

# **NORTH DAKOTA RODEO ASSOCIATION**

## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, Quality Inn, Bismarck, 11:00 am CT

In attendance: Scott Kleemann, Tate Eck, Jim Graven, Brenden Brinkman, Steve Waagen, David Drader, Chuck Christman, Rick Sigvaldsen, Tucker Dale, Chase Peterson, Wesley Leppell, Tanner Wznick, Cauly Gunderson, Kenzie Pennington, Jessie Pfaff, Nate Horner, Sara Bubel, Michelle Rotenberger. Guests: Chris Kubal (proxy for Kyle Abrahamson), Kelly Abrahamson (proxy for Brandon Padilla), Craig Hystad (McKenzie Co Ag Expo), Fritz Wetzel & Sharon Whitmer (Sheyenne Rodeo) & Justin Pabst (Judge).

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion Brenden, 2<sup>nd</sup> David, AIF
- III. Secretary's Report: Secretary of State filing done. Also asked for guidance on what they do or don't want on social media. Consensus was to use my discretion and post rodeo related schools etc. Moved Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly, AIF
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Balances given. Moved Scott, Tate 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF
- V. Marketing Director Report: The coats have proven difficult to get the same style in men's & women's. We will be changing buckle companies to Rocking King Customs. Quoted \$9870 and will sponsor a little back toward the order. Moved Kelly, Cauly 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.
- VI. Old Business
  - a) 2026-2028 Finals: Nate, Scott & Tate met with Chris Kubal and the McKenzie County Ag Expo committee to hash out details. It will be 3 days of rodeo: Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> & Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm CT and Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm CT. There will be some changes to the arena set up to make the rodeo flow, there will be a big screen with replay & daytime events. Event directors will be part of the production meetings and will need to be available throughout the finals. BEK will be at the NDRA finals. It is the NDRA's financial responsibility to have BEK there. AG Expo wanted the point system changed to double. The NDRA agreed to make the points 11/2 what they were in the past. Rounds & average points will now be 120-105-90-75-60-45. AG Expo will be adding an additional \$10000 in added money. Just a note: while we are there the construction of the new facility will be in progress. By 2027, the new building will be available for use and the current one will be used as a warmup arena.

The finals go round awards would be immediately after the rodeo. Sara would like to explore the option of giving the remainder of the awards after the performance on Sunday. Discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of doing this versus having a

banquet. Nate emphasized that this is the culmination of Sara's work for the year. Sara feels like awards at the finals is worth a try.

b) Second Reading Rule Changes-See Attached

VII. New Business

- a) Rodeo Approvals: Scott moved to approve all dates including Dazey & DL #1 & #2 in the 2026 season. Chase 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF. This will make 26 total rodeos in 2026; 13 rodeos will be half.
- b) BEK Money Allocation: We are paid per rodeo they are in attendance. In the past, everyone that had a televised rodeo received \$5000. Over the past 3 years this has been 10-12 televised rodeos. BEK desire is the money go to added money. We have a 5-year contract with BEK, the final season being 2027. We have not received the list of rodeos that will be televised in 2026 yet. The total dollar figure to be distributed is unknown. The money will be different every year depending on how many rodeos is broadcast. Jessie moved that the BEK money be divvied up by the NDRA as follows 20% to the association to cover the finals broadcast, 30% for untelevised rodeos & 50% to televised rodeos. Chase 2<sup>nd</sup>. 16 in favor, 1 opposed.
- c) Gold Card Membership: This is a \$20 card for contestants 55 years or older and 20 plus years of membership in the NDRA. It is not listed as a membership category in the rulebook, but it is and has been on the membership form for many years. Michelle would like to keep honoring those cards at that price and add it as a rule addition in the Fall of 2026.

d) Judges Seminar & Timers Clinic Review (Timers Consideration)

List from the judge's clinic was presented by Chuck Christman and Rick Sigvaldsen. There were 17 names presented for approval. Moved Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tucker, AIF.

List from timer's clinic was presented. Jessie moved that we approve the list according to Kami Kling's suggestion. Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF.

The HS Association did pass a rule to make timers clinics every 4 years if you are an active timer. They would like the NDRA to consider this as a rule change this fall.

- e) School Sponsorships: Abrahamson's were wondering if they association would be willing to donate \$500 toward their rough stock clinic. Jessie moved to give them the money for their clinic. Tucker moved, Chase 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.

VIII. Other Business: Next meeting tentatively set for Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

IX. Adjournment Jessie moved to adjourn, Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF