

Friday Session MWM

02/28/2025

MEETING CALLED BY	Brad Mckee - President
TYPE OF MEETING	UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting
ATTENDEES	Kelly Anderson,Brad McKee,Angie Freeland,Jason Kelly,Syndi Fitzgerald,Virginia Bundy,Chris Price,Jason Riding,Brock Riding,Judd Austin,Vicki Brierley,Tate Weber,Monica Hullinger,Tana Bennett,Whitney Robb,Joni Haderlie,Darrell Sagers,Kody Jacobs,Burk Austin,Chesni Nelson,Brylie Olsen,Dutton Daybell,June Bell, Trisha Riding, Jackie Fox, Kadie Nielson, Emily Wear, Justin Sharp
WELCOME	Brad Mckee
	Call to Order:
	The meeting was called to order by Student Body Vice President Chenzi Nelson. The session began with an opening prayer, offered by High School Student Body Secretary Burk Austin, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Junior High Student Body Presiden Dutton Daybell.
	National Mid-Winter Report:
DISCUSSION	Kelly Anderson, Angie, and the student officers provided a report on their attendance at the National Mid-Winter Meeting held in Deadwood, South Dakota. Key points included:
	 Discussions about TV rights and media coverage. Jeff Manners clarified that while he is no longer with the Cowboy Channel, they remain supportive of broadcasting rodeo events. Clarification that My Local Rodeo can continue programming, pending
	 application approval, which has already been submitted. Social media and media fee policies remain unchanged. A flat \$25 fee at State Finals will allow contestants to access video footage of their performances. Cutting competitions will now be judged by five judges, with competitions beginning Sunday afternoon and running continuously through the week. Golf cart regulations remain at 21 and over, with minimal incidents reported.
	 Discussion of the Western Justice Horse Protection Act, which is gaining traction in California. Members were advised to educate others about rodeo rather than engaging in arguments.
	 Updates on upcoming national event locations: Rock Springs, WY, and Des Moines, IA, with Lincoln, NE, hosting High School Finals for two years, and junior high finals moving to Balazi E under a long-term contract.
	New Rule Changes:
	 Social media disciplinary actions: Posting inaccurate, detrimental, threatening or derogatory content about the association may result in disqualification for
	both students and parents.
	 Attire regulations: Shirts must remain tucked in, and boots must have a minimum one-inch heel.

- Roping rules: New specifications for breakaway roping knots, requiring the flag to be at the end of the rope's knot.
- State Finals time-event stock selection: Stock for the short round may now be chosen based on the fastest qualifying times.

Finance Report:

Judd Austin presented an overview of UHSRA's financial position:

- The association operates on a structured budget to support its activities and events.
- Safeguards are in place to ensure proper budget allocation, including oversight by the finance committee and board approvals for any adjustments.
- The association maintains a financial reserve to safeguard against emergencies.
- Sponsorship revenue is decreasing, with several long-time sponsors reducing or discontinuing their support. Members are encouraged to seek new sponsorships and support existing sponsors.

Judging Eligibility Bylaw Amendment:

A motion was made by Kelly Anderson and seconded by Angie Freeland to amend judging eligibility requirements. Judges must apply for at least five rodeo performances, rather than having judged five, to be eligible for State Finals selection. The motion was passed.

Legislative Updates:

- A bill for excused absences for rodeo participants has passed, benefiting student-athletes in high school and junior high rodeo associations.
- Efforts are underway to secure state funding, including \$50,000 for paramedic support at rodeos and \$100,000 for travel expenses.

General Announcements:

- Members were encouraged to share the YouTube link for an upcoming session on mental health awareness and association tragedies.
- Appreciation was expressed for leaders advocating for rodeo-related policies at the state level.
- Breakout sessions were scheduled to follow, with Judging staying in the main room, Youth Advisory moving down the hall, and Cutting & Reining convening separately.

The meeting was adjourned, and breakout sessions commenced.



