

Lovell Rodeo Club

September 27, 2021

Members Present: George, Dick, Jason, Kolt & Charis

Meeting called to order at 6:47pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT: There were no previous meeting minutes presented for reading.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Main Account: \$20,128.05

Royalty Account: \$379.71

-Full report of profit and loss as well as reconciliation report was present at meeting and is available on record to review.

-There is only 1 outstanding check from the 2021 rodeo for \$162.50 and 1 outstanding check for the 2020 rodeo for \$12.64.

-Payout checks this year were stamped with "Void after 90 Days". The 90 days has now lapsed – we will not be reissuing any checks from rodeo date.

-The gate money at the rodeo brought in a total of: \$4,481.00

-George asked about the clause in our by-laws that states there needs to be a quarterly audit of the treasurer report and wondered if that has been done – it has not. Charis stated reports are available anytime anyone would like to audit them. Jason offered to have Charis email him the quarterly bank statements to review. Group discussed amending our by-laws to make it more user friendly. No voting took place on this topic, we will table it to the next meeting.

-Charis spoke with several vendors about their success and each that she spoke to were happy with their profits that day and the low vendor fee to be there. They mentioned they would like to do it again. The club made \$150 on vendor spots for that day.

-We discussed trying to schedule/invite additional vendors ahead of time instead of just food vendors. We would like to have tack vendors and maybe even a photographer.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. We discussed the good/bad from rodeo day.
 - a. Grounds - We now have a better idea of what the grounds will be like the week after the demo derby. The grounds were pretty rough and a lot of work had to be put into them the week before rodeo to get them competition ready.
 - b. Rodeo help - Jason mentioned we could use more help on rodeo day to take care of all the needed areas appropriately.
 - c. Entries – Dick proposed to the club that we return to the previous way of taking entries and eliminate any online and card processing fees. Dick offered to hire a secretary for the rodeo to take call in entries and fees as well as set up the program. Jason mentioned that we would probably not go back to strictly call in entries, but could look into additional ways to incorporate the cost associated with online entries. Charis brought up that whichever way the club decides to move forward regarding entries that a vote needs to take place and full support of that vote from all club members would be

needed – this was agreed by all. Dick addressed a complaint from a contestant about the card processing fees associated and stated they were charged \$23 in processing fees. Charis brought the receipts with her stating 1 contestant was charged \$3 and the other charged \$7.50. Charis commented she also spoke with the contestants at time of entry and gave them other options of payment where no fee would be charged. Dick stated he had several complaints regarding the way entries were taken this year. Charis stated she had several compliments on how easy it was to enter our rodeo, along with a couple of complaints as well just stating this way was “different” than the past and 1 contestant didn’t like having to pay before rodeo date in case he wanted to draw out on day of.

- d. “Cash Calf” – This was successful and decided it was something we would like to continue next year. Kolt said it would be better if we just put the glue a little dab in the corner of the bill so they don’t rip so much. We also talked about trying to make the arena smaller with contestants and spectators being used as “hazers” so the kids don’t have to run so much or maybe even separating age groups a little better.
- e. Muttin Bustin’ – Some people were upset that they needed to sign up earlier than rodeo date to have their kids entered in the sheep riding. We had limited spots open on rodeo day and did allow those slots to fill day of, but due to limited stock and time, it is necessary to have a cut off limit. George brought up the idea of having the kids entered wear a number on their back so we could make sure they were able to ride. If there was room for extras then kids without numbers could get on as a 1st come 1st serve.
 - i. Someone asked the office if there was a way to sponsor a buckle for the sheep riding. The group discussed this option briefly. We would have to get judges to agree, but thought it may be possible.
- f. Youth Bulls - Dick brought up the last minute issue of the age limit regarding youth bulls. There was a passionate discussion about what the age limit should be (we want it to be a stepping stone for the youth steer riders yet not quite the level of open bulls) and if contestants should be allowed to enter in youth bulls and open bulls. It was noted that the youth bulls is not a circuit event so we have the discretion at the club level to make the decision.
- g. Office - Charis brought up that everything seemed to work more smoothly in the office this year. All entry fees were paid ahead of time, there was only 1 no show and 2 draw outs that called ahead of time. All Calcutta and winning checks were issued day of and any that weren’t picked up in the office were mailed out the following Monday (because of online entries and the bidder registration sheets, we had all current addresses).
- h. Royalty – Charis noted that the LRC Queen was absent during the rodeo. We need to outline our expectations of the royalty a little more for 2022 and have a review with the royalty director.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parking - It was brought up that maybe we could ask the town to clean up the junk on the outsides of the property to accommodate for safer parking areas. Doing so would also allow for a larger vendor area in the front.
2. Fundraising Auction – We discussed 2021 auction success and would like to do another one in 2022, but would need to stay away from the FFA auction that is set for March 19th.

- a. A common comment from 2021 is that people would like more space so they could hear better and people can still visit. We talked about the possibility of renting the community center. The current rental fee for the community center is \$300 with a \$225 deposit (up front cost of \$525 total).
3. Youth Rodeo – If we are going to try to do a youth rodeo, we need to plan the event ahead of time so it is successful. Brenda Barkley approached Charis and said she is associated with a church group who would be interested in cooking a breakfast &/or lunch for such event and would donate back to the youth event whatever proceeds are made. We discussed maybe being able to host a youth rodeo on a Sunday so it didn't conflict with any other BHRC rodeo dates.
4. Rodeo Ground Annual Rental - Jason & Charis reported that we would have to have a better plan in place to present to the town. At the last town meeting they attended, the council said they would be open to considering that prospect if it could be structured similarly to the golf course. Charis & Jason still need to get with Jed Nebel to see what the golf course does.
 - a. Charis did get an annual quote from Ram's Head Insurance. To cover 2 annual rodeos (but would still be presented to the town as an "annual policy") the cost would be \$1,225.72.
 - b. Charis reported that the club phone number and email address had been contacted at least on 3 separate occasions after the rodeo, about making arrangements for people to layover with their livestock. We did not return their requests since we aren't in a capacity to make those arrangements. It is assumed that they were able to find our contact information easily by doing a search and finding our website.
5. Charis brought up the possibility of starting a "play day" event in 2022 where youth could come run on a certain night of the week. This is in hopes to generate more interest in rodeo and just have a more laid back setting with the possibility of an end of season fun rodeo. The proposed idea would run from June 2022-July 2022, 1 night each week. Charis said she would be willing to spear head the idea if anyone would be willing to help.
6. Electric Eye – are we still interested in purchasing an electric eye for the club? If so, we need to research it and get it purchased so it can be tested multiple times before rodeo date.
7. Buckles for 2022 – We should be getting ready to order buckles for 2022 season. The group discussed how involved they wanted to be in the decision process and agreed that if they could have the option of 3-5 designs at the next meeting, a vote could take place and buckles be ordered. Charis asked if they liked the buckles they got this year, a majority said yes. Charis offered to pick 3-5 designs from the same buckle company and bring the choices to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Charis Bischoff, Treasurer