

A meeting of the Mid States Rodeo Association was held via conference call on March 14, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm with Joe Crawford, Bump Postlethwait, Becky Reaume, Scooter Vaughan, Steve Shattuck, Tye Casey, Ronda Casey, & Trent Martin, were present along with Randy Frost. Bronc Fletcher, Shawn Spaulding, and Lee Strahan were excused absences. Minutes will be taken from the recording.

Prior minutes were reviewed. No questions or changes. Becky made a motion to approve the minutes, Steve seconds, motion passed without opposition. Treasurer's report was reviewed. Stuart asked about the delay in payment from IPRA. Joe spoke with Dale about changes going on in the IPRA office that was causing the delays. Stuart made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Tye seconds, motion passed without opposition.

Randy Frost expressed interest in assisting in the position of MSRA Judge's Commissioner. Stuart made a motion to appoint Randy Frost as the 2019 Judge's Commissioner, Steve seconds, motion passed without opposition. The board thanked Randy for stepping up to help the organization. Randy brought up what he would like to change. He wants to revise the testing to be more similar to IPRA to include some questions that can't be found in the rulebook but more so from arena experience. Randy & Joe worked with IPRA to have the MSRA included in the IPRA/APRA judges/secretary clinic in Pennsylvania. Shane Engstrom is going to allow Randy to host shadow judging at some youth rodeos he is hosting to allow judges get additional experience. Randy has some rule proposals regarding judging procedures; however they will have to be submitted to the board for presentation to the general membership at the next meeting.

MSU General Membership Meeting results were posted online. No questions or feedback was provided.

Joe presented the 2019 budget based on the past two years of data from rodeo income. 2019 Rulebooks will be distributed to judges, directors and stock contractors. Shane will be adding five MSRA first approved rodeos to the schedule. CE Taft may give the MSRA one or two first approved rodeos to gain approval for his five IPRA first approved. It is estimated that we will have 54 rodeos on the schedule for 2019.

Stuart asked about the 2019 finals proposals. Steve and Joe looked at a facility in Eaton, OH. Details and a budget need to be worked out with Broken Horn. Bump asked if the association is open to other proposals. Joe asked everyone to bring any information to the next face to face meeting so we can analyze and compare the details to each location. Becky is working on a few locations and trying to get larger sponsorships to host the finals. Tye mentioned a facility in Indianapolis was a possibility and he would try to get more information. Becky and Scooter are going to work on the Toledo based sponsorships.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Strahan