Opening Meeting MWM

MEETING CALLED BY	Brad Mckee - President
TYPE OF MEETING	Executive Board Meeting
ATTENDEES	Kelly Anderson, Brad McKee, Angie Freeland, Jason Kelly, Syndi Fitzgerald, Virginia Bundy, Chris Price, Jason Riding, Brock Riding, Judd Austin, Vicki Brierley, Tate Weber, Monica Hullinger, Tana Bennett, Whitney Robb, Joni Haderlie, Darrell Sagers, Kody Jacobs, Burk Austin, Chezni Nelson, Brylie Olsen, Dutton Daybell, June Bell, Trisha Riding, Jackie Fox, Kadie Nielson, Emily Wear, Justin Sharp, Marie Moore, Cody Moore, Holly Jacobs, Ashley Denton, Crystal Williams, Cheri Bowden, Stephanie Lord, Aubrie Christensen, Cathie Beesley, Tob Beesley, Kelsy Anderson, Kelli Nelson, Holly Whitaker, Richelle Sorensen, Abbie Blazzard, Race Martini, Kelli Petty, Clinton Petty, Chad Campbell, Darrell Sagers, Shannon Sagers, Ashley Johnson, Lindsey Bingham, Natalie Cornia, Emilee Giles, Brayton Giles, Julie Weber, Corby Nelson, Justin Sharp
WELCOME	Brad Mckee
DISCUSSION	Call to Order: The meeting was called to order, followed by an opening prayer given by Brock Riding, board member. Attendees then welcomed guest speakers Shadrach Feild and Libby Hinckley, who spoke about mental health. The association expressed gratitude for their time and valuable insights on this important topic. Announcement was then made by president Brad Mckee regarding newly approved funding for paramedics at rodeos. This funding is backed by the fire association and will assist clubs in ensuring medical personnel are present at events. Committee Reports: Committee Reports: Ommittee Report: A bylaw amendment was made regarding the qualification process for judges at the state finals. Judges must apply for at least five rodeos rather than having judged five rodeos previously. Judges for the Junior High and High School State Finals were selected, with assignments finalized for both small and large arenas. Small Arena JH Kendall Bagley, Kade Jacobs – Large arena JH Justin Clapp, dan Woodland, Lex Nelson, High School – Small Arena Kendall Bagley, Justin Clapp Large Arena Shane Draper, Greg Bennett, Clel Robinson A motion was made by Jason Riding and seconded by Judd Austin to approve the selected judges and arena directors and the motion carried. Cutting & Reining Committee Report: Discussion focused on encouraging clubs to host RCH events with Cuttings to help offset cattle costs. Due to limited attendance, no official votes were taken, but further discussions will be held at future meetings. Tate will work with Shaun to create a detailed instructional letter for secretaries regarding Cutting and RCH judges and cattle suppliers. The letter will also include helps for clubs when hosting these events. Plans for a potential reining and cutting school, to increase participation.

system for RCH due to the limited number of competitions held each year. Similar to what the Queen committee has proposed.

Youth Advisory Committee Report:

- Plans were outlined to encourage more students to run for officer positions by increasing outreach and one-on-one recruitment efforts.
- Student Officers are working on a spring fundraiser more information to come
- Jr High Team Picture will be taken at the March SUJR Rodeo Hurricane
- Cowboy Sadie's Hawaiian Theme
- Officer Retreat looking to be held at Lake Powell
- The State Finals T-shirts were finalized, with the high school choosing a white shirt with black lettering and the junior high selecting a pink shirt with black lettering.
- State Finals Grand Entry themes were confirmed:

o Wednesday: USA

o Thursday: Gold and Purple (Suicide Awareness)

Friday: Wild WestShort Go: Blackout

• Planned State Finals activities include a kickball tournament, a cornhole tournament for parents, goat roping and a dance.

Shooting Committee Report:

- A new scoring machine for rifle events will be implemented, significantly improving efficiency.
- Discussion took place regarding potential conflicts between shooting events and other rodeo events.
- It was decided that both rounds of trap shooting at State Finals will take place on Sunday, followed by rifle rounds on Monday, with short rounds scheduled for Tuesday.
- A request was made to link the National Shooting Rules on the UHSRA website for easier access by contestants.
- Vicki asked the board what she needed to do to have shooting event points count toward All-Around standings. Kelly said this will need further review by the National Association before implementation. This topic was tabled until the State Finals meeting.

Finance & Budget Report:

- The association secured an \$4,000 grant from Heber Valley, with Wasatch County contributing an additional \$2,500 toward marketing initiatives.
- With the announcement of McKardy Kelly stepping down from the PR position, and the need to hire a new PR member. A motion was made by Kelly Anderson and seconded by Burk Austin to allocate \$1,200 for this transition and training period. The motion carried.
- The committee finalized the use of late fee revenue, with \$20,000 allocated to rodeo schools and any amount above that dedicated to added Payout money at State Finals. The motion was made by Burk Austin and seconded by June Bell. The Motion carried.
- Repairs were approved for the Junior High chute dogging chute, with formal cost estimates to be obtained. A motion was made by Tana Bennett and seconded by Chezni Nelson to make these repairs. The motion carried.
- A new Rainy Day Fund policy was implemented, requiring board approval for fund
 usage and maintaining reserves between 50% and 110% of operating expenses. Excess
 funds above 110% will be allocated as determined by the board. A motion was made by
 Joni Haderlie and seconded by Tana Bennett. The motion carried.

Sponsorship:

- The committee emphasized the importance of securing new sponsors, as some longtime sponsors have reduced their contributions. Asked for the help of membership to report any new possible sponsors for the committee to visit.
- We are thankful to all of our sponsors. Please encourage members to support those who support us and thank them when they are in their businesses.

Scholarship:

- Committee will have a meeting for all graduating members and their parents at the West Millard rodeo in May. Encouraging them to apply and helping answer questions.
- Emails and social media posts will help spread and encourage application.
- Every applicant receives a minimum scholarship of \$750
- The committee presented ideas on how to raise more scholarship money. One idea was to have members sell more ranger tickets, maybe 15 each instead of the 10 required now, or have a contest with members to encourage those who want to sell extra to put their name in a drawing for a small scholarship. No motions were made tabled until the State Finals meeting.

Livestock/Roughstock Committee:

Rough Stock Participation Growth:

- Utah is currently the only state where rough stock entries are increasing rather than
 declining.
- The committee credited the success of this growth to the board and state efforts in supporting rough stock schools and development opportunities.

