

NDWS Board of Director's Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2015 ~ Rosebud Visitor's Center ~ 6 pm

Those in attendance at the NDWS May Board Meeting were as follows: Dennis Hoye, Matt Kvien, Brad McKay, Pete Paulson, Jim Nelson, Tim Ost, Dana Didier, Holly Johnson, Doug Muske, Whitney Vogel, Bill Carlblom, Dawn Riley and Angie Curtis. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dennis Hoye. The minutes from the April Meeting were then reviewed. A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Tim, to approve the minutes as written; motion carried.

Financial Reports: The financial information was reviewed; total checking and savings have increased substantially and overall the NDWS will break even this fiscal year. This past weekend's horse show was discussed briefly; the show did make a profit so it will continue. A motion was made by Brad, seconded by Doug, to approve the financials and motion carried.

Ranch Rodeo Preliminaries: The 2016 NDWS schedule was discussed at last month's meeting; however, having preliminaries scheduled the evening prior to the ranch rodeo was discussed once again. Matt will get a list of the contestants from last year from Angie and contact them to get their opinions. Would they consider competing in the event if preliminaries were the night before, with the top teams then advancing on to the Thursday night event, or would this extra day deter them from coming? More discussion on this will take place following those contacts being made.

2015-2016 Budget:

- A. Copier – Dawn shared a rental quote from Central Business Systems: to rent a colored copier, the fee is \$183/month, which includes maintenance. Our current copier is paid for, but \$600 is paid yearly for maintenance. The machine is old however and will likely soon need replacing. The other option is to buy a copier, but costs average around \$20,000. A motion was made by Doug, seconded by Brad, to lease a new copier; motion carried.

Five Star Invoices: Dawn shared that three invoices were dropped off at the office by Dan Elston, with Five Star Bucking Bulls. The total amount was over \$5,000, for the use of rodeo chutes for the PRCA and high school rodeos, discussion followed. Five Star used the building free of charge on multiple occasions and was never charged a rental fee because of the use of the chutes. Pete will talk to Kelly Marler and Jim will contact Ben Jacob about attending a Five Star Meeting to discuss this and get these issues resolved. With Kevin Christensen on the NDWS Board of Directors, as well as a Five Star owner, he will be informed of this plan, but not dealt with directly, due to his involvement with both organizations.

Priefert Quote: The bid sent for the chutes is \$34,456 (\$10,000 less than Hi-Hog) and does include a shipping charge of \$2,600. A motion was made by Matt, seconded by Doug, to accept the Priefert bid and place the order; motion carried. Some discussion took place about purchasing panels from them as well, as they do have "seconds" that may be scratched or bent slightly, but still usable and half the price of new ones. No final decision made however on the panels.

Committee Reports:

- A. Arena/Grounds: Dennis will speak to Greg at Enterprise about the SEB; the re-sealing of the roof was expected to be done by the Winter Show and has yet to be started. The outdoor arena still has some soft spots; the south end is the preferred entrance for the jr. high and high school rodeos though, and that end is fine. More stalls will be needed for the rodeo weekend, as West Fargo had close to 500 rented out for their rodeo the end of April, so additional rows will be set up closer to the north end of the outdoor arena. Putting in a bid for the High School Rodeo State Finals had been discussed last fall and

more information was obtained from the NDHSRA. With all events having to be held inside and our arena not being long enough, we did not submit a bid.

- B. Commercial/Concession: no report
- C. Concert: Tim shared that a bid was put in for NSC Dinner Show Entertainment. No response back yet.
- D. Crop Show: Matt requested some sponsor information that he can share with Columbia Grain, a current Crop Show sponsor. A suggestion was made to post the sponsor form on the NDWS website.
- E. Finance: Discussed previously
- F. Horses: As mentioned earlier, the AQHA Horse Show this past weekend was successful. The show had been shortened by one day, so this saved on judges' fees and motel rooms; in addition, stalls and entry fees increased substantially from last year. Dawn shared that the Wrangler Team Roping group may be interested in having a fall roping. Angie shared that a ND director for the United Barrel Racing Association may be able to organize a barrel racing event at the barn; we would receive money from the stalls and camping hook-ups sold, as well as a portion of the entry fees. She will get more information on this. The 4-H Horse Clinic and show is coming up next month and Dawn received a call from Sue Milender, who passed along that some committee members had concerns about the building being locked up while horses are in there. Matt stated that we cannot lock the building with horses in there. The majority of the barns he has been at, they are left open, but they do have someone on staff overnight. If not, an emergency contact number must be posted. The overall consensus was to leave the building open and have an overnight watchman. Suggestions for people to work occasionally overnight can be given to Dawn.
- G. Labor: no report
- H. Livestock: a Livestock Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th. The main topic of discussion will be the North Star Classic and what changes will be done so that a profit can be made. Whitney will contact the breed sale reps to get their input.
- I. Rodeo: The 2016 PRCA Rodeo application arrived in the mail today. This year's rodeo was talked about briefly and the excellent job that Sutton did in organizing and running the event. Some rumors have been heard that Five Star submitted a rodeo bid; they did not. Letters were received by some NDWS Board Members stating that the organization Bailey Rodeo, which Five Star is now a part of, would like to be considered as a future stock contractor, but no actual bid was included.
- J. Home, Play & Get-A-Way: no report
- K. ND Ag Hall of Fame: no report
- L. Rodeo Queen: Matt, Beth and Kevin were previously delegated to be on a rodeo queen committee. Cheryl will continue on as well.
- M. Sponsorships: Winter Show sponsorships were down significantly and should be started on earlier next year. Sponsors are now needed for the mud bog. O'Reilly Auto Parts, Smith Lumber and Handy Hardware were suggested as new contacts.
- N. Timeless Traditions: As discussed at previous meetings, the Junk Boutique may change to a two day event. Other adjustments were discussed to some events but no final decisions have been made.

Other: Mud Bog: The NDWS Mud Bog is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th. Help is needed! Doug will be able to help in the pit; Brad will be there and will check with Valley Plains Equipment about getting a tractor to use again.

BEK: no decision has been made yet because information has yet to be received. Dawn will continue to check on this.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Angie Curtis, NDWS Event Coordinator