

MINUTES
Mid States Rodeo Association
April 15, 2026
Google Meet (Virtual Meeting)

The April 15, 2026 meeting of the Mid States Rodeo Association was held via Google Meet, with President Preston Bartow calling the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 PM EST. Members present included: Preston Bartow, Cord Barricklow, Katie Coulter, Cody Goertzen, Matt Borton, Justin Morehouse, Clay Yadon, Clay Norris, Chris Keller, Dakota Sunday, Taylor Finley, and Nikki Jackson-Cagley. Members in attendance constituted a quorum.

A motion was made by Clay Yadon and seconded by Clay Norris to approve the April 15, 2026 Board Agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Clay Norris and seconded by Clay Yadon to approve the March 11, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Clay Norris and seconded by Clay Yadon to approve the March 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Katie Coulter presented the Treasurer's Report.

- Circle Savings Account: \$31,575.49
- Circle Checking Account: \$49,402.53
- Key Checking Account: \$6,011.13
- Total Balance: \$86,989.15

A motion was made by Dakota Sunday and seconded by Clay Yadon to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Membership Update

The current membership total as of April 15, 2026 was reported as 139 members.

MSRA Finals

Discussion was held regarding MSRA Finals planning, including contract acts, announcer, and specialty act bids. All bids are due by May 6, 2026. While interest has been expressed, no official bids had been received at the time of the meeting.

Discussion also included added money fundraising opportunities, with the goal of increasing payout across events, as well as enhancing overall production and contestant experience.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraising & Sponsorships

Discussion was held regarding current fundraising efforts and corporate sponsorship outreach. Additional sponsor prospects and partnership opportunities were discussed, including ongoing communication with contacts from Gordyville and potential larger MSRA sponsors.

Governance & Positions

Bull Riding Director Position

Discussion was held regarding the open Bull Riding Director position. Tyler Torey has accepted a nomination. Further discussion was tabled.

Judges Commissioner Position

A motion was made by Preston Bartow to make the Judges Commissioner position a voting position within the MSRA Board.

- Ayes: Cord Barricklow, Cody Goertzen, Matt Borton, Justin Morehouse, Clay Yadon, Clay Norris, Dakota Sunday, Taylor Finley, Nikki Jackson-Cagley
- Nays: None.
- Motion carried.

Sanctioning Agreements

The Board approved the following 3-J first-approved rodeos:

- Tipton, IN - June 20
- Columbus, IN - June 22
- South Bend, IN - July 3 & 4
- Warsaw, IN - July 16
- Greenville, OH - August 22
- Wauseon, OH - September 9
- Columbia City, IN - September 26

MSRA Tour Dates

Discussion was held regarding implementation of MSRA Tour Dates, including structure, expectations, and contractor participation.

Key points discussed:

- Each contractor would have one designated rodeo counting for 1.5 points toward standings.
- A "Tour Series" buckle could be awarded at Finals.
- MSRA-first rodeos could include additional added money incentives.
- Tour rodeos will be eligible for "Rodeo of the Year."
- No current rulebook conflicts were identified.

MSRA Open - Danville, IN (April 24, 2026)

Discussion included event format and approval process.

- RSN coverage confirmed
- Jessie Gatlin to have secretary card purchased
 - Katie Coulter will also be in attendance to secretary event.
- \$10 local fee approved

Evolution Automotive Jackpot - May 24, 2026

- Committee: Tits Up Productions
- Contractor: TK Pro Rodeo

A motion was made by Clay Yadon with a second by Dakota Sunday to approve the Evolution Automotive Jackpot as a MSRA approved timed event jackpot.

- Ayes: Cord Barricklow, Cody Goertzen, Justin Morehouse, Clay Yadon, Clay Norris, Dakota Sunday, Nikki Jackson-Cagley

- Nays: Matt Borton, Taylor Finley
 - Motion carried.
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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

No additional business was brought forward.

ACTION ITEMS

- Finalize and promote MSRA Finals bids (due May 6, 2026)
 - Continue sponsorship outreach and fundraising efforts
 - Coordinate upcoming Judges Clinic (late spring/early summer)
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TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Big Hat Rodeo Schedule
 - TK Pro Rodeo Schedule
 - Barrett Pro Rodeo Schedule
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A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:46 PM EST.

Next Board Meeting:

May 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM EST

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Coulter
MSRA Secretary/Treasurer