SDHSRA Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2026 9:00 am CST Ramkota-Pierre, SD

The Annual General Membership meeting was called to order by President Brad McGirr at 9:05 AM, Saturday September 26, 2026

The Pledge of allegiance was presented by the Student Officers- Layton, Sattyn, Hudson and Atty.

Roll Call was taken by President Brad McGirr, Queen Coordinators were absent and student officer Charlee Richardson. It was reported that Alan Odden will replace Shane Kramme on the Host Committee Board. All other members and Directors present.

President Brad presented the agenda and asked for any additions or corrections, Perry Moody made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Justin Heath, MC. The minutes of the 2026 State Finals were presented, President Brad asked for any additions or corrections to the State Final Directors Meeting minutes, none were presented. Justin Robertson made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, Nate seconded the motion, mc.

The Executive Secretary/ Treasure Amy Johnson presented a detailed financial report to be reviewed by the SDHSRA Board for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026. She went through the balance sheet for the fiscal year line by line, referring to the overhead screen for the public audience. Included information presented in her report:

The SDHSRA current financial position is as follows: Calendar account $57,702.84, Crisis account $26,042.32, General membership fund $39,401.58, General savings, $30,063.65, Scholarship Account $65,697.71, Sponsor Account $48,642.97, Pierre Checking Account $30,860.05. The current amount in our CD accounts are as follows; $7,264.61, $16,389.73, $6,954.70. The upcoming expenses due is the production of the calendar production, and Taxes will be filed with the accounting firm.

For 2025 membership year our calendar sales and membership were both down. Calendar sales were down about $3,000 and our membership was down about $2,000. Out total for all membership, including adult, late fees and regional dues are $26,575. Commissions paid to date are $22,546, and wages paid are $27,166.72. Scholarships paid to date are $5,750. Total other office expenses are $19,299.92, which includes copy machine maintenance $1608.41, postage $1242.75, professional fees 41.88, Software updates $7079.84, supplies $1022.04 and social media $8305. The SDHSRA.com website rebuild is included in the software update.

The total for state finals sponsors secured were $97,424, this includes arena sponsor, big screen, breast collars, buckle, chute gate, event, queen, performance, program, profit share, saddle, scholarship and saddle rack. The total expenses for The State Finals Rodeo was $193,693.39 included in that total is advertising, Announcers, big screen, awards, personnel, facility, programs, rooms, security, stock, and supplies. Other income from the State Finals includes, gates, event fees, programs and the NHSRA raffle. A motion was made by Justin Robertson to approve the financial report given by Amy Johnson, seconded by Justin Pihl, Motion carried.

State Finals Host committee reported on 2026 State High School Finals. Scott Deal spoke of the week, indicating things went well on their end. Scott commented that the weather helped everything run smoothly and Jay Brower did a great job on the ground again this year. Stalls were added this year and Host Committee appreciated their cooperation in working together with the SDHSRA Board overall the finals went smoothly.

Good comments on removing motorized scooter, bikes, ect. This policy will stay in place for the future. A motion was made by Jeremy Stevens to accept the State finals Report, Justin Heath seconded the motion, motion carried.

The Student Directors were asked to share their highlights from the week of State Finals and any improvements they would like to see for the future to enhance the student member's experience. All the student officers agreed that the weather throughout the week was a highlight, Hudson and Layton also expressed that they enjoyed the water balloon fight as a highlight as well. Layton stated that he would like to have more information on the student happenings so that the student body is aware of what is happening. Sattyn and Atty expressed that the social media during the week was fun to see. Atty expressed that she would like to see the student officers be more interactive with the student members. Sattyn stated that she would like to see the short round time be moved up earlier. Discussion was held on all their points, and The Board appreciated all the inputs and comments.

The Calendar Sales report was given by Donna Curr, Calendar Chairperson. She reviewed in detail the expenses and income of the calendar sales financials for the fiscal year. The National Team received $65,800.00 in funding. Amy suggested giving Donna a credit card to use for postage, so she doesn't have to wait for reimbursement checks. Donna also asked if she could purchase the ink, paper and stamps with the credit card as well. Perry Moody made a motion to approve the calendar report and for Donna to use the credit card for calendar sales supplies, Justin P seconded the motion, motion carried.

Justin Robertson gave the National Director Report as the newly appointed SDHSRA National Director. The 2027-2029 finals will be held in Gillette Wyoming, following the recent press release from the National Office. Lincoln tried to make improvements, but the NHSRA Finals is just too big for the facility to host. Power and water were a problem, but certain problems were out of their control as well. The Mid-Winter meeting will be in Billings this year, last week in January. Nate made a motion to approve the National Director Report, seconded by Bryce, motion carried.

Public Relations Report was given by Marty Phillips. This year overall was a success, raising the saddle sponsorship took the cost off the association. However, like all things, the costs keep rising. Jeremy Stevens made a motion to approve the Public Relations Report, motion seconded by Justin Heath, motion carried.

