

Chair Update – October 29, 2023 Executive Meeting

Thank you to all the board members who participated in our meeting on Sunday, October 29. This was my first meeting as Board Chair, and with the help of Patricia, I do believe all went pretty well. Please find the chair/national director update from our meeting.

- The Year-End Financials were not received from the accountant in time to review prior to the meeting. They will be presented in detail at the Spring Meeting.
- The Raffle is going well. Due to a few hiccups, the tickets were out later than usual but Thank you to Terrie for all her hard work, the books are out and some even back in already. She will be putting together some raffle contests to drive ticket sales.
- Scholarships- 45 cheques were issued in October for a total of \$79,495.00. This far exceeds scholarships claimed in the past so I have been told, which is great.
- We have a total of 606 members this fall (approx 15% less than last year). We will need to reassess membership rates for 2024-2025.
- CPR Sports Medicine - Brandon Thome received very positive feedback from his team's attendance at our spring Rodeos. They are looking to continue to join us in the Spring again along with both our Finals. Spring training camps will be happening again in January, February, and March. He will share details with us. Members can also contact Brandon to locate sports medicine help locally.
- Policy Manual Changes - Finals Turnout Fines- To assess turnout fees for the finals per day instead of per rodeo. Unnotified turnouts will be charged \$75 per day per event to turnout of the provincial finals. Also to change the AHSRA policy manual to read: Cutting at the finals will be a random draw for all three go rounds.
- Member Conduct / Disciplinary - Pam will circulate a form where each district can submit their suggestions (offense with suitable disciplinary action) They will be compiled into a comprehensive list which the board will finalize and vote on at Spring Meeting. Deadline for submissions will be February 1, 2024.
- Provincial Finals Details - Pam and Jamie shared with potential changes to how they will manage finals entries/ payments. Details will be shared with members in the spring.
- Cutting / WCH - Jamie reminded all districts that they must hold 3 regular season performances of Cutting and WCH in order to be eligible to attend the finals.
- The AHSRA apparel contract with Coyote Designs expires June 30, 2024. The AHSRA will put this out for bid in January, to review and vote on at our spring meeting.
- Mid Winter Meeting - Denton, Pam, Jamie, and Jolynn will be attending in Branson, Missouri from January 15th to 20th.
- Sponsorship Request - Renee Gould reached out to the AHSRA provincial office with a Sponsorship request. We talked about how sponsorship is handled. We do not currently have association sponsors, discussion about the possibility of changing this going forward. We will be looking for a proposal and further discussion at the Spring Meeting.
- Pam and Jamie provided an overall office update and are liking the new system, a few changes need to be made but it is all going fairly smoothly.

- Future High School Finals - Patrica had been working on a plan to secure a 10 year deal with the CalNash Ag Event Center in Ponoka. Initial talks were positive but hadn't really progressed. Some challenges were brought forward locking into a 10 year deal. If the board chooses to pursue it, they may do so beyond the work that Patricia has done.

Thank you everyone who has given their time to make AHSRA a success. If you have any questions on these matters or any other, please feel free to reach out to Denton or myself.

Yours Truly,

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