



## **Executive Board Meeting**

**Date: August 22, 2025**

### *MINUTES*

**Meeting Called By:** Angie Freeland - President

**Type Of Meeting:** Executive Board Meeting

**Meeting Start Time:** 9:07 pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:32 pm

**Attendees:** Brad McKee, Angie Freeland, Virginia Bundy, Judd Austin, Jade Anderson, Kelly Anderson, Chad Campbell, Chezni Nelson, Whitney Robb, Tate Weber, Darrell Sagers, Cardyn Clem, Cody Johnson, Taytam Anderson, June Bell, Isla Bell, Nick Hanks, Kyle Kosoff, Chris Price, Joni Haderlie, Brock Riding, Haven Hogge, Tiffany Burnett, Ben Harris, Shaun Tree, Remi Anderson, Jed Williams

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**Welcome:** Angie Freeland

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### **Discussion:**

Discussion the on Financial Report:

Judd Austin - Slide Show Presentation of 2025-2026

Budget Q & A on the presented budget

**Kelly Anderson motions to accept the 2025-2025 budget**

**2nd by Brock Riding**

**Motions passes unanimously.**

Proposed moving operating accounts from DL Evans to Altabank.

Branches in St. George to accommodate the state secretary.

Altabank will sponsor at \$5,000.00 sponsorship with banking relationship.

DL Evans discontinued \$3,000.00 sponsorship.

**Motion was made by Chad Campbell to move operating accounts to Altabank.**

**2nd by Joni Haderlie.**

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

Proposed Funding board action at state to fund scholarships at \$35,000 (approval was \$20,000.00). Carry forward remaining \$34,294.00 for cash flow needs.

**Motion was made by Brad McKee.**

**2nd by Brock Riding.**

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

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Discussion on the Jr High State Finals Queen Contest:

Angie Freeland is working with Chris Price, Queen Contest Director on updating rules regarding the crowned Jr High queen must be a Utah High School Rodeo Association active member during the year that they reign. Discussion was had about Jr High members not being able to try out their 8th grade year. Concern that excluding 8th graders from competition could potentially lead to a loss of engagement and participation as those members transition into high school.

No motions made.

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Discussion on the Three-Level Tier System for Rough Stock Riders:

Darrell Sagers discussed 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.

Questions arise regarding the following:

- Who determines levels for contestants?
  - Roughstock/Livestock committee
- Cost of reprogramming the ARTS program?
  - Without knowing all that is involved, Brian quoted \$500.00 to \$2,500.00 and 60/90 days to finish and have running.
- What happens if contractors can not provide animals for each level?
  - Contractors would have to lease stock that fits those levels of riders.
- Who is going to monitor the levels/entries for contestants?
  - Roughstock/Livestock committee

Does this tier system go against the National Rules of random draw, because it would be multiplication of the draw?

Kelly Anderson will contact the National office on Monday, August 25th and have a discussion

Further discussion was tabled until mid-winter meeting. The three-tier system proposal will be submitted to the National Association for review for the 2026-2027 Season.

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Discussion on State Finals Contracts:

Utah High School Finals Sound -

Atkinson Sound - "UHSRA may, at their option, extend this contract an additional three years."

**Judd Austin Motions to extend Atkinson Sound contract for an additional three years.**

**2nd by Brad McKee**

**Motions passes unanimously.**

High School & Jr High State Finals Announcer(s) -

Jason Kelly - "UHSRA may, at their option, extend this contract an additional three years."

Todd Kelly - "UHSRA may, at their option, extend this contract an additional three years."

**Brad McKee Motions to extend Jason Kelly & Todd Kelly contracts for an additional three years.**

**2nd by Joni Haderlie**

**Motions passes unanimously.**

High School & Jr High State Finals Goats Contractor -

Whitney Wiberg - "UHSRA may, at their option, extend this contract an additional three years."

**Chad Campbell Motions to extend Whitney Wiberg contract for an additional three years.**

**2nd by Darrell Sagers**

**Motions passes unanimously.**

Utah High School State Finals Rough Stock Contract -

Circle J Rodeo, Inc - "UHSRA may, at their option, extend this contract an additional three years."

