

## REPORT FROM NATIONAL MID-WINTER MEETING JANUARY 22 – 26, 2008

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Dress Code – Many states are facing dress code issues with their contestants changing clothes after they are done competing. A letter will be forth coming from the National Office to all states/provinces to reinforce the dress code rules.
2. CRISIS FUND COMMITTEE – Cowboy Up Bracelet is something states can use as their own fundraisers. Wanted to remind the states that his is a good program for fundraising. Baskets at the National can only be 3x3x3. Any baskets over this size will be donated to the scholarship fund.
3. LIVESTOCK INSPECTION COMMITTEE – They are using Jersey/Holstein crosses for roping cattle at the Wrangler Finals. Discussion on viability of this. Llew will continue to talk to Dan Mundorf to work this out but will leave to discretion of the stock contractor.
4. PLANNING & STEERING COMMITTEE – Ray Spence sent out a survey to every state on where they thought we should be in both the High School Division and also the Wrangler Division. Copy of Survey attached.
5. GRAND ENTRY COMMITTEE – Wednesday will be “Tough enough to Wear Pink” day. Thursday PM as the “Cowboy Retro “ Night for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Friday will be “Red Ribbon” day theme in honor of all our personnel in uniform. Utah needs to furnish 4 contestants to carry flags on Tuesday PM performance. In the Wrangler Division Wednesday as the “Retro” theme, Friday will be “Red Ribbon” Friday and the Short Go will be “Tough Enough to Wear Pink.” They will need to furnish 4 contestants to carry flags on Performance #5.
6. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The committee stressed the importance of keeping the basketball game under control. The National Directors will in attendance, and will have the authority to pull back numbers. The contestants name and state will be on the numbers. The National Officers code of conduct contract 2008-2009 will be edited to make officers aware that pictures they post on myspace, face book, etc. can have consequences, and they should avoid any situations which may put a bad word for the NHSRA.
7. INSURANCE COMMITTEE – Contestant/membership insurance will not change for 2008-2009, it will be the same as this year.
8. QUEEN CONTEST COMMITTEE – Horsemanship pattern will be the same as it has been in the past. The speech topic will also stay the same. Judges for the contest this 2008 will be Kate Rumford, Karen Rosenthal, Mardee Swanson, Joanna Blackwell, Patsy Littrel, and Dale Tingle. 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Karie O’Donnell-Jones.
9. RODEO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – All the contracts have been returned for the rodeo personnel in the high school division. Some changes were made in the Wrangler division. There was one discussion on Wade Woolstehulme being able to judge if his daughter qualifies for the National Finals. If Wade’s daughter qualifies then Gip Allen or Buddy Reynolds will be the alternate judge.
10. CONTESTANT ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE – Sunday, Monday, and Friday Dances will be normal. Tuesday-Prom, Wednesday-60<sup>th</sup> celebration, and Thursday-Talent Contest. The dance times and dress code will stay the same. Utah needs to furnish 2 chaperones for the dance Thursday, the night of the Talent Contest. The Wrangler Division will use the high school dress code but no flip-flops or open toed shoes will be allowed. Utah needs to furnish 2 chaperones for the dance Thursday night.

11. NHSFR APPROVAL COMMITTEE – Dudley Byerley with Gallup gave a brief presentation. The rodeo council in New Mexico would like to have a spider system to be considered. If this can be done this would enable the NHSFR and the Wrangler Division to stay in New Mexico longer. Other sites that are interested are Billings Montana for the Wrangler Division, Ocala Florida, Des Moines, Iowa, and Calgary, Alberta Canada for the High School Division. There could be some problems with the Gillette Wyoming contract because of the expense of the housing there.
12. NHSFR RODEO COMMITTEE – The grounds at Farmington are basically the same as it was before