The Queen Report was given by Atty and a letter by Patsy Schoellerman, Kellie Yackley and Kellie Ostenson, Queen Coordinators. Atty finished the NHSRA Queen competition tied for 2nd in Horsemanship, 10th in the written test, and finishing 9th overall. Each year she has gained more knowledge and has represented SDHSRA well. The Queen Coordinators would like to organize a pre-pageant clinic for parents in how they can best prepare and understand the competition. Justin Robertson made a motion to approve the Queen Report, Justin P seconded the motion, motion carried.

Meeting took a break 10:00-10:15

Brad Presented a letter from Dale Christensen, thanking the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve as National Director for the last 10 years.

Marty Phillips presented Scott Deal and Toni Deal each a national coat for all their hard work and dedication to the association.

No old business to discuss.

New Business:

The next item on the agenda were the By-Law proposals that were submitted. The first 12 proposals were presented by Latona Austin. Latana explained the proposals and answered questions from the Board and audience.

The 13th proposal was submitted by Marty Phillips, an explanation on this proposal was given and answered any questions from The Board and audience.

In accordance with the By-Laws, a ballot vote was taken of current adult members of the association present at the meeting. A 2/3 majority vote is needed to pass.
Vote results are as follows:

Bylaw proposals and voting

1. Proposal to move the Annual Fall meeting to the last Sunday in September at 10:00. Vote 5 yes to 24 no, not passed
2. Proposal to include a statement that the specific time, date and location of the annual meeting be announced no less than 4 weeks prior to the annual meeting. Vote 7 yes to 22 nos, not passed
3. Proposal to include a statement that a draft version of the annual meeting agenda will be posted no less than 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting date. Vote 10 yes to 19 nos, not passed.
4. Proposal to include a statement that a draft version of the winter meeting agenda will be posted no less than 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting date. Vote 9 yes to 20 no, not passed.
5. Combination of 1-4, 1-4 did not pass- No vote needed
6. Proposal states that the secretary should post the proposed amendments no less than 2 weeks prior to the meeting date. Vote 10 yes to 19 nos, not passed
7. The Proposal would change the format of Article V to read clearer. Vote 10 yes to 19 no, not passed.
8. Modify Article V Board of Directors Section A to state that each region shall elect two directors from their region. Voted 28 yes to 1 no, bylaw passed.
9. The proposal was to Remove Section E of ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS “A majority of the Board of Directors elected shall constitute a quorum”. There was a misunderstanding of this bylaw, in relation to Article VI. Voted 1 yes 28 no, not passed
10. The proposal would remove the refund policy from the bylaws, and the association will use the current refund policy already in place. Vote 27 yes 2 no- passed.

11-12 are spelling errors and corrected by The Board.

13. The proposal would remove the Student Public Relations title and replace it with Student Regional Representative. Vote 28 yes to 1 no, passed.

Discussion of Ground Rule suggestions

Regional Rodeo Financial Statement Review was next on the agenda. Motion by Bryce Chambliss, second by Justin Heath, MC

Approval of out-of-state member transfers. Amy presented those on the list, she indicated all had the correct paperwork in on time and in accordance with the policy. Discussion held on capping the out of state

memberships at some time, no action taken. Motion by Justin Pihl, second by Justin Heath to approve as presented. MC

The Board moved to Executive Session at 12:00 to hear the State Finals Site bids. The two presenting locations were Fort Pierre and Huron.

Executive session ended at 1:35

The SDHSRA Board thanked the two presenting locations and voted paper ballot. The vote was 6 Fort Pierre, 4 Huron. The 2028-2029 State Finals will be held at Fort Pierre, SD.

SDJHS Rodeo Report from JH Board was submitted by Tyler Haugen, read by Amy to The Board. Justin Robertson made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Shawn Reis, motion carried.

The regions met in their own area at this time and voted for their Regional Directors. The results are as follows:

- Nate Grueb- Northwest Director at Large- re-elected
- Perry Moody- East Director re-elected
- Bryce Chambliss- Southwest Director- re-elected
- Justin Pihl retiring- Rollie Wilson is Northwest Director
- Deana Fulton will serve a 1-year term to replace Justin Robertson director position- Southwest Director

Designated date and place for SDHSRA Winter Meeting will be at the Monument, Saturday January 30th, 9:00 am MST

20X Rodeo Invite List is posted on the Website and Social Media sites. Contact Kim Sutton if you see an error. Brad McGirr presented Justin Pihl a plaque for his dedication and time on the Board.

Last item on the agenda, 2026-2027 SDHSRA Queen Atty Eastman present to the Board her Speech. The Board thanked Atty for representing South Dakota High School Rodeo.

Motion by Nate, second by Bryce to adjourn the Annual General Membership meeting of the SDHSRA. MC. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Johnson

SDHSRA Secretary/Treasurer