JV Participation at State Finals:

- A proposal was introduced to allow JV contestants to compete at State Finals at a JV level.
- JV contestants would compete in two additional rodeos at State Finals, 1st Go and 2nd Go. No Short Go and only the Year end buckles would be awarded for the JV Division. This is to allow the JV contestants to ride and state.
- They would not be eligible for prizes beyond the existing year-end high-point buckle.
- This opportunity would provide exposure to the State Finals environment, encouraging them to progress into varsity competition.
- A motion was made by Jason Riding and seconded by Kody Jacobs to allow JV contestants to compete at State Finals under these guidelines. The motion carried.

Three-Level Tier System for Rough Stock Riders:

- The committee proposed transitioning from the current JV/Varsity system to a three-tier system (Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3) to better match contestants with appropriate livestock.
- The goal is to reduce injuries and improve retention by ensuring contestants compete on stock suited to their experience level.
- Points earned in Level 1 would be capped at 30, requiring riders to move up to Level 2 or 3 for further progression.
- At State Finals, only Levels 2 and 3 would be permitted; Level 1 competitors would need to advance before competing at the state level.
- Concerns about ensuring alignment with national rulebook guidelines for stock drawing and event structure were raised.
- A motion was made by Jason Kelly and seconded by Tate Weber to submit this
 proposal to the National Association for approval and implementation for the 20252026 season. The motion carried. Brock Riding Opposed

Safety and Retention Efforts:

- The committee emphasized the importance of matching contestants with suitable stock to minimize injuries and prevent early dropout from competition.
- Several members shared concerns that young competitors often feel pressure to move up before they are ready, leading to unnecessary injuries and discouragement.

Next Steps and Implementation:

- The committee will finalize the JV participation structure for this year's State Finals, allowing JV Rough Stock Riders to compete in two rounds.
- The three-tier system proposal will be submitted to the National Association for review for the 2025-2026 Season

Planning and Steering:

Hall of Fame Inductees:

- The committee voted on and selected the following individuals to be inducted into the UHSRA Hall of Fame:
 - o Jim Smith
 - o Cody Wright
 - o Jack Hannam
 - o Ken & Lynda Linda Norris
- These inductees will be honored and presented with their awards at the State Finals.

Rodeo Name Changes:

- South Summit Rodeo will be renamed Summit Rodeo to reflect the inclusion of the surrounding areas better.
- Panguitch Rodeo will return to its original name, **Color Country Rodeo**, to represent its regional reach.

New Fundraising Initiative:

- The committee introduced a **Fantasy Rodeo Fundraiser**, modeled after the Pro Rodeo Fantasy competitions held at the National Finals Rodeo (NFR).
- Participants will be able to select teams, and the winner will be determined by final rankings. The program will be run by a professional company.
- Prizes will be awarded, including a Cricket Mini Golf Cart
- Further details and registration instructions will be released soon.
- A motion was made by Angie Freeland and seconded by Tana Bennett to approve all of the committee's recommendations above - Hall of Fame, Name Changes, and Fantasy Rodeo. The motion carried.

Queen Committee:

- The Queen Contest currently consists of eight contests throughout the year, with four held in the fall and four in the spring.
- Under the current system, all eight contests count toward the standings for State Finals.
- Before the most recent change, contestants carried 70 points into State Finals, allowing for some flexibility in participation.
- Concerns were raised that the current system does not allow room for a contestant to
 miss a contest due to horse injuries, travel delays, family emergencies, or other
 unforeseen circumstances without significantly impacting their chances of competing
 for the State Queen title.
- The committee reviewed past participation numbers and noted a decline in State Finals entries despite having multiple contestants qualify.
- In 2024, 10 contestants qualified for State Finals, but only seven competed.
- In 2023, 12 contestants qualified, with only eight choosing to compete.
- By contrast, Junior High does not have a point system, and participation remains steady, with 11 girls competing at the Wasatch Front Rodeo and 12 girls entering State Finals last year.
- The committee believes that adjusting the point system for High School could positively impact State Finals entries.
- A motion was made by Jason Kelly and seconded by Angie Freeland to adjust the point system to allow only six contests (60 points) to count toward standings going into State Finals ONLY FOR THE QUEEN CONTEST The motion carried

- The committee also recommends to the board that our State rules be amended to include the following: Last year, they had a situation where someone with a concussion might need to have the test read to them. It ended up not being necessary, but the committee would like a clear rule in place for the future.
- Test Assistance Rule: A human reader may/will be made available for a contestant during the test portion of the contest when a contestant has provided written documentation of a reading disability at minimum 24 hours prior to the Queen Contest in the form of a Doctor's note, IEP, or 504. Human reader will be an adult committee member. Human reader will read the test verbatim; no additional communication during the test will be allowed.
- Jason Riding motions to have the Test Assistance Rule added to the Queen Rules Dutton Daybell 2nds The Motion Carries

State Finals Planning:

• The Junior High & High School State Finals schedule was reviewed and finalized, including event timelines and mandatory meetings.

