

**MINUTES**  
**Mid States Rodeo Association**  
**February 11, 2026**  
**Google Meet (Virtual Meeting)**

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The February meeting of the Mid States Rodeo Association was held online via Google Meet, with President Preston Bartow calling the meeting to order at 7:02 PM EST. The following members were present: Katie Coulter, Cody Goertzen, Matt Borton, Justin Morehouse, Clay Yadon, Clay Norris, Dakota Sunday, Taylor Finley, Wyatt Bowen, and Kaleb Barrett. Cord Barricklow later joined the meeting at 9:33 pm due to a work conflict. Members in attendance constituted a quorum.

A motion was made by Clay Yadon and seconded by Dakota Sunday to approve the February 11, 2026 Board Agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Clay Yadon and seconded by Kaleb Barrett to approve the January 7, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Katie Coulter presented the Board with financial information on all current account holdings.

The Circle savings account has a current balance of \$26,291.32. This is the current account linked to PayPal for all online membership purchases. The Circle checking account has a current balance of \$50,680.00. The Key checking account has a current balance of \$6011.13. The total balance of all accounts is currently \$82, 982.32.

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

In addition, Katie Coulter presented the following request for reimbursement based on purchases made for the Association; Postage: \$51.90, Office Supplies: \$256.02, and a Notary Course: \$29.00 for a total reimbursement of \$336.92.

A motion was made by Dakota Sunday and seconded by Wyatt Bowen to pay Katie Coulter for the reimbursement as presented.

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### **Judges Commissioner Position**

Chris Keller joined the meeting at 7:03 pm to further discuss the Judges Commissioner position and offer his background related to the position. Keller outlined that he has held his IPRA Judge's Card since 2006, and been a Senior Pro Judge for 7 years. He has been the previous Judges Commissioner for the MSRA for the past 3 seasons. To his knowledge, the position had been vacant for some time prior to him taking the position. Keller worked to develop the test that is currently being used for approving judges for the association and has held clinics in the

past to get additional judges certified for the association. Keller offered that for the IPRA they have judges take a one time test, with a judges clinic every 3 years that must be attended.

Keller discussed different ideas related to sponsorships for the judges, and other arena personnel for the MSRA Finals. He has utilized a group text amongst MSRA judges in previous years to assist contractors in having approved judges. Keller outlined that he likes to see judges move-up through the years to being the flag judge, and would hope to be part of the decision making process related to the judges named to the MSRA Finals.

After speaking with the Board related to his experience Chris was excused from the meeting to allow the Board to discuss and vote on the position.

A motion was made by Clay Yadon and seconded by Wyatt Bowen to nominate Chris Keller to the Judges Commissioner position for the 2026/2027 season. Ayes: Goertzen, Borton, Morehouse, Yadon, Norris, Sunday, Finley, Bowen, Barrett. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Chris rejoined the meeting following being named to the Judges Commissioner position.

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### **Breakaway Roping Director Position**

Nikki Jackson-Cagley joined the meeting at 7:04 pm to further discuss the Breakaway Roping Director position and her interest in serving as the director for the 2026/2027 season.

Nikki outlined that she grew up rodeoing through various junior associations into college. She has sat on various boards through junior rodeo and other associations. Throughout the season last year she felt like she began approaching judges related to calls to better understand the rules behind certain calls. She has an interest in serving as the Breakaway Director to be a voice for the girls who breakaway.

After speaking with the Board related to his experience Nikki was excused from the meeting to allow the Board to discuss and vote on the position.

A motion was made by Clay Yadon and seconded by Kaleb Barrett to nominate Nikki Jackson-Cagley to the Breakaway Roping Director position for the 2026/2027 season. Ayes: Goertzen, Borton, Morehouse, Yadon, Norris, Sunday, Finley, Bowen, Barrett. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Nikki rejoined the meeting following being named to the position.

### **March General Membership Meeting**

The Board discussed the March General Membership Meeting that is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at Preston Bartow's home in Michigan. There will be light refreshments served and an Open Forum Agenda for the meeting with a livestreaming option that Katie Coulter and Preston Bartow will coordinate.

All Rule Proposals have been posted and are accessible from the MSRA website. Posted information has been accessible in enough time in accordance with the Rulebook.

For voting purposes only current cardholders will be allowed a vote.

