



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2025, at 10:00 am CST
Quality Inn, Bismarck
Minutes taken by: Tammy Backhaus



Present:

Teagan Homelvig, Craig Maley, Cody Frei, Paul Weinberger, Travis Rossow, Stacy McGee, Chad Miller (Chad), Kami Kling, Chase Kling, Kathy Mavity, Chad Ellingson (Chad E.), Dawn Martin, Tucker Turbiville, Tylie Johnson, Nevaeh Horner, CJ Boldt, Derek Mott, Brindle Mott, Lane Erickson, Kamri Niemitalo, Duane Faulkner, James Harriman, Anton Helfrich, Russ Homelvig, and Tammy Backhaus

Non-Board Members Present: Ben Erickson, Jessica Niemitalo, Kelly & Tara Turbiville, and Chelsey Horner

Absent: Kassidy Marschner, Ryan Madison, Jason Vohs, Ashley Ross, Melanie Hertz, Ashley Meyer, Lindsey Miller, Karter Kleeman, and CJ Thorn

Call Meeting to Order: President Chad Miller 10:04 am

Approval of Minutes from the Following Meetings:

- February 2025 Full BOD
- April 27, 2025, Approve Pick Up Men
- May 14, 2025, State Finals Deadline

There being no corrections or additions, Dawn made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Chad Ellingson second the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rodeo of the Year Results – The results are in. At the time of the meeting, we were not aware of the outcome. Tammy asked Ashley Ross about the outcome, and it is a tie between Watford City and Killdeer Rodeo Clubs.
- Nationals
 - Cost of Generator \$1,580 (with \$750 discount) – This is to be the last year of having to cover this cost.
 - National Team Cost of Meals \$1,475 (HS) \$1,183 (JH) – This was for suppers at both nationals. We need to either increase dollar in policy or come up with a different parameter to keep within policy. This was moved to the Finance and Budget Committee for the November meeting.

Treasurer Report: Stacy

- Stacy sent out all financial reports before meeting. Stacy asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, she indicated that she is an open book, please give her a call if you have any. Dawn made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Craig second. Motion carried.

HS Secretary Report: Tammy

- The membership total to date is 161 and additional kids are still signing up. With 47 of them being new members.
- Tammy emailed out a copy of the Operations Manual to all board members indicating that this explains high school policies and offers some history. She encouraged members to review it. The master copy is kept with the Secretary.
- A new van update was given that the previous potential sponsor has changed their mind, and the board is looking for new suggestions for a sponsorship.
- A new board member contact sheet was passed around and updated.
- Tammy asked for suggestions for the banner/duty list, if there aren't any, she will continue with the method she's been using. The JH Board does not use a banner schedule, their membership and board members just jump in. High School feels we should continue with our schedule. Craig suggested that we use high school families to put banners up and down and then recognize them at their local rodeo. Tammy raised the concern about getting banners mixed up. Families would be selected by a random draw from the local families to the rodeo. The majority felt that the banner responsibility stays with the board. The HS will continue to do a banner/duty schedule, and the JH will continue to do it they way they are.

JH Secretary Report: Kassidy (Chad spoke for Kassidy)

- The membership totals are at 102. A lot of new members, up significantly from last year.

Marketing Report: Stacy

- Fund Raising – JH had a carryover of \$800. All is good in both marketing divisions. The raffle ticket drawing will be moved to the NDRA Rodeo at the end of September. Dale Pahlke is still sponsoring the main prize of \$1000. We will be doing calendars.
- There was a loss of \$7,000 at the HS State Finals because stock prices continue to go up, but we do not raise any of our entry fees. Stacy believes it is time to be discussed. This will be moved to the Finance Committee for the November meeting.
- Stacy passed out board member passes.

Kami made a motion to approve the Marketing Report, CJ second. Motion carried.

Shooting Director Report: James

- Lost three seniors but gained a few freshman, so numbers should remain the same.
- Shooting Updates: There will be a Jr. High shoot in Watford City on Friday, September 5 at 3:00pm; and High School Friday, September 12 at 9:00am. Valley City High School Rodeo will be Friday, September 19 at 1:00pm.

National Director Report: Craig

- Craig indicated that both National Teams did very well. ND won the Division 3 Championship.

- Craig wants to encourage all members, high school and junior high that they really take advantage of the scholarships available.
- The National Office is going to start having all entries for nationals entered online.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2025-2026 Officers – Chad explained which association fills which position and how Committees work.

- President – Chad E. nominated Dawn Martin, CJ second. Motion passed. Paul nominated Travis Rossow, Codi Frei second. Motion passed. Nominations ceased.

After voting, Dawn Martin was elected President.

- Vice President, High School – Dawn nominated Kathy Mavity, Derek second. Motion passed. Travis Rossow nominated Paul Weinberger, and Duane Faulkner second. Motion passed. Nominations ceased.

After voting, Kathy Mavity was elected Vice President.