Junior High State Finals Schedule:

- Tuesday:
 - o 3:30 PM Queen Contest Check-In
 - o 4:30 PM Queen Contest
 - o 7:00 PM Queen Horsemanship
- Wednesday:
 - o 7:30 AM First & Second Go of Light Rifle
 - 8:30 AM Event & Arena Directors Meeting
 - o 9:00 AM Steer Wrestling, Barrels, Poles, and Goat Arena Setup
 - o 10:00 AM Goat Tying Prep
 - o 11:00 AM Timed Event Livestock Prep
 - o 3:00 PM Light Rifle Short Go
 - o 5:00 PM Junior High Queen Coronation
 - o 5:00 PM Rough Stock Safety & Equipment Check
 - o 5:30 PM Contestant Check-In Closes
 - 6:00 PM Mandatory Contestant Meeting
 - Post-Meeting Student Activity (Laser Tag Tentatively Planned)

• Thursday:

- o 9:00 AM First Performance
- o 1:00 PM Pizza Potluck
- o 5:00 PM Second Performance (Theme: Blackout)
- o Post-Performance First Go-Around Awards

• Friday:

- o 9:00 AM Third Performance
- o 5:00 PM Fourth Performance (Theme: Hunting Season)
- Post-Performance Second Go-Around Awards, Short Go Draw, Stock Draw, and Bios

Saturday:

- o 10:40 AM Short Go Contestant Lineup (Behind Bucking Chutes)
- o 11:00 AM Short Round (Theme: Patriotic)
- Post-Rodeo Awards Ceremony

High School State Finals Schedule:

- Sunday:
 - o 11:00 AM First Go of Trap Shooting
 - o 4:00 PM Second Go of Trap Shooting
- Saturday (Prior to Finals Week):
 - o 10:00 AM Queen Contest (Interviews, Test, Modeling, Speech)
 - 3:00 PM Queen Horsemanship
 - o 6:00 PM Cutting Pen and Reining Cow Horse Setup
 - o 4:00-8:00 PM Contestant Check-In
- Monday:
 - o 7:30 AM Cattle Settling

- o 8:00 AM First Go of Cutting (Indoor Arena)
- o Post-Cutting Reining Cow Horse First Go
- o 8:00 AM Short Rifle First Go
- 2:00 PM Second Go of Light Rifle
- o 6:30 PM Team Roping & Steer Wrestling Cattle Preparation

Tuesday:

- o 8:00 AM Second Go of Cutting (Indoor Arena)
- o Post-Cutting Reining Cow Horse Second Go
- o 10:30 AM Arena & Event Directors Meeting
- o 11:00 AM Goat Tying Prep
- o 12:30 PM Tie Down & Breakaway Setup
- 1:00 PM Trap Shooting Short Go
- o 4:00 PM Rough Stock Safety & Equipment Check
- o 4:30 PM High School Queen Coronation
- 5:00 PM Contestant Check-In Closes
- o 5:30 PM Mandatory Contestant Meeting (Senior Scholarships Due)
- o 7:30 PM Contestant Kickball Tournament

Wednesday:

- o 9:00 AM First Performance
- o 11:00 AM Short Round of Cow Cutting
- o 6:00 PM Second Performance (Theme: USA)
- o 8:30 PM Goat Roping & Music

• Thursday:

- o 9:00 AM Third Performance
- o 11:00 AM Championship Round of Reining Cow Horse
- o 1:00-4:00 PM Scholarship Interviews
- o 6:00 PM Fourth Performance (Theme: Suicide Awareness)
- o Post-Performance First Go Awards Presentation

• Friday:

- o 9:00 AM Fifth Performance
- o 1:30 PM Directors' Luncheon
- o 6:00 PM Sixth Performance (Theme: Wild West)
- o Post-Performance Hall of Fame Recognition & Scholarships
- o Short Go Draw (Stock Draw, Bios, Barrel & Pole Positions)

• Saturday:

- o 6:30-8:30 AM Executive Board Meeting
- o 8:30-9:00 AM New Executive Board Meeting
- o 10:45 AM Short Go Contestant Lineup (Behind Bucking Chutes)
- o 11:00 AM Short Go (Theme: Blackout)
- Post-Rodeo Awards Presentation

Setup & Logistics:

- Tuesday at 5:00 PM: Banners will be set up before Junior High events.
- **Wednesday (Post-Cutting Championship):** Board members will help set up the arena for Reining Cow Horse.
- Arena directors for Junior High:
 - Small Arena: Ty Bingham & Cody Johnson
 - o Large Arena: Brock Riding & Paul Haderlie
- Arena directors for High School:
 - o Small Arena: Braden Bennett & Duke Freeland
 - o Large Arena: Clint Petty & Toby Borgman

Motion to Approve:

A motion was made by Joni Haderlie and seconded by June Bell to approve. The
motion carried.

Sponsorship:

Acknowledgment of Sponsors:

- The committee expressed gratitude for the generous sponsors who continue to support UHSRA.
- Members were encouraged to familiarize themselves with current sponsors and support their businesses as a way of giving back.

Current Sponsorship Challenges:

Some long-time sponsors have scaled back contributions due to economic conditions.

Efforts to Secure New Sponsors:

- The committee emphasized the need to identify and reach out to potential new sponsors.
- Clubs were encouraged to leverage local connections and recommend businesses or individuals who may be interested in sponsorship opportunities.
- The UHSRA website provides detailed information on sponsorship packages and levels.

Sponsorship Benefits and Opportunities:

- The committee highlighted the unique marketing and promotional benefits available to sponsors, which provide excellent visibility within the rodeo community.
- Efforts will be made to enhance sponsor engagement and recognition at UHSRA events.
- Members are encouraged to share any sponsorship leads with the committee for followup.

