

North Dakota Winter Show Annual Meeting
Tuesday November 22, 2016 ~ Valley City Eagles Club ~ 7 pm

NDWS Board President, Beth Didier, welcomed those in attendance to the NDWS Annual Meeting and recognized County Commissioner, John Froelich, Bill Carlblom and Tom Goven. Beth then gave the invocation and a meal was served.

Following the meal, the NDWS Board was introduced, as well as the NDWS manager, Dawn Riley. Rodeo Queen Chairperson, Cheryl Sorby. Cheryl then introduced the NDWS queens, Cassidy Rasmusson, Miss Rodeo North Dakota Winter Show, and Cassidy thanked everyone for their support, and said she would not have been able to become Miss Rodeo North Dakota without the support of the North Dakota Winter Show. Cassidy also talked about her year as Miss Rodeo North Dakota Winter Show and how she had traveled over 4,000 miles this summer and made it to over 25 different rodeos, parades, and other events.

Beth thanked Cassidy for the past year and also Cheryl who has been the rodeo queen chairperson for over 10 years. Beth then called the business meeting to order. Tory Hart spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee, which is himself and Tom Nix, there is one spot open that needs to be filled for that committee. Four directors' terms have expired: Brad McKay, Beth Didier, Jim Nelson and Doug Muske. All directors have signed the proper paper work to stay on the board and continue doing a great job. Kevin Christensen made a motion approve the director's reelection and John Froelich seconded the motion.

The minutes for last year's annual meeting were then reviewed and a motion made by Gerry Gerntholz to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Kevin Christensen; motion carried. The annual financial statements were discussed by Tory Hart and a motion was made by Megan McKay to approve the financial statements. The motion was seconded by Doug McKay and motion carried.

Dawn Riley thanked Cheryl Sorby for her years of dedication and thanked her for everything she did for the North Dakota Winter Show Queens. Dawn talked about numbers being down last year at the North Dakota Winter Show of the weather was too nice, the PRCA Rodeo number were down from previous years. Dawn also talked about the North Star Classic that is coming up next week, and she excited about the Cattlemen's Ball and Sale that will be December 2nd at the Eagles. New events are coming this summer at the North Dakota Winter Show Event Center horse shows and ranch rodeos. June is already booked for the summer of 2017. This year we have purchased a total of 44 new stalls and chutes thanks to Bobby Koeplin for his help and Food and Beverage grant from the city.

Dawn talked about the bricks in the Gold Buckle Pub and if anyone would like to purchase one that they could do so tonight, and it was brought up if there could be a life time membership for the NDWS Friends, it will be brought up at the next board meeting.

Looking ahead to the Winter Show 2017, it will be the 80th Anniversary and Dawn has some neat things planned out for the year. Also there will be a History Booth at the Winter Show so everyone can look back on the 80 years that the North Dakota Winter Show has been up and running.

Riley announced that Blend will be the NSC dinner show entertainment along with Charles Peachock, with this year's show scheduled for Saturday December 4th; tickets are available to purchase here tonight. Door prizes were then awarded and the meeting was adjourned by Beth Didier.

Respectfully Submitted by Kayla Anderson, NDWS Administrative Assistant