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## **2026 MSRA Finals**

Katie Coulter outlined that she spoke with Andraeh Caldwell and she accepted assisting on the Finals Committee as part of the MSRA 4 representatives to work with the 3 individuals Gordyville USA will name. Cord Barricklow, Katie Coulter, and Andraeh Caldwell are currently 3 of the 4 individuals representing the MSRA. We will need to decide on a 4th individual. Clay Yadon and Dakota Sunday discussed the importance of trying to find someone who has a thorough understanding of the back-end production side of rodeos to help with the "show". This conversation was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Clay Norris discussed the importance of filling the roughstock events at the Finals. He is currently working with Shaun Spaulding and a few other individuals to look for clinic opportunities for more people to get on bucking horses that will hopefully end with more individuals purchasing cards to enter MSRA rodeos in the future.

A discussion was held related to assisting with the promotion of roughstock events and this being filled for the MSRA Finals.

A motion was made by Cody Goertzen and seconded by Dakota Sunday to give MSRA stock contractors 6 cards total for roughstock riders only, 2 per roughstock event (BB, SB, BR) to distribute to MSRA first time card holders only as they see fit. Ayes: Goertzen, Borton, Morehouse, Yadon, Norris, Sunday, Finley, Bowen. Barrett Abstained. Nays: None. Motion carries.

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## **Cow Camp 2025**

Bartow distributed the Minutes from the Cow Camp 2025 Rodeo. There were 2 separate sets of Minutes held from this meeting. The board was extended both sets for comparison purposes. Within the minutes it states, "The 2026 Contractor for Cow Camp is supposed to be a MSRA stock contractor voted on by the current committee". Discussion was held related to South Point Rodeo Company currently having this rodeo on their books.

A motion was made by Dakota Sunday and seconded by Cody Goetzen to table the discussion on the 2026 Cow Camp rodeo until further information is obtained.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Arena Bids for 2026 MSRA Rodeo Finals**

Discussion was held related to contractors that would bid the arena for the 2026 MSRA Finals. Kaleb Barrett outlined that in his opinion 3-J does such a good job with their crew he would not submit a bid.

The board members who have served in previous years stated that they recalled previously voting on the arena, announcer, and clown. Katie Coulter offered what she had found in previous paperwork on the Finals. It appears individuals submitted inquiries stating they hoped to work the Finals and from there the Board then voted based on who inquired. A discussion was held related to the proper time for accepting these inquiries/nominations. Chris Keller offered he believed July would be a good time for cutting off submissions for this to allow time for

voting, but also time for sizing of personnel-related apparel.

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### **QuickBooks**

Preston Bartow made a motion for the association to move from the current 2014 desktop version of QuickBooks that is only acceptable from the secretary computer to the online QuickBooks version; this was seconded by Clay Yadon. Ayes: Goertzen, Borton, Morehouse, Yadon, Norris, Sunday, Finley, Bowen, Barrett. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Preston Bartow and Katie Coulter will get together during the March General Membership meeting to work on setting up account access and moving from the desktop version to online access.

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### **Monticello, IL Rodeo**

Preston Bartow extended that he was contacted by the President of the Piatt County Trailblazers regarding the Monticello, Illinois rodeo and their desire for this rodeo to be MSRA sanctioned with the Finals now being at Gordyville. This rodeo's stock contractor is not currently part of the MSRA and has not been part of the association in the past. Bartow stated the stock contractor has not reached out to him, only the president of their board at this time. Rules related to sanctioning and approvals were reviewed.

A motion was made by Dakota Sunday and seconded by Clay Norris to table the discussion of the Monticello, Illinois rodeo.

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### **MSRA Finals Awards/Jackets**

A discussion was held related to what the cutoff date should be on rodeos that will count towards the Finals Standings. A review was held related to fall rodeos and their typical weekend dates. A date of October 1, 2026 being the cut-off for the season was discussed. This was moved as an action item for the next meeting for final voting.

A discussion was held related to awards and jacket purchasing. Katie Coulter is going to touch base with Tom Bourne related to previous orders and look at options for the current season. She will report at the upcoming meeting on what information she finds out.

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Bartow asked if there was any additional business to address. None was brought forward.

A motion was made by Clay Yadon and seconded by Dakota Sunday to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 PM EST.

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**Respectfully submitted,**

Katie Coulter

MSRA Rodeo Secretary/Treasurer