Rule Changes & Proposals:

- The board reaffirmed the newly introduced social media policy, which prohibits posting inaccurate, threatening, or derogatory content toward the association or its officials.
- Dress code requirements were reinforced, requiring contestants to have their shirts tucked in and wear boots with a minimum one-inch heel.
- Additional clarifications were made regarding breakaway roping. The Flag must be tied at the end knot.
- If the NHSRA Rulebook does not clarify a rule NHSRA will defer to PRCA and WPRA Rules
- If the calf goes out before the neck rope breaks, the contestant must declare to get a new animal
- Use of Dry Rosin Only
- Motion by Chezni Nelson seconded by Burk Austin, to accept the new national rules effect with the spring season. Motion Carried

Nominating Committee:

- The Nominating committee recommends the following
- Two-year board Members Nominees
 - o Jed Williams
 - Darrell Sagers
 - o Kyle Kosoff
 - o Ben Harris
- Vice President Nominees
 - o Judd Austin
 - Jason Riding
 - o Darrell Sagers
- Motion by Jason Kelly to accept the nominations 2nd by Tana Bennett. The Motion Carried
- Nominations can also be made from the floor during the State Finals general meeting

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm



Judges Breakout MWM

MEETING CALLED BY	Kody Jacobs – Judge Director
TYPE OF MEETING	MWM Breakout Session
ATTENDEES	Emily Wear - SEUJRA Secretary, Kadie Nielson - Carbon Secretary, Jackie Fox - Emery Secretary, Tricia Riding, Brock Riding, Judd Austin, Angie Freeland, Syndi Fitzgerald, Brad McKee, Kody Jacobs, Holly Jacobs, Kelly Anderson Darrel Sagers, Jason Riding, Joni Haderlie, Justin Sharp - Wasatch Jr High
WELCOME	Kody
DISCUSSION	Discussion on spring rodeo judge assignments, Spring schedule presented. Spikers High School Greg Bennett and Jeff Jacobs Luke Bankhead and Troy Belliston Clel Robinson and Dan Woodland Carbon High School Keagan Richards and Greg Bennett Ace Anderson and Clay Kirkham Sanpete High School Keagan Richards and Greg Bennett Ace Anderson and Clay Kirkham UJRA Jr High Jeff Jacobs and Lex Nielson Keagan Richards and Greg Bennett Ace Anderson and Clay Kirkham UJRA Jr High Jeff Jacobs and Lady Kirkham Troy Belliston and Kade Jacobs SUC High School Keagan Richards and Ace Anderson Shane Draper and Luke Bankhead Kendall Bagley and Dan Woodland Wasatch Front Jr High Jeff Jacobs and Jerry Schneiter Clay Kirkham and Lex Nielson Wasatch High School Greg Bennett and Kade Jacobs Luke Bankhead and Clel Robinson Kendall Bagley and Lex Nielson Wasatch High School Keagan Richards and Shane Draper Jeff Jacobs and Jerny Schneiter Jeff Jacobs and Jerny Schneiter Clay Kirkham and Lex Nielson Wasatch High School Keagan Richards and Shane Draper Jeff Jacobs and Ace Anderson Clay Kirkham and Dan Woodland Kadie Nielson(Carbon) asked if clubs would still have a say, and it was explained that they would get who was selected for them but if there was a conflict to contact me and I would see what could be done to make other arrangements. We talked about adding the Secretary information in the email I send out to the judges so they can reach out regarding any questions and/or mortorooms. The secretaries that were present said that would be a great idea, so that is something that has been added to my emails to the judging assignments.

Kadie Nielson asked about a "community clipboard" for conflicts and we discussed how my clipboard is mine, and I don't want anyone else messing it up. In later discussion it was brought up by Brock Riding that we need to use the Arena Directors more. This could be a way to resolve some of the issues with conflicts in the arenas. Angie Freeland suggested it would be helpful for the Director who's over that specific rodeo to meet with the Arena Directors prior to the start of the rodeo and be sure they understand what they are doing. We also talked about sending out a "State Arena Director Duties" in with all the rest of the rodeo packet that is sent from the State Secretary prior to their rodeo.

We also discussed the PRCA judges seminar that is being held in Salina on March 14-15 and what a great opportunity it is for these judges to level themselves up. We talked about getting some money for Stacy Mascaro for bringing the stock as well as putting on the seminar. It was discussed that I needed to get a proposal together with specifics to the Finance Committee for approval. Tabled until proposal submitted.

I inquired about the pay for Jr and High School State Finals for the judges and it was determined it was \$1,000 for Jr High and \$1,600 for High School (per judge). We discussed the possibility of increasing that, but decided to table that until our meeting after State Finals.

The final item was to discuss and approve judges for this year's state finals.

