old Business:

A. Winter Show 2023 Final profit \$84,929

B. Jr High rodeo final profit \$10,990

C. Rodeo Alley panels were purchased, will be installed soon. Amount for full alley control, lead ups and pens was \$23,485. This was an increase from the original vote on this, as board members asked Shane Gunderson to go ahead and purchase any panels needed to finish out the lead up alleys, and working pens indoors. Motion made to approve this amount by Jim Nelson. 2nd by Dana Didier. All approved.

D. Order completed and payment made to Smith Lumber for curtaining and rods, plus shipping. \$33,262.06. Royce asked if any word had come from Fargo Events on the pipes they took from our draping upon their pick up of their own pipes and drape after Winter Show. Brandee reported nothing has come of the conversations she has had with Tents and Events. Complete run around, first they knew they didn't have our inventory, then the truck wasn't back, then again that they had checked and no inventory of ours. Suggestion was made that a group of the guys just go over and get our items back. Agreed they would do this. Brandee will send the info to the guys.

4. New Business - none to report

5. Committee Reports:

A. Arena/Grounds/Building- Royce will be putting epoxy on the entry way floor to assist with cleaning.

B. Finance – discussed above

C. Labor - Bentley & Jackson are working part time this summer, under Royce's supervision and guidance. Discussion with Royce today, that he is good for the summer on managing the barn.

D. Commercial/Concession – shipping the cotton candy machine back. Need to purchase a more industrial style machine.

E. Rodeos - Jim reported that the rodeo committee met and was unanimous that they want to renew the Bailey contract. They do want to see better/different entertainment for the rodeo events. They feel the trick rider this year was pretty boring. They would like the wow affect and something more entertaining. The rodeo committee suggests working more closely with Bailey Pro Rodeo on the decision about who/what is hired. Motion made by Jim to approve Bailey's contract be renewed. Bill 2nd motion. All in favor.

- F. Rodeo Queen – Doug will talk with Sarah about the trailer and getting it out to events so that sponsors are satisfied. Brandee reported that she asked Sarah this question before Winter Show. They are selling trailer sponsorships but then the trailer isn't being pulled this year, as no sr queen. Sarah said the sponsorships sold are not just for the trailer and that those sponsors know the trailer isn't being pulled. The sponsors setting in the board meeting say they had no knowledge of this.
- G. Crop Show - no report
- H. Horse – no report
- I. Livestock – Whit reported a meeting on Monday @ 7 pm
- J. Hall of Fame - no report
- K. Pick-up Pull/Tractor Pull - no report
- L. Craft & Antique Market – no report
- M. Events at the Eagles – no report or events planned
- N. Sponsorship – no report
- O. Concert – no report

7. Manager's Report

Summer hours, Virginia is here Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Achievement Days July 10th – 13th. I'll be here for a couple of those days. Premium Sale on Thursday the 13th BOD is invited to attend this. Appreciation dinner at 5:30 with sale & awards @ 6:30. All in SEB. Brandee asked that board members who can attend Thursday evening and even throughout the days of events that week, to please come. Let's show our support.

Discussion over summer events or even fall. Need to work on having some more things here at the Winter show.

Discussed car shows, food vendors and bouncy houses. Possible play off other events in town? Have music. Maybe movie nights? Look into August or September.

8. Next Meeting Monday July 10th. 6 pm

9. "Good of the Order"

Dana – Travis Hart has been messaging asking about using our arena groomer for his personal arena and team roping.

Adamant no on using our black widow. Royce said the TR3 is ½ owned by the QHA and we cannot loan it out. Dana will let Travis know we cannot loan him any equipment.

Beth – has a number for scale repairs/recalibration. Dana suggested we just clean it good and reset it, instead of calling for repairs. Hold off on calling repairs for now.

Royce – asked about getting compensation for the winter show snow removal and equipment usage for him and Dana.

Discussion over what was done, the time and hours that was put on their equipment. Royce rented a truck and trailer. For us to pay someone else and lease this type of equipment would be upwards of over 8 or 10 K. Suggested we pay the guys \$2000 each. Dana and Royce both agreed this was sufficient and they were in agreement with accepting this.

Bill made a motion to pay the guys \$2000 each, Dave 2nd motion. All agreed.

Royce – discussion over digging the dirt out of the outdoor arena and storing it in the SEB Oct – February. Get down to the hard pan so that it could easily be scraped off from the snow, the bedding from NSC and bull sales. Then in early March, the dirt can be put back on the hard pan. All agreed.

Discussion then ensued over the sawdust in the barns and how it is ruining our dirt/sand in the barn. It seeps through the sand, then when we try to remove it, we are taking the sand and dirt with it. Then the sand has to be replaced. Need ideas on what we can use for bedding for NSC and bull sales so that this doesn't continue. Stover is out...due to its typically wet and moldy. No wheat in the area, so no straw.

Dana then asked if the NSC was financially stable or beneficial for us to even do anymore. Brandee reported that financially, it does not make us very much money. Less than 10K. Due to mainly, expenses continue to be more, costs for items have increased and mainly, none of us do our own labor or organization, we pay multiple people to run this event and handle all the labor. But if you want to look at nixing the NSC, due to it doesn't make a lot of money, then you should look at the high school rodeo and jr high rodeo also. Nothing makes us a lot of money, but we are not for profit, we just need to pay out bills and no go backwards with these events.

If we all, as a board and staff, want to be more responsible for the labor and production, we could probably be more financially successful. Crickets.

No real final word on this. Think on bedding.

Dave – reported on Peggy Lee day and the history with the Winter Show.

No other reports.

Adjourn. Motion by Kevin. 2nd by Bill

Events

July 10 – 13 Barnes Co 4 H Achievement Days

August 18 – 20 ND App Horse Show

September 1 – 3 ND Quarter Horse Show

September 15 – 17 High School Rodeo