**Brad McKee Motions to extend Circle J Rodeo, Inc. for an additional three years.**

**2nd by June Bell**

**Motions passes unanimously.**

The following contracts have been tabled until additional information is gathered and reviewed:

Utah High School State Finals Timed Event Stock Contract - ZD Cattle Company

Utah High School Finals Photography Contract

Utah High School Finals Interviewer/Announcer Contract

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Discussion 2025-2026 State Finals -

Whitney Robb discussed having "Cinch Town" (members lounge) during state finals, where members can hangout between the performances during the day. There would be activities for members and would be monitored by adults during those times.

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Discussion on Contractor Stock Selection -

Discussion was had regarding stock contractors having an even pen of stock for all events. Several examples were given and concern was raised regarding Broken Hart - team roping stock. Cody Johnson will reach out to Ben German to discuss team roping stock for upcoming contracted rodeos. Reminder of the following UHSRA Rules, page 4: " If any cattle are deemed not acceptable for performance, then the following instituted fines could be assessed to the Club:

Timed Event Stock Fines:

1st Offense - Warning

2nd Offense - \$25 per animal short on count or underperforming.

3rd Offense - \$100 per animal

Rough Stock Fines:

1st Offense - Warning

2nd Offense - \$100 per animal short on count or underperforming.

3rd Offense - \$200 per animal "

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Discussion on 2025-2026 Utah High School State Finals Awards -

Jade Anderson has been working with Coby Larsen, past award director. Jade will have a meeting with student officers to pick buckles/awards during the Dixie 6 rodeos in November.

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Discussion on 2025-2026 Sponsorships -

Chad Campbell discussed instead of raffling off a polaris ranger for the 2026-2027 season, having 2 or 3 4-wheelers, or a combine of a 4-wheeler and a cricket or golf carts. Sponsor might be willing to donate a 4-wheeler if we purchase one. Discussion of increasing the required number of raffle tickets sold by each member from 10 to 15 or 10 to 20. Discussion about having a "job fair" during the Dixie 6 and/or during State Finals. Giving members an

opportunity to speak with companies/sponsors that do not require a college degree and get additional information about career paths.

No motions made.

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Discussion on Rules and Arena Management -

Clarification on the following - if a member competes in an event with no back number on they will be disqualified from that event. If the member corrects and puts their back number on for their next event they will be able to compete in that event. If the member does not correct and continues to not wear their back number they will be disqualified from the whole rodeo.

Proposal made to add the following rule to the UHSRA Rules, "It is the arena director's responsibility to appoint a qualified spotter to assist the judge during the high school girl's breakaway event. The spotter will be positioned on the left side of the arena during the entire breakaway event. The spotter will watch to see if the catch is a clean bell collar. They will assist and notify the judge if an illegal catch occurs from their perspective. The judge can consult with the spotter for their input. The judge will make the final determination on a catch and their call is final.."

**Judd Austin motions to accept the new rule and update the UHSRA Rules.**

**2nd by Joni Haderlie**

**Motions passes unanimously.**

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Discussion on Board Communications -

Board members need to be actively checking their emails and responding in a timely manner.

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Discussion on required Ambulance Services at hosted rodeos -

All clubs that host rodeos are required to have an ambulance and trained paramedic on property during the rodeo(s). This requirement is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all members, participants, and spectators. If clubs are having a hard time getting the support they need locally, clubs are encouraged to reach out to Brad McKee for additional help and direction.

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Discussion on Survey and 2026-2027 Rodeo Scheduling -

Season points survey was sent out to membership - regarding the top 10 rodeos to be counted for a maximum of 100 points carried in. The survey/email included an explanation on how the point system works. Responses were even, but the majority of comments were regarding the rodeo schedule. Discussion on how to work the schedule that would free the month of October for members that hunt and gather cattle. Secretary meeting is scheduled for the following Tuesday to discuss perf rodeos, possibly combining clubs and rodeo weekend for next season. Comments were also made regarding splitting the state into districts.

No motion was made.

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Prepared by:

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Virginia Bundy, UHSRA State Secretary

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