Jr High Judges

Large Arena

- Justin Clapp
- Dan Woodland
- Lex Nielson

Small Arena

- Kendall Bagley
- Kade Jacobs

1st Alternate - Luke Bankhead 2nd Alternate - Shane Draper 3rd Alternate - Keagan Richards

High School Judges

Large Arena

- Shane Draper
- Greg Bennett
- Clel Robinson

Small Arena

Kendall Bagley

• Justin Clapp
1st Alternate - Kade Jacobs 2nd Alternate - Luke Bankhead
3rd Alternate - Lex Nielson



Shooting Breakout Meeting

02/28/2025

MEETING CALLED BY	Vicki Brierley – Shooting Director
TYPE OF MEETING	MWM Breakout
ATTENDEES	
WELCOME	Vicki
DISCUSSION	Rifle- Went over National Changes. Disabled Shooters, Safety comes first. New Rifle Scoring System. All Committee members agree that the consistency of the new system will be great. We would like to start ASAP and be familiar with system prior to state and Nationals. System will be used at Nationals for the 2025 finals. Trap- No target bird rule- We will only call lost and broken birds. Not all birds. Cleaning state rules, it will be clear to contestants there is no contesting. It's done during signing score card after verification there score sheets. The committee talked over the Utah State rules. Nationals has adopted a lot of our rules into there shooting rules over the years. We would like to clean up and remove anything that is doubled in the shooting rules. Clarification on who Student event directors are for each round, Shooting glasses, check in times, time conflicts between Trap and Rifle and jacket rule only for rifle. The discussion of state finals and the conflict of times with the growth. It was decided to move the first go of trap to Sunday morning and the second go of trap Sunday night. This would allow rifle first and second go Monday. Championships/short goes Tuesday. We would like to ask if a link to the national shooting rules could be added to the Utah website. Also, we would like to ask if shooting could be added to all around points now that it's considered an Event and is held at every rodeo.



Budget and Finance Breakout MWM

MEETING CALLED BY	Judd Austin – Finance Director
TYPE OF MEETING	MWM Breakout Session
ATTENDEES	
WELCOME	Judd
	 Financial Review: A line-by-line analysis of the financials was conducted, highlighting year-over-year changes and the impact of inflation. The Hall of Fame budget was increased for the 50th-year commemoration, as approved by the board. Secretary transition costs were reviewed, noting the allocation of additional funds to support training. The rodeo school allocation was discussed, with \$8,000 remaining for additional clinics or judging schools. Late Fee Allocation:
DISCUSSION	 A motion was made by Kelly Anderson and seconded by Joni Haderlie to approve the use of all funds collected in late fees above the \$20,000 already allocated for rodeo schools for added payout money at State Finals. The motion was carried. State Finals Budget Adjustments:
	 Increased costs were noted for livestock and stall rentals, with adjustments made accordingly. Additional funds were allocated for potential tie-breaker expenses due to changes in point calculations. The association will no longer absorb costs for free stalls, which were previously covered by a sponsor.
	National Team and Travel Budget:
	 Travel expenses for both junior high and high school national teams were increased to accommodate rising costs. Mid-Winter Meeting travel expenses were significantly higher due to location but are expected to decrease next year.

Rainy Day Fund Policy:

- A policy was discussed and approved to formalize the purpose, use, and oversight of the Rainy Day Fund.
- The fund is intended for unforeseen shortfalls, unexpected operational costs, or economic disruptions.
- Guidelines were set to maintain the fund between 50% and 110% of operating expenses.
- Any excess funds beyond 110% will be allocated at the board's discretion.
- The policy ensures an annual review of the fund to maintain financial stability.

Sponsorship Concerns and Strategy:

- The committee discussed sponsorship retention challenges as longtime sponsors transition out.
- A plan was proposed to expand sponsorship outreach, including personal connections within local communities.
- Efforts are underway to secure new sponsors and maintain financial stability.

Social Media and PR Transition:

- A transition plan was discussed for the social media and PR position, with budget adjustments proposed for training a replacement.
- A motion was made by Brad Mckee and seconded by Jason Kelly to allocate an additional \$1,200 to facilitate the transition. The motion was carried.

Marketing and Grant Funding:

- The Heber Valley grant of \$4,000 was secured for marketing efforts, supporting billboard advertisements and promotional materials.
- Wasatch County also contributed \$2,500 toward marketing initiatives.
- The committee reviewed the requirements for fund allocation and reporting to grant providers.

Junior High Chute Dogging Equipment:

- A request was made for funds to repair the junior high chute dogging chute, which is in need of welding repairs.
- The committee approved proceeding with the repair and obtaining a formal cost estimate.

State Finals PR and Advertising Budget Proposal:

- A proposal was made to expand the PR position's responsibilities to include State Finals advertising and program development.
- The committee recommended a \$4,000 state finals bonus for the PR position to ensure continuity and professionalism in marketing efforts. No motion made.

Additional discussion was held regarding committee involvement in managing PR responsibilities. **Closing Remarks and Adjournment:** Members were encouraged to continue working on sponsorship outreach and budget planning. The committee will finalize any remaining budget adjustments ahead of the next board meeting. Meeting was adjourned.



Livestock Breakout MWM

MEETING CALLED BY	Darrell Sagers – Livestock Director
TYPE OF MEETING	MWM Breakout Session
ATTENDEES	
WELCOME	Darrell
DISCUSSION	 The meeting was called to order, and members of the Livestock Committee gathered to discuss rough stock participation, JV-level competition at State Finals, and proposed improvements to the existing system. The committee proposed transitioning from the current JV/Varsity system to a three-tier system (Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3) to better match contestants with appropriate livestock. The goal is to reduce injuries and improve retention by ensuring contestants compete on stock suited to their experience level. Points earned in Level 1 would be capped at 30, requiring riders to move up to Level 2 or 3 for further progression. At State Finals, only Levels 2 and 3 would be permitted; Level 1 competitors would need to advance before competing at the state level. The committee thinks Zane ZD Cattle is doing a good job keeping everything even. Discussion on tie-down calves and chute dogging steers



Planning & Steering Meeting MWM

MEETING CALLED BY	Brad Mckee - President
TYPE OF MEETING	MWM Breakout Session
ATTENDEES	
WELCOME	Brad Mckee
DISCUSSION	Scheduling and Rodeo Calendar Adjustments: Discussions were held regarding proposed changes to the rodeo calendar. Several clubs have requested to move their rodeos to October due to facility constraints, weather concerns, and scheduling conflicts. Key points include: Historically, October rodeos were avoided due to hunting season and agricultural demands. Some clubs, including UBJH and Wasatch Junior High, had their requests approved previously and remain on schedule. Sanpete proposed moving to October to avoid weather issues, but concerns were raised about member availability during the hunting season. Options were explored to consolidate or reallocate rodeos to balance regional availability and ensure fair distribution. Discussions had to implement a system where clubs that leave the schedule must renegotiate their dates upon re-entry. *The proposed schedule was rejected by the Committee. Action Item: Syndi will take it back to the clubs and try to make some changes to address the committee's concerns. Judging and Rodeo Format Adjustments: The discussion covered the possibility of increasing the use of performance (perf) rodeos to alleviate long rodeos and the burden on smaller clubs. Concerns were raised regarding secretaries' willingness to adjust to perf formats. Clubs were encouraged to work together and seek collaborative solutions for managing scheduling conflicts and entry demands. Facility and Regional Considerations: Various facilities were discussed as potential venues for accommodating both high school and junior high rodeos.

- proposal to separate junior high and high school rodeos to different locations if necessary.
- The feasibility of utilizing South Jordan's upcoming expanded facilities was discussed as a long-term solution.

Sponsorship and Fundraising Initiatives:

- The committee discussed potential sponsorship challenges, as some longtime sponsors have reduced their contributions.
- A proposal was introduced to implement a fantasy rodeo fundraiser to generate additional revenue for rodeo schools and association funding.
- Initial rollout would focus on high school rodeo, with potential expansion to junior high in future years.
- Funds raised would go toward hosting additional rodeo clinics and educational opportunities for members.

Hall of Fame and 50-Year Celebration:

- Plans were outlined for the 50-year celebration, including the recognition of key contributors such as Wasatch County staff, board members, announcers, and stock contractors.
- Recognition of honorees will take place at the general meeting and State director luncheon.
- The committee finalized honoree selections for the Hall of Fame, emphasizing the need to acknowledge longstanding contributions to the association.
- Recipients are Jim Smith (Smith and Edwards), Cody Wright, Jack Hannum, Ken and Linda Norris,

Closing Remarks and Next Steps:

- Members were encouraged to communicate scheduling adjustments and work collaboratively with secretaries and clubs.
- The board will continue discussing rodeo formats, facility availability, and long-term scheduling solutions.
- Further details on sponsorship outreach and fundraising events will be communicated in the coming months.



Queen Contest Breakout Meeting

MEETING CALLED BY	Chris Price – Queen Director
TYPE OF MEETING	MWM Breakout
ATTENDEES	
WELCOME	Chris
	Point System- 60 points- Discussed changing our point system next year. Committee agreed to present 6 contests/60 points to count toward state. There are 8 contests during the year.
	Test Assistance Rule?- Agreed we need to have a rule to assist with reading the test to contestants if there is a need and a doctor's note, IEP, or 504 form is provided at least 24 hours prior to the contest.
DISCUSSION	Test Assistance Rule: A human reader may/will be made available for a contestant during the test portion of the contest when a contestant has provided written documentation of a reading disability at minimum 24 hours prior to the Queen Contest in the form of a Doctor's note, IEP, or 504. Human reader will be an adult committee member. Human reader will read the test verbatim; no additional communication during the test will be allowed.
	List of Requirements for state royalty- for the week of state finals, We wanted the girls competing for state to know their obligations for the week in advance should they place in the royalty.
	Coronation during member meeting?- We decided to have Coronation one hour before the membership meeting at Jr High and HS State finals.
	Facility Changes- Price \$\$ talked about price changes and possible options for state venue.
	Assigned Springs Rodeos to committee- Spikers-3/28 (Courtney), Sanpete-4/4 (Martina), SUC-4/18 (Bailey), West Millard-5/9 (Chris), Wasatch Front- 4/25 (Chris)
	Schedule Proposal
	Jr High Contest – Tuesday May 20 (school out 2:30) Jr High has an extra perf this year so contest will be a day earlier
	3:00 Judges Check-In (Get ready for Interview)
	3:30 Contestant Check-In/Written Test/Interview
	4:30 Modeling, Speech, Impromptu
	7:00 Horsemanship - Wasatch Event Center

Wednesday

5:00 Coronation- Wasatch County Complex w/ General Meeting at 6:00

High School Contest- Saturday May 31, 2025 (set up Friday 11-2:00)

Expecting 8 Girls

9:30 Judges Check In

10:00 am Check-In, Wasatch High School

Interviews, Test, Modeling/Stage Practice

11:30 Modeling/Speech/Impromptu

12:30 Luncheon for judges, contestants, and family with a meal ticket?? Rumbi/Don Pedros

3:00 Horsemanship (indoor arena)

Coronation Tuesday at 4:30, Contestant Mandatory Meeting 5:30

Discussed Assignments for State, Prizes, and Decorations



Scholarship Breakout MWM

MEETING CALLED BY	Monica Hullinger – Director
TYPE OF MEETING	MWM Breakout Session
ATTENDEES	
WELCOME	Monica
DISCUSSION	1. Scholarship Application Process: Changes will be made to clarify the requirement for four years of attendance. Instructions for submitting transcripts sealed in an envelope will also be revised for better clarity. Scholarship Requirements: No changes; requirements will remain the same. Application and Review Process: The current process will remain unchanged. Private Scholarships: Greater efforts will be made to advertise private scholarships via social media. The committee will work to gather and share all due dates for these opportunities. Communication and Outreach: Emails will be sent to all seniors and their parents, inviting them to apply for scholarships. A meeting will be held at the Delta Rodeo to review the application process with students and parents. Art Contest: The art contest process will remain the same. Budget Proposal: The committee will propose adding a separate line item in the main budget to cover the scholarships awarded to student officers each year. Timeline: Social media platforms will be used to begin advertising and informing seniors about the scholarship opportunities as soon as possible. These notes outline the key points discussed and the actionable steps moving forward.



Sponsorship Meeting MWM

MEETING CALLED BY	
TYPE OF MEETING	MWM Breakout Session
ATTENDEES	Joni Haderlie, Jason Kelly, Judd Austin, Chad Campbell, Syndi Fitzgerald
WELCOME	Joni Haderlie
DISCUSSION	Sponsorship Updates • Current Sponsorships: • Updates on existing sponsorship agreements and sponsor expectations. (Specifically Frontier Trailer and South Valley and stalls - we are no longer offering a free stall at state) • New Sponsorship Opportunities: • Potential sponsors identified and outreach efforts discussed. • Sponsorship proposals in progress or submitted. We will be working on implementing a sponsorship committee that is regional to cover the state. • discussed the names of potential committee members.



State Finals Breakout MWM

Angie Freeland- State VP
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MWM Breakout Session
Angie
For the State Finals meeting we discussed the schedule, updated times and dates with the queen coordinator, Shooting director and Jason Riding asked to add a couple more positions to help with bringing cattle back and forth, Brock Riding will add that to the job lists. We had nominations for Arena Directors.
Jr High- Small Arena Ty Bingham and Cody Johnson, Large arena- Brock
Riding and Paul Haderlie High School- Small Arena- Brayden Bennett and Duke Freeland, Large Arena- Clint Petty and Toby Borgman
Jr High small arena chute opener- Breakaway- Travis Pyne, Tie Down- Mackay Taylor, Ribbon Roping- Casey Bowden, Large arena- Kody Jacobs, Chute Dogging chute opener- Heath Hammerstrom, pusher Joey Dansie.
High School small arena chute opener-Weston Bundy, Large Arena Kelly Anderson.
We had discussion about starting Jr High Thursday Morning, Thursday night, Friday morning, Friday night and Saturday @ 11 for the short go. The judges liked this change so they would have more time to prepare the draws instead of having a Saturday morning perf and then the short go that afternoon. Our student officers liked the change not having a Saturday morning perf so they can focus on the short go. We also discussed this change would help get Nationals papers filled out in a timely manner for our State Secretary and her help. *Shooters asked if we could put something in the packets about awards being awarded with the 1st round awards, 2nd round awards and short go awards. *Scholarship committee asked to add to the schedule that Scholarship applications are due at the general meeting. Also asked if the quanta luncheon is going to take place this year if we can let them know what time so they can make sure it is not the same time as the interviews, so the noise level is lower and not disruptive. *Banners will be hung by the board members Tuesday @ 5pm *Brad was asked for HS Finals to bring a stock trailer to shuffle cattle for the Cutting and Reined Cow. Brad agreed. *Board also needs to help take down the cutting pen Wednesday AM and set up

State Finals Student Event Directors JR High Pole Bending- Taytum Anderson Tie Down- Devin Johnson Girls Breakaway-Brylie Olsen Boys Breakaway- Ridge Woodward Ribbon Roping-Journey Morse Girls Goat Tying- Kenna Hodson Bull Riding- Bronx Field's Bareback Riding-Cash Sagers Chute Dogging- Cruz Robb Saddle Bronc Riding- Weston Ivie Barrel Racing- Bella Bigler Team Roping- Brooks Payne Boys Goat Tying- Garrett Cornwall Lite Rifle- Drayke Tonc

High School Event Directors Pole Bending- Ryann Becker Goat Tying- Maklee Woolstenhulme Breakaway Roping- Gentry Giza Tie Down Roping- Ean Ellis Bareback Riding- Daxton Feild Saddle Bronc Riding- Trygg Madsen Bull Riding- Dalton Allred Team Roping- Jarrett Warner – Jaydon Warner Steer Wrestling- Tadd Williams Barrel Racing- Josey Madsen Boys Cow Cutting- Wyatt Christensen Girls Cow Cutting- Baylee Denton Reined Cow Horse- Halle Frey Lite Rifle- Wyatt Fox Trap Shooting- Walker Lopshire

50 year Celebration

for this we will award our 50 Year Buckles during the General Meeting to the 7 Wasatch County, 3 Circle J Rodeo Company, 1 Zane Dansie and 1 Whittney Wyberg, 3 announcers, 1 Atkinson Sound. Board buckles will be presented at the Directors Luncheon. Jason Kelly will announce these awards.

Buckles have been ordered and Syndi has them.