

NORTH DAKOTA RODEO ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Agenda

Sunday, February 16th, 2025, Baymont Inn, Mandan, 11:00 am CT

In attendance: Scott Kleemann, Colten Herbert, Tim Jorgenson, Jim Graven, Kyle Abrahamson, David Drader, Chuck Christman, Jessie Pfaff, Tate Eck, Steve Waagen, Sara Bubel, Michelle Rotenberger, Nate Horner, Tanner Wznick, Jess Magilke, Wyatt Magilke (proxy for Chase Peterson), Amy Wznick (proxy for Kenzie Pennington), Tucker Dale (proxy for Chris Arnold), Kelly Abrahamson (proxy for Brandon Padilla), Terry Vessey (proxy for Arlo Erickson), Todd Howell (guest)

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes - AIF
- III. Secretary's Report – New computer is set up. Secretary of State filing is complete.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – balances shared, AIF
- V. Marketing Director Report – Sara wanted to know if we wanted to change buckle maker. Consensus was the Kelly Slover buckles were very nice. We have used STS jackets for quite a while as well, if you have an opinion let her know. Colten did say that some have expressed interest in vests. Scott, Nate & Sara are nailing down the marketing & sponsorship job description, responsibilities & income base.
- VI. Old Business
 - a) BEK-TV – Nate reported that their intentions are to try and do the same number of rodeos as in 2025. They will continue with the \$5000 stipend to the committees. BEK is still unable to commit to broadcasting rodeos over the 4th of July due to other scheduling conflicts. Kelly mentioned that it went much smoother between them & the committees in 2024. Chuck asked if they would be doing different rodeos in 2025. Nate explained that BEK considers the broadcast by performance not necessarily the entire the rodeo. Nate feels that if there is a committee that really would like to have BEK there then we need to encourage those committees to reach out to BEK & see what they need to do to help make it happen. Chuck also wanted to know if there was still going to be a subscription requirement to watch the rodeos. Nate will follow up with this question.
 - b) Rodeo Pay – Scott uses a company called Bill.com. It will cost the association a monthly fee and per transaction. Each contestant would be set up as a vendor. This

would include the contestant giving bank & routing numbers for deposits.
Questions: how many will sign up for it, who will monitor the money coming in, will all committees need to participate, what will be the expediency of deposits from committees.... The Bill.com contacts are still determining the logistics and fee for setting up an account for the NDRA as one or individually for rodeos. The board agreed we needed more information. Tabled until a later date.

c) Second Reading Rule Changes

VII. New Business

a) Rodeo Approvals

Killdeer – Jessie moved to approve Killdeer with a 9 am slack & 5 pm MT perf start time on June 8th. Kelly 2nd, AIF

Oakes – AIF to approve date & time

New Salem – AIF to approve date & time

Medora – AIF to approve date

Devils Lake – AIF to approve date & time

b) Sponsorship Request – Lynn Asheim is having a bareback & saddle bronc school. He has asked the association for a \$500 sponsorship. Tate said they had a good turnout and great instructors in 2024. Chuck moved to sponsor Lynn's bronc school, Tate 2nd. AIF Jess mentioned that we need to implement an application process for future schools. Jessie moved to amend Chucks motion to include Abrahamson's bull riding school and give them \$500 also. Jess 2nd. AIF Colten would like the BOD to implement a set budget for future schools.

c) Finals Bids – Tim would like the finals bids to be due & decided upon at our finals meeting in August rather than at the first of the year. The facility in WC is scheduling a year out. Chuck moved, Jessie 2nd, AIF

d) Judges Seminar & Timers Clinic Review – The 2025 clinic was hosted by the NDRA. 14 attended the judge's clinic (instructor Chuck Christman) & 20 attended the timers clinic (instructors Kami Kling & Kristie Abrahamson). The 2026 clinic will be hosted by the NDHSRA.

Judges to be approved (group 1) JD Bubel, Derek Andol, Brad Gilbertson, Bruce Kautzman, Brian Pease – move Kelly, 2nd Colten, AIF

Judges to be approved (group 2) Reese Berg, Keith Herberg, Shawn Manee, Shane Miller, Trampus Johnson – move Kelly, 2nd Colten, AIF

Judges to be approved (group 3) Rick Sigvaldsen, Shane Zitska, Trevor Wolley, Chris Mortenson, Justin Pabst – move Jessie, Kyle 2nd, AIF

Denny Heid, Don Schmid EMERGENCY ONLY – move Colten, Steve 2nd, AIF

Joe Leddige SR. from Grand Forks – move Jim, Colten 2nd, AIF

Steve Schussman, Raidon Hauck, Megan Danks, Jaylen Hicks, Troy Backhaus also attended for education or to judge MHA, MRA or HS.

Timers moved Jessie, Jim 2nd, AIF

VIII. Other Business

Box bads, we have the material and logos on them. Sarah would like to know who would sew them together, Scott suggested Udell Larson.

Barrell covers need to be used at each rodeo. Send a memo to committees about barrel covers.

IX. Adjournment