

MINUTES
Mid States Rodeo Association
December 30, 2025
Google Meets Meeting

An additional December meeting of the Mid States Rodeo Association was held online via Google Meets, with President, Preston Bartow, calling the meeting to order at 7:02 pm EST with the following members present: Cord Barricklow, Katie Coulter, Cody Goertzen, Matt Borton, Justin Morehouse, Clay Yadon, Clay Norris, Dakota Sunday, and Taylor Finley; members in attendance allowed for a quorum.

Agenda was accepted by the board as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

South Point Rodeo Company

South Point Rodeo Company will be holding a rodeo at Michigan State University in February 2026 and has approached the MSRA regarding this being a co-approved MSRA rodeo for the upcoming 2026 season.

The board members discussed various viewpoints individually on this topic as well as how many rodeos South Point Rodeo Company outlined they currently have on their books prior to the Fair Board Convention - South Point extended to Preston Bartow prior to the meeting they currently have 5 scheduled rodeos. Bartow outlined that in his discussions with the stock contractor they offered they would like all other rodeos they schedule to be MSRA-first approved, or MSRA-only rodeos.

The board discussed the reorganization of Twisted P Rodeo Company into South Point Rodeo Company and implications of this for the MSRA. A discussion was held related to South Point Rodeo Company needing to provide us with the mandatory 3 MSRA-first approved rodeos prior to approving them as a MSRA stock contractor.

For the MSU East Lansing, MI rodeo Twisted P Rodeo Company is listed second as an additional stock contractor on the rodeo in conjunction with South Point Rodeo Company; MSRA is only looking at the approval of South Point Rodeo Company for approval purposes.

A discussion was held related to stock contractors and approval of bonds versus stock contractor cards as it relates to the MSRA Rulebook.

A motion was made by Clay Yadon to approve South Point Rodeo Company as a stock contractor for the 2026 MSRA season with a 2nd by Matt Borton. Ayes: Yadon, Norris, Finley, Borton, Goertzen. Nayes: Barricklow, Morehouse, Sunday. Motion carries 5-3.

Following this approval a motion was made by Cord Barricklow to approve Michigan State University Rodeo in East Lansing, Michigan to be sanctioned under South Point Rodeo Company as a MSRA co-approved rodeo for the 2026 Season with a 2nd by Clay Yadon. Ayes: Barricklow, Goertzen, Borton, Morehouse, Yadon, Norris, Sunday, Finley. Nayes: None. Motion carries.

Following this the board discussed a one-year probationary period length for South Point Rodeo Company as a new approved stock contractor.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 MSRA Finals Gordyville USA Partnership

The MSRA board members who attended the in-person December 27 meeting with stakeholders at Gordyville USA regarding the 2026 MSRA Finals proposal (Bartow, Norris, Sunday, and Coulter) outlined their viewpoints following this meeting and Bartow presented an amended proposal to be presented to Bartow following this meeting. In addition, all MSRA board members were extended a Q&A email thread with correspondence from Bartow and Gordyville following the meeting with follow-up and debriefing questions.

The Board read through the amended proposal line-by-line with all edits from the original proposal outlined. A timeline was discussed for when the MSRA would be paid the initial \$25,000 from Gordyville USA and the board agreed including 10 days prior to the first performance of the Finals is agreeable.

The amended proposal will also include for a set amount of 100 stalls to be furnished to the MSRA for the Finals with all qualifying contestants receiving one complimentary stall and the remainder to be used for rodeo personnel.

A motion was made by Dakota Sunday to approve the amended 2026 MSRA Finals Agreement with Gordyville USA with updated amendments with a 2nd by Justin Morehouse. Ayes: Goertzen, Barricklow, Norris, Morehouse, Sunday, Finley, Borton, Yadon. Nayes: None. Motion carries.

MSRA Banking/Financial Governance

Bartow discussed with the Board some of the current financial and banking logistics as he is aware for the MSRA. The board discussed what will make the most logistical sense for the upcoming season with regards to MSRA banking and financial governance decisions. Bartow outlined that he has been in communication with Circle Credit Union in Cassopolis, Michigan that is more localized to him and discussed their banking agreements as it relates to non-profit 503c account holders.

A motion was made by Preston Bartow to close all MSRA bank account holdings currently held at Key Bank and transfer all funds to Circle Credit Union in Cassopolis, Michigan with Bartow, Coulter, and Borton being named as signers to the account and Barricklow having all viewing access to all account holding with a 2nd by Yadon. Ayes: Goertzen, Barricklow, Norris, Morehouse, Sunday, Finley, Borton, Yadon. Nayes: None. Motion carries.

Bartow also discussed a desire to ensure financial due-diligence moving into the 2026 season related to reviewing books from the 2025 season. He proposed a potential independent CPA financial review; Borton outlined potential costs related to \$6-\$8k for a full review. The Board then discussed what could be done if issues are found following this review and implications of this. It was instead discussed given his background in accounting for Matt Borton to potentially review the QuickBooks from the 2025 season.

A motion was made by Bartow to give Matt Borton access to the 2025 MSRA Season QuickBooks to review from an accounting standpoint and follow-up with the MSRA Board of Directors following the review in a general board meeting with a 2nd by Yadon. Ayes: Goertzen, Yadon, Barricklow, Norris, Morehouse, Sunday, Finley. Nayes: None. Motion carries.

Bartow inquired if any members had any other business to address at this time. No discussion items were brought to the group. Motion was made by Bartown with a 2nd by Cody Goertzen to end the meeting at 8:13 pm EST.

Ayes: Barricklow, Sunday, Goertzen, Finley, Borton, Bowen, Yadon. Nays: None. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Katie Coulter, MSRA Rodeo Secretary/Treasurer