NDWS Board of Director's Meeting Monday, July 11th, 2016 – Rosebud Visitor Center/NDWS Office

Those in attendance at the NDWS Board Meeting were as follows: Dawn Riley, Beth Didier, Dana Didier, Brad Mckay, Pete Paulson, Doug Muske, Kevin Christenson, Nick Holm and Jacey Shively. President, Beth Didier, called the meeting to order.

<u>Review of Minutes</u>: The meeting began with a review of the minutes from the June 13th meeting. A motion was made by Doug to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dana and was carried.

<u>Financial Reports</u>: The financial reports were reviewed and Dawn shared that the finance committee had met and went over the budget for the 2016-2017. A motion was made by Brad to accept the financials. A second was made by Kevin and the motion carried.

At this time Brad asked if there was anything new pertaining to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Rosebud Visitor Center, however there was no new news at this time. Dawn shared that the new phone system had been installed and that the Winter Show was paying for the phones, and yet could not take the phones if the Winter Show ever moved to a different office space.

<u>2016-2017 Budget Approval</u>: The budget for 2016-2017 was reviewed and Dawn pointed out that the NSC income and expense now included the Black Tie event and the gun show. The Roughrider Rodeo's income and expense categories are now also included in the budget. A motion was made by Nick to accept the 2016-2017 budget. A second was made by Brad and the motion carried.

North Star Classic- Black Tie Event: Dawn shared that she spoke with the Attorney General's office about a raffle permit for the Black Tie Event in the case that it is held. The Winter Show is unable to get another raffle permit, but could get a gaming license to then have the Black Tie raffle. The gaming license would cost \$150 and one percent of the gross income would go to the state. A separate bank account would be needed for the gaming license and that money could only be used to pay for expenses associated with the Black Tie Event. Rich at the Eagle's committed to \$25/plate for the Black Tie Event. One concern of the Black Tie Event would be how it could affect the NDWS raffle ticket sales since the NDWS raffle goes on sale at that time. It was shared that the livestock committee has a meeting Wednesday, June 13th at 7:30 pm at the Eagles where more discussion would be held on the Black Tie Event. Beth asked for a motion to approve Dawn getting a gaming license if the livestock committee chooses to go through with the Black Tie Event. A motion was made by Kevin to approve the purchase of a gaming license if the Black Tie Event occurs. A second was made by Nick and the motion carried.

<u>PRCA Slack Schedule:</u> Discussion was held on the possibility of having PRCA rodeo slack on Friday afternoon during Winter Show instead of Saturday during the day. In order to do this the rough stock end could be set up before hippology and then there would be minimal tear-down after hippology of the tables and chairs. The NDWS queen activities could be moved to Saturday morning if this change would be made. Dawn said she would talk to Jim and Steven Sutton before any final decision is made.

Committee Reports:

- A. Rodeo Queen- Doug has been told by Cheryl Sorby that she is no longer overseeing the Winter Show queens and queen contest. A new person to oversee the queens will be needed. Some of the names suggested include Jody Kvien, LaDonna Anderson and Becky Gabrude. Someone will check with Jody Kvien to see if she would be interested. Also it was decided that staying with contracted horses for the queen's during Winter Show is the best option.
- B. Arena/Grounds- Dawn shared at the time that Bill is getting an estimate from Air Anderson on installing the new heating system at the building. An estimate from Bakkegard & Schell has already been received, coming in at about \$125,000 for the project. The question of if this could be done before the North Star Classic was brought up however there was no definitive answer on this, depending on who is hired to do it and their schedule. Dawn shared that the East and South parking lots at the barn are in bad shape and that at some point something will need to be done, but that the North lot, which has had work done, is looking much better. Dana brought up that posts need to be replaced within the next month on the outdoor arena, and Brad shared that at that time that an electric gate swinger will be installed to be used at High School Rodeo. The damage to the South building is on schedule to be fixed, as well as the tractor is being repaired and should be close to done.
- C. Commercial/Concession- Dawn informed the board that applications for vendors will go out in the next few weeks.

- D. Crop Show—Crop Show sponsorship forms will go out soon. Brad also suggested asking Curt Van Dyke to oversee the crop show since he has been involved with the crop show previously. Brad said he would ask Kurt about this at some point.
- E. Finance—Discussed previously.
- F. Horses— Dawn shared that the 4-H horse show was last weekend and that it went well, but for three days required, the building was only being used half the time. The Achievement Days will be this upcoming weekend. It was suggested to see if the horse show and the Achievement Days could be combined into one weekend in order to save on the cost of labor as well as other expenses. Dawn previously had a meeting with 4-H staff and they were unwilling to listen to this suggestion. The board thought it best to invite them to the next board meeting to discuss the scheduling for next year. The Appaloosa show will be in August, the Quarter horse show in September and the Great Midwest show in October.
- G. Labor—Kayla Anderson has been hired for the Administrative Assistant position and has begun training with Jacey, and Lisa Yokom has been hired for the Event Coordinator job and will begin training with Angie on July 12th.
- H. Livestock— Pete invited the board to attend the livestock meeting that will be held on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:30 pm at the Eagles. There will be discussion at that meeting about the Black Tie Event and fundraising for the North Star Classic.
- I. Rodeo/Ranch Rodeo Potential new day for slack was discussed earlier. Dawn shared there will be no Ranch Rodeo in August, but that it may be a good event to try next summer. It was also brought up that for future Ranch Rodeo's that 100% payback may not be necessary, as many other places do not do full payback. No decision was made at this time.
- J. SEB— Dawn has spoken with Stacey Lilja who has some ideas for speakers during the 2017 NDWS. Dawn and Stacey will meet at some point to discuss those ideas. Brad may also have a new Ag Challenge commercial exhibitor, Cooper Implement.
- K. Hall of Fame— The question of who will oversee the Ag Hall of Fame was brought up, however no decision was made and no one volunteered. At this time it was brought up that the board member terms will be up this fall for Doug, Matt, Beth and Jim.
- L. Timeless traditions—No Report.

<u>Other</u>: As previously discussed, ten loads of gravel had been spread on the North side of the barn, but the East and South side will need work also. Depending on the price and the weather something may need to be done soon, but no decision was made at this time.

Good of the Order: No report

No other business was discussed at this time and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Jacey Shively, NDWS Administrative Assistant