

MINUTES
Mid States Rodeo Association
December 17, 2025
Google Meets Meeting

The December meeting of the Mid States Rodeo Association was held online via Google Meets, with President, Preston Bartow, calling the meeting to order at 7:03 pm EST with the following members present: Dakota Sunday, Wyatt Bowen, Cord Barricklow, Clay Yadon, Cody Goertzen, Matt Borton, and Taylor Finley; members in attendance allowed for a quorum.

Agenda was accepted by the board as presented.

In addition to MSRA board members in attendance the following individuals were also in attendance for the purposes of introductions and potentially being named to the Board: Clay Norris, Tyler Torrey, Kaleb Barrett, Justin Morehouse, and Katie Coulter.

The board accepted moving forward with additional individuals present.

All additional individuals outlined the positions they were nominated for, accepted nominations, and gave brief descriptions and biographies related to their rodeo experience and background.

Bartow then excused all individuals from the call for official voting related to the position to take place. He outlined that if voted to the Board he would notify individuals via text to rejoin the call following voting.

MSRA Board Nominations & Voting:

Katie Coulter was nominated and accepted the MSRA Rodeo Secretary nomination for the 2026 season.

Coulter rejoined the meeting following being named as the Rodeo Secretary.

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

Motion made by Clay Yadon and 2nd by Cord Barricklow to nominate Kaleb Barrett as the Stock Contractor Director.

Barrett rejoined the meeting following being named as the Stock Contractor Director.

Ayes: Sunday, Borton, Finley, Yadon, Goertzen, Bowen, Barricklow. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Motion made by Cord Barricklow and 2nd by Clay Yadon to nominate Cord Barricklow as the Vice President for the 2026. Barricklow accepted nomination.

Ayes: Sunday, Borton, Finley, Yadon, Goertzen, Bowen. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Motion made by Clay Yadon and 2nd by Cord Barricklow to nominate Justin Morehouse as the Steer Wrestling Director.

Morehouse rejoined the call following being named as the Steer Wrestling Director.

Ayes: Sunday, Borton, Barricklow, Finley, Yadon, Goertzen, Bowen. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Motion made by Dakota Sunday and 2nd by Cody Goertzen to nominate Clay Norris to the Contract Acts Director position. In addition, a motion was made by Kaleb Barrett and 2nd by Clay Yadon to nominate Tyler Torrey to the Contract Acts Director position.

Voting was held. 7-2 Clay Norris over Tyler Torrey.

Clay Norris rejoined the call following being named as the Specialty Acts Director.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Report:

Bartow outlined that at this time the former MSRA President has outlined to him the Association was reported to have between \$80-\$85,000 within the bank however he has not received any financial statements or information beyond this figure from former MSRA board members. All account holdings are currently at Key Bank. Due to the length of the board member terms all documentation and access to financial statements will be relinquished on January 1, 2026; at that time, we will have actual numbers and can perform an audit based on the 2025 season.

A motion was made by Dakota Sunday 2nd by Cord Barricklow to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Ayes: Sunday, Yadon, Barricklow, Finley, Borton, Goertzen, Bowen. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Judges Commissioner Position:

Discussion was held revolving this being a currently open position due to former Judges Commissioner Chris Keller not accepting nomination for the current season.

Former board members outlined the importance of this position while also indicating areas that could be improved within the position itself. In former years the Judges Commissioner position was not included in board meetings and is considered a non-voting member of the board.

Discussion was held related to a potential by-law or rule change allowing for the Judges Commissioner position to potentially be a voting position within the Board. Discussion also moved to whether the language outlining judges currently falling under the "Specialty Acts" umbrella should be moved solely to the Judges Commissioner role.

Sunday outlined what the position had done in previous years as it related to Mr. Keller and schools, etc., that were put on to ensure judges were up to date on all rules, etc.

The board was in agreement that this is something that needs to be checked and evaluated annually, specifically as it relates to judges having current MSRA cards to judge all Mid States first rodeos.

Sunday outlined the potential for Strand Barricklow filling this position outlining the various organizations he currently judges for as well as his relationship with Chris Keller should he have questions related to the position.

Cord Barricklow outlined he would reach out to Strand to gauge interest. Raul Rodriguez was also mentioned as a potential person to fill this role related to his experience with judging.

NEW BUSINESS:

South Point Rodeo Company, Stock Contractor:

Bartow outlined that South Point Rodeo Company has reached out as it relates to being part of the MSRA for the upcoming season with East Lansing, Michigan then being named as a MSRA co-approved rodeo again.

Rulebook was reviewed as it relates to stock contractor probationary periods and bonds that must be given.

Cord Barricklow made a motion to allow South Point Rodeo Company to hold East Lansing, Michigan as a MSRA co-approved rodeo for 2026 with a 2nd by Cody Goertzen.

Ayes: Barricklow, Sunday, Goertzen, Finley, Borton, Bowen, Yadon. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Rodeo Approvals:

Discussion was held related to stock contractors for the 2026 season and promoting dates, approvals, etc., to contestants in a timely manner. Norris and Barrett outlined the importance of the Fair Convention for contractors to secure their rodeo dates and put together contracts and schedules. Board discussed if there is a date that could be extended to stock contractors for their rodeo schedules to be submitted by. Sunday brought up even potentially putting "pending" for rodeos that contractors are working to finalize contracts on. Discussion was tabled for upcoming meetings.

2026 MSRA Finals:

Bartow outlined that he has been working with Gordyville USA in Gifford, Illinois related to a proposal for the MSRA Finals being moved there for the 2026 season. Bartow thanked Dakota Sunday and Cord Barricklow for their efforts in assisting with the proposal as well as putting together financial information from what was spent on the 2025 Finals.

A draft of the current proposal was extended to all members via text message. A spreadsheet was also shared via text message outlining the costs from the 2025 MSRA Finals.

Discussion related to the major change in location for Gordyville to be that the association would profit from holding the Finals versus as every previous year where the association did not profit from the Finals.

Current proposal to be extended to Gordyville outlines that advertising costs for the Finals would be matched dollar for dollar by Gordyville USA and the MSRA. The proposal accounts for costs including complete rental and use of the arena with the MSRA profiting a 20% portion of the ticket sales. The MSRA will assume all responsibilities for coordinating a finals rodeo committee to work with Gordyville USA. The Finals Committee will be in charge of all aspects of finals production. The current proposal accounts for a \$7500 added money purse for all events.

Discussion was held related to the current set-up at Gordyville and potential future rodeos such as a MSRA Members Only rodeo, or other possibilities. The Finals Committee will be in charge of accepting bid nominations from MSRA approved stock contractors for the use of their arena. The stock contractor who earns the bid will also have their crew be the one working the arena as they would be the most familiar with the set up and nuances of the chutes, etc.

Bartow outlined that he currently has a meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 27 to meet with Gordyville USA and go through the proposal. Bartow encouraged board members who would also like to be present to let him know to also attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Dakota Sunday with a 2nd by Cody Goertzen to accept the proposal for the 2026 MSRA Finals to be at Gordyville USA and allow Preston Bartow to continue coordinating efforts with Gordyville USA as presented. Ayes: Barricklow, Sunday, Goertzen, Finley, Borton, Bowen, Yadon. Nays: None. Motion carries.

March Membership Meeting:

Bartow outlined his desire for full transparency for the 2026 season and the potential for a March general membership meeting to be held at either Dakota Sunday or Preston Bartow's arenas. The meeting would allow for the general membership to ask questions related to the MSRA and hear current Board topics.

Discussion was tabled for upcoming meetings.

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 Dakota Sunday with a 2nd by Cody Goertzen to end the meeting at 10:16 pm EST.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Katie Coulter, MSRA Rodeo Secretary/Treasurer