

A meeting of the Mid States Rodeo Association meeting was held in Swanton, OH at 12:00 pm. Joe Crawford, Tye Casey, Trent Martin, Ronda Casey, Stuart Pletcher, Becky Reaume, Scooter Vaughan, and Steve Shattuck were present along with Lee Strahan. Bump Postlethwait and Bronc Fletcher were excused due to a prior commitment. Shawn Spaulding was absent.

Minutes from the prior meeting were read, no comments, questions or changes. Scooter made a motion to accept the minutes, Becky seconded, motion passed without opposition. Joe reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Trent made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Tye seconded, motion passed without opposition.

### **Old Business**

Joe went over the 2019 projected budget using average income from prior year's rodeos and memberships. The projected income for 2019 is \$80,000.00. The Contract Act position needs to be addressed for the finals. We are required to have a barrelman so if the Contract Act is only doing that position they pay needs to be reduced. Joe suggested the possibility of having two announcers vs a contract act. Steve said the announcers should get the crowd interested and enthused about the finals. Stuart suggested have the directors step up and take over some of the random jobs like gate pullers, latchman, and arena director. All present agreed that was a reasonable request. Joe would like printed lanyards and credentials for contestants and personnel. Stuart suggested going to the local Chamber of Commerce for a goody bag to pass out to contestants that would cover some of the credential expense.

Potential Sites:

**WB Arena, Swanton, OH** – Building rental fee if offset by a sponsorship, \$1 per ticket sold goes back to facility, all camping and stall money is a pass thru income. Negatives – Lack of bleachers (Stuart gave a solution to adding two sets of fold out bleachers on the end of the arena adding 600 seats – high estimated price is \$5.50 per seat per perf), inconvenient parking, lack of entry security.

**Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton, OH, Broken Horn Rodeo** – Joe and Steve met McElroy's at the facility to look at it. \$6000 for the weekend (waived for 50/50 split on ticket sales), optional portable stalls, large steel building with a nice entrance lobby, \$300 for booth rentals (50/50 split), no concession on site (Food Trucks available for a 15% fee split 50/50), concrete based and dirt will have to be hauled in (their expense), we are responsible for clean up, trash, and all staffing personnel, camping goes to facility and percentage of stalls comes back to MSRA. Questions to ask the arena – will they help with marketing. Negatives – no bathrooms in building, parking is a good distance away, poor stalls, contestant parking in grassy area.

**Marion, OH** - \$1700 per day, no dirt, small hockey arena, no sound system, seats 3000 people, no updates have been made since the 1970s. Joe did not think this was a viable option, all agreed and Marion was taken off the discussion table.

**Huntington Center, Toledo, OH** – 8000 seats, major marketing resource, ticket takers, see proposal attached for full disclosure. Negatives – housing livestock vs hauling off site to Lucas County Fairgrounds, portable stalls set up in Seagate Center (100 stalls for \$6500).

**Champions Center, Springfield, OH** - \$3000 for the weekend, seating would get brought in at our expense, stalls and camping are pass thru income. There are several questions that need to be answered before the board feels they can make an educated decision on this facility.

**Cloverdale, IN** – Free facility rental, stall and camping pass thru income, \$5 per ticket goes back to the association, facility covers all clean up expenses, concessions available.

Significant discussion was had on all locations and the pros and cons that are associated. Several questions need to be clarified on all locations. Steve and Becky will go back to the appropriate parties to get answers.

Ladies Breakaway will be at 6 first approved rodeos this year. It is unknown how many co-approvals will offer breakaway. At this point it appears the association will not generate enough revenue to include the breakaway at the finals. Ronda makes a motion to add Ladies Breakaway at the finals, Becky seconds, 4 for, 2 no, 1 abstained, motion passed.

Becky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4 pm, Ronda seconds, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Strahan

Secretary/Treasurer