

Arizona Junior Rodeo Association Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
May 31, 2009 6:30 a.m.
Prescott , Arizona

President Bond called the meeting to order at 6:36 a.m.

Present were; President Clay Bond, Vice President Brian Keaveney, Board of Directors Dawn Lewis, John Jones, Duane Harrington, Josh Hand, Marty Latta, Teri James, Clint James, Ted Brennan, Lori Todd, and Secretary Jodi Ivy.

President Bond called the meeting to discuss the stock contractor bids that were received and stated that there were 2 bids received by the deadline but T5 had informed him that they were pulling their bid due to them now doing more pro rodeo shows so the only remaining bidder is now Mercer. A discussion was held regarding the interest by another contractor to bid. Director Harrington stated that there was no deadline so as far and he was concerned the other bidder, Destry Haught should be able to bid. President Bond stated that there was a deadline set by the board of February 28, 2009. Director Harrington stated that he didn't remember that and in the past it has always been left open until finals. Director Lewis stated that the association needs to get the best contractor we can and one that we can hold accountable.. Director Todd agreed; that it needs to be a contractor that meets what is expected of them. A discussion was held regarding last year's contract and Director Lewis referenced that we were suppose to have dairy cattle for the younger age group to rope and we didn't this year. Director Latta stated that listening to what the members said in the general meeting (that was held the previous night) stock is a big issue and that some people don't understand why the Wrangler junior high kids get such good cattle and the reason is because there are 8 kids in that group and it is easy to find 8-9 good calves to rope, but not so easy to get a whole pen that are good

and that when Teri (Director James) took a stand on the breakaway cattle when the horns were too long, the contractors were upset. Director Lewis stated that she felt that the bid process should be opened back up to allow other bidders. A discussion was held regarding the bid process and President Bond stated that they were sealed and opened up and passed around in Wilcox at the board meeting so now the contractor's bids are out in the open. Director Harrington stated that he didn't remember that there was a deadline and he would like to open it back up to everyone with the deadline at the finals. A discussion was held regarding the association's finances and the need to maybe reduce the prize line or decrease the number of prizes from down to 10th place to only 4th place for next year until the association is doing financially better. Director Todd stated that she felt that awarding a saddle was an important thing to do and that is what sets this association apart from other associations. A round table discussion was held regarding ideas for ways to increase the awards and membership for next year. Secretary Ivy stated that she was willing set up and be on the awards committee next year because volunteers are needed. Director Clint James stated that he did not feel that the association should spend more than what they have the money available for the prizes; that the association should not be left in a deficit for future members.

Vice President Keaveney stated that from what he was hearing at the general members meeting, the members want to divide the younger age group and this also may bring in new families. A discussion was held regarding the age split and the possible events for that age group. **Director Latta made the motion to split the 9-12 age group to 5-8 and 9-12. Vice President Keaveney seconded the motion.** Vote passed 9-1 with Director Harrington voting no. Secretary Ivy stated that Coni Dent would probably help with the younger age group. A discussion was held regarding possible events for the 5-8 age group to be selected in the near future.

President Bond stated that since the age groups were now split, that may affect the bids from the stock contractors. **Director Brennan made the motion to open the bid process up again since there may be new events for the new age group, seconded by Director Harrington.** Item passed 9-1 with Director Latta voting no.

President Bond stated that he will get the new contracts faxed out to all of the people that he is aware of who are interested in bidding on the stock and that the deadline for the bids to be in to him will be Friday of the finals, June 19, 2009.

Director Ted Brennan moved to adjourn, seconded by Director Terry James. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 a. m..