- Vice President, Junior High – Cody nominated Ashley Ross, Derek second. Motion passed. Kathy nominated CJ Boldt, and Kami second. Motion passed.

After the vote CJ Boldt was elected Vice President for JH.

- Election of Executive Board

- Two Members at Large

- HS Member at Large – Kathy nominated Chad Ellingson, Dawn second. Motion passed. Nominations were ceased.
- JH Member at Large – Kathy nominated Kami Kling, CJ second. Motion passed. Paul nominated Derek Mott, Dawn second. Motion carried.

After voting Kami Kling was elected.

- There was an open position for the JH Board. CJ nominated Karter Kleeman with Derek second. Motion carried. At the Bismarck JH Rodeo they will have one of the JH student officers complete the nomination form and submit it for Karter Kleeman.

- Committee Chairs

- President – Chair for Executive Board – Dawn Martin
- HS V. President – Chair for Budget & Finance – Kathy Mavity
- JH V. President – Chair for Scheduling and Personnel – CJ Boldt
- HS at Large – Chair of State Finals & Queens – Chad Ellingson
- JH at Large – Chair of the Fundraising & Membership Development - Kami Kling
- National Director – Chair of Rules and Safety – Craig Maley
- Pass the Hat Chair – Ida Erickson

- **Code of Conduct Review and Sign** – It was stressed by outgoing President Chad Miller that as Board Members we need to live up to the Code of Conduct that we sign. Student Officers need to set good examples for other contestants. Also stressed that every outcome from a vote, no matter what a personal feeling, the board remains united in the decision that was made. One last piece of advice ... if an upset parent approaches any board member try to get another board member so there are two board members present.
- **Marketing Director Contract Renewal** – Kathy motioned and Dawn second to renew Stacy's and Lindsey's contracts. Motion carried.
- **High School Secretary Contract Renewal** – Derek motioned to renew Tammy's contract, Chad E. second. Motion carried. Tammy asked to think about it.
- **Junior High Secretary Contract Renewal** - Kami motioned to renew Cassidy's contract, Dawn second. Motion carried.
- **Queen Director Contract Renewal** – Codi Miller has resigned from this position. She has offered to help if needed. Lindsey Miller is willing to take on this position for one year to see if it fits within her schedule. Kami motioned to give Lindsey this position for a one-year trial. Kathy second. Motion carried. Position effective August 1.
- **Shooting Director Contract Renewal** – Chad E. motioned to renew James's contract with CJ second. Motion carried. James has agreed to renew his contract for one more year while mentoring his replacement.

Chad and Russ excused themselves from the meeting.

- **Contract Renewal Month** – It was suggested that contract renewals be discussed in the February Finance Committee so any changes can be brought forward at the August meeting since contracts renew in August. This year contracts are being discussed at the August meeting having to be moved to the Finance Committee for discussion and then presented to the full board at the November meeting for approval of changes. Any approved changes will be retroactive back to the beginning of the contracts of August 1.
- **Add Ground Rule for Broken Pattern** – After a lengthy discussion CJ made a motion that the NDHSRA and NDJHRD adopt the Ground Rule - if you break the pattern in any event a contestant must exit the arena. Derek second the motion. Chad E. made a motion to amend the first motion to allow Jr. High contestants to finish their run and High School needing to ride out. The amendment failed. After additional discussion on the original motion a vote was called for and the motion carried with Cody voting nay.
- **Add Ground Rule for a Clean Bell Collar Catch in Breakaway** – It was decided to have 2024-2025 Season be a grace period of +5 for a catch in

breakaway that went over the nose but was not a clean neck catch. The 2025-2026 Season will require a clean bell collar catch aligning with Nationals. Kami motioned that a Clean Bell Collar Catch be required at the High School level. CJ second the motion. Motion carried. This does not apply to the Junior High. There being no further discussion the motion passed.

- **Personnel (Judges, secretaries, stock contractors)** – Craig suggested that we decide in August for the upcoming year on rodeo personnel. It was decided that the Association President will continue to hire the judges.
- **State Finals Bids** – Put bids out in the second year. Some venues need a two-year plan.
- Derek made a motion to approve that **Cow Cutting** be a standard rodeo event with points applying towards All-Around. Kathy second. Motion approved.
- CJ asked for a **safety meeting** for rough stock and ribbon roping at the Bismarck rodeo. Craig agreed.
- CJ asked if the Board could vote **Karter Kleeman as a JH Board Member** without having to go through the contestant nominating form. Stacy indicated that this has been done in the past. CJ made a motion to approve Karter Kleeman as a JH Board Member, Derek second. Motion passed.
- Craig signed off on 12 kids **transferring in** and lost 1 contestant to MT. Lots of good things being talked about ND and the way the program is being run.
- Craig addressed **grievances**, that they need to be addressed the same day.
- Craig asked students to leave the room and spoke to the board on being observant at rodeos for anything improper.
- The Board Committees were established.

Next Meeting – November 16 in Dickinson

Adjourn – Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 pm. Kami second. Motion carried.