

NDWS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
April 14, 2025 —6pm
MINUTES

Call to Order – in attendance Erin Tombarge, Whitney Vogel, Jim Nelson, Dana Didier, Beth Didier, Royce Kinney, Kevin Christensen, Doug Muske, Brandee Moore, Dave Maasjo and Bill Carlblom

Financial Reports

Account Balances: Operating: \$241,207.32 Gaming: \$19,203.94 Money Market : \$21,309.00

One CD's balances \$52,944.31

See March winter show reports. Dana made a motion to approve financials. Dave 2nd. All in favor

Old Business:

Review February Minutes. No March monthly meeting due to Winter Show wrap up.

Beth made a motion to approve Feb minutes. Doug 2nd. All in favor.

Review NSC financial report. Still a couple things outstanding, but close to wrapping up the financials.

New Business:

A. Arena/Grounds/Building- Royce asked above feasibility of keeping outdoor arena, open it up for more parking. Still use for derby. Majority had reasons as to why to keep it. Would have to set panels back up for NSC outdoor stalling. Sometimes is used for horse events. Occasions where bucking stock had to go there.

Outdoor arena stays.

B. Finance - Dan and I discussed moving an additional \$50,000 to CD. Also moving \$50,000 to MM account. Renew existing CD end of this month. May move more to MM account once all is final with events.

C. Labor – pay bonuses to core employees. \$1000 to core. \$2500 to Royce. Aiden is leaving when he graduates. He is going to the cities to school for chiropractor. Dana suggested paying someone more money, or offering, to keep one of the better employees for barn oversight. But they all leave, for other careers. Bryce is leaving too.

D. Commercial/Concession – NO CONRAD!!!!!!

E. Rodeos - Jim discussed NFR tickets. He is the only one on email and will stay that way unless he changes it to me. PRCA rules is one person as contact.

F. Rodeo Queen – trailer is ready mechanically. I reached out to Sarah to confirm she is getting the new signage handled. She is.

G. Crop Show - a deficient in this show. Will get those numbers.

H. Horse – Do not have this vet back. It was not Jenn, it was the new vet. We probably need to look for an outside of town vet to handle all this. Beth stated the horse teamsters would like to be part of the Calcutta next year, as they were in the past. Brandee had nixed this because both years they were so unorganized. With that Calcutta, stuff has to run in order to know who is who and who purchased their team. There was not structure and no organization. Ben tried, but failed. It was a mess. So I scratched it. If they want to do it, they need a person to organize. Send the correct team and run in order and quickly. It drags out getting those teams in.

I. Livestock – Over 80 head, large show. NSC will not order additional bedding that flows over or is held over for WS Jr. Show. That has been a mess for the last two years. This year they ended up using the bagged

shavings we have. Kasi suggested that would work better for the future instead of cleaning out the chunks of wood and trash that remains in the existing bedding.

- J. Hall of Fame - tv is trashed. Need new one before next show.
- K. Pick-up Pull/Tractor Pull - Brandee inquired about nixing these events. Couple reasons. Truck pull mainly, as it gets lighter and lighter. Ticket sales less and less. Also if we could have different events, we could keep the chutes in year around.
- L. Off Site Events – Sr Dance day was great at Labor Club and successful. More will come in the future. So many compliments. Ladies Luncheon. Sold out at 108 tickets. Bar 9 says next year they will be able to accommodate 150. Also discussed doing two days and two locations of WS luncheons. The Vendor food coupons went well. They used them all around town at the 4 locations honoring them.
- M. Sponsorship – still collecting
- N. Concert – Discussed smaller stage for arena. Also Erin asked about moving concert to SEB. Some like it in the dirt and feel it's nostalgic. SEB would be way easier clean up. Could use our stage or a smaller stage than what they have been. Something to think about.

Manager's Report – all yearly contracts out. Look to have same events with horse shows, rodeos etc. Rental with WF coming up end of April. Nothing needed from board.

Next Meeting – May 12.

“Good of the Order” Beth – brought some auction brochures from other events Gives us ideas on how to build our King of Sale ring and advertise those items to gain interest. Also brought in the Little I program that is full of sponsors. Chili cook off – make sure we remember to give an award for Best Decorated or themed booth.

Doug – discussion over golf tournament. Great idea. Proceeds would benefit our auction items purchase for King of Sale Ring. Winners get buckles. Erin offered to help, as she produces lots of golf tournaments. Looking at July 19 for golf tournament. Doug will check with the golf course. We would have food and drinks. Lunch. Free will booze, for donation, so that we don't have to get a license or bar.

Dave – thank you to the Winter show and Bailey Pro for honoring him during military night. He was very honored and humbled by this and appreciates us all. Also Dave visited with a guy on the West Fargo committee. They want to sell all those panels they have. We have possession of some but they have more they want to sell. Royce and Kevy will talk to those guys.

Bill – new battery was ordered for tractor by Nick. Do we need it or want it. Discussion. We will get it and have it on hand. Discussion over cleaning up tractor prior to shows to have it ready to go.

The end.

Adjourn. Motion by Beth and 2nd by Bill.

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