

A meeting of the Mid States Rodeo Association was held via conference call on January 3, 2019 at 8:00 pm. Joe Crawford, Becky Reaume, Steve Shattuck, Bronc Fletcher, Tye Casey, Trent Martin, Rhonda Casey were present along with Secretary/Treasurer Lee Strahan.

Joe pointed out a rule changes going into effect during the current rodeo season. The 2018 Rulebook, page 39, Rule 2 states rules need to be posted 2 months in advance and rule changes can't be changed during the current rodeo season. Becky does not see a significant issue with posting the proposals immediately and being shy of the full 2 months, for the reason of helping the contestants and stock contractors have more successful rodeos and to be able to qualify for the finals. Becky, Tye, Trent, Ronda, and Bronc are leaning towards doing what is the best for the members and the association. The bylaws do have a caveat that would allow the board to do what is in the best interest of the association on page 6.

Stuart spoke with MSU representatives and it looks like Sunday morning will be the only possibility to hold a meeting during the East Lansing rodeo. Tye made a motion to move forward with the rule proposals and general meeting in February 2018, Becky seconded, all approved. Tye wants to be clear that he would prefer to follow the rule but he sees the need to make some changes.

- 1) Change the finals contestants from 12 to contestants to 10 per event.
 - a. Discussion regarding changes of cost incurred and income lost on the reduction on contestants.
- 2) Reduce the mandatory amount of the required rodeos to 1 per season for all contestants, rodeo personnel, and/or stock. Add provision for Ladies Breakaway.
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- 3) Board of Directors need to be elected by members participating in said event.
 - a. Clarify that the director does not necessarily have to come from the event just the accepted votes for a particular director.
 - b. Possibly limit it to the timed events where the membership is plentiful
 - c. Blanket the timed events vs rough stock
- 4) Payoff Revision:
 - a. Steve thinks the team roper entries will increase
- 5) Judges test is an open book test
- 6) The breakaway roping must be mandatory at the finals

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 7, 2019 at 8 pm. Tye made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bronc seconded, all approved.