

MID WINTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 14, 2009

- Treasurer's report was given by Cindy Rich in Melinda Ewing's absence
 - Current balance in account-----\$6,577.11
 - Contestant fund balance in savings account-----\$1,915.64

It was decided to keep the contestant fund with the association's account in order to keep funds all in one place.

- Rosemary Cooper presented at the meeting information about her new website to be more user friendly and more options for items with pictures on them. She also discussed the release forms to be signed for permission to use contestant's pictures in advertisements, etc. These forms will be sent to everyone with their entries and when received will return to Rosemary. She will still put the pictures in envelopes for Wrangler and High School.
- Jerry Goodin is looking for someone to take over the National Rifle Association shooting contest for the Wrangler contestant's. At this point no one is willing to do this job. Anyone interested please see Jerry Goodin.
- Fundraisers:
 - Hog Raffle-----clear money with donations from Jerry Goodin and Kenny Eggimann so SELL THOSE TICKETS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - Sponsorships-----for belt buckles are needed for the State Finals. Forms are available on the website.
 - Donations for bake sales and silent auctions will be announced.
 - 50-50 raffle will be done as High School allows us to do.
- Timer help will be delegated by Donna Eike for the rodeos.
- Website----www.illinoiswranglerdivision.net
 - Check it out!!!! Andilee Warner has done a great job at keeping it updated as she receives the information.
 - Any ideas let us know.
 - Christine Staley will be taking over after nationals for the 2009-2010 season. Thanks to Christine for her volunteering.
 - Will change to take the fee out of the association's account next year
- National Director Report
 - Bill Berger gave this report and was just clarifications of some of the rules
 - Roper needs to keep control of his/her rope at all times and if gets caught on the side barrier rope is not a foul warranting a rerun.

- Schedule for Wrangler season completion
 - March 28th and 29th, '09 accepted Quad state invitational at KY
 - Accepted High School invitation for State April 4th and 5th, '09 at Hopedale
 - Accepted High School invitation for District 2 April 18th and 19th, '09 at Hopedale
 - May 2nd and 3rd, '09 accepted High School invitation for Anna, Illinois District 3
 - WRANGLER IS NEEDED TO SET UP AND TAKE DOWN THE CHAIRS IN THE BLEACHERS.
 - WRANGLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP TRASH AFTER THEIR RODEOS.
 - WRANGLER CAN SELL 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS DURING THEIR RODEO ONLY.
 - BE SURE TO PICK UP TRASH AROUND CAMPSITES BEFORE LEAVING.
 - WE WILL RODEO AT 8:00 AM EACH DAY.
- State Finals.
 - CONTESTANT WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY ENTRY FEE FOR THE FINALS, BUT NO PAYBACK EITHER!!!!!!
 - May 16th and 17th, 2009
 - Rawlings Arena in Hopedale, Illinois
 - Randy Littrell and Matt Branum will be the stock contractor.
 - May 16th at 6:00 PM
 - May 17th at 9:00 AM
 - Potluck to follow the Sunday morning perf and then points figured with awards ASAP after potluck for all to know who is eligible to go to Nationals and then completion of the paperwork for this has to be done this day.
 - Year end buckles are being donated by Cowden Medical Clinic LLC
 - State finals buckles sponsorships and fundraising is needed.
 - Will be advertising and giving coupons to the schools for free admission with an adult ticket.
- New Officers for 2009-2010 rodeo season
 - President-----Tim Eike
 - Vice President-----Rick Maguire
 - Secretary Treasurer-----Laura Mentgen
 - Rodeo Secretary-----Jane Maguire
 - Adult Student Advisor-----Christine Staley
 - THANKS TO ALL WHO WERE WILLING TO FULFILL THESE POSITIONS!!!!!!
- Board of Directors for 2009-2010 season
 - Mike Keltner
 - Jerry Goodin

- Frank Gibson
- Ed Econie
- Tim Eike is automatically on this.
- THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- National Finals in Gallup, NM
 - June 28th through July 4th, 2009
 - Will run just like HS finals from Sunday night through Saturday evening.
 - Need donations for the basket to raise money for the cowboy crisis fund.
 - Need Illinois paraphernalia for the basket—with donations for this and will put it together out at nationals.
- Wrangler rodeoing with High School Rodeo State vs District rodeos
 - Bill Berger made the motion to accept all rodeos that HS invites us to because we cannot afford to put on our own rodeos. We did not have a quorum at the meeting so this discussion and vote was tabled until our meeting at the HS rodeo at Hopedaly April 4th after our AM performance.
 - Wrangler will be invited to all state rodeos but will be invited to the District rodeos if the facility allows ample room and accommodations.
 - For the rest of 2009 season Wrangler's fee will remain \$2000.00 for the rodeo and paying our judges.
 - Next season will depend on the cost of the rodeo and each District will be different.
 - State rodeos will try to keep at the similar cost with maybe increasing a little to \$2500.00. Will see what next season brings.
- Out of State rodeos
 - It was voted on that if 2009-2010 Illinois goes to an out of state rodeo that the contestants will be taking points as each one places in the go round NOT JUST ILLINOIS POINTS!!!!
- State Fair Horse Fair
 - This was a success! We made money and also got our information out there to potential contestants.
 - Should be done next year also with one suggestion to put up a sign up book in order to contact these persons later for follow up.
- Next Meeting
 - Saturday April 4th after the AM performance. Time to be announced at the rodeo!!!!
 - Please try to attend so that the decisions for the next rodeo season will be the ones that you would like to see happen!!!!!!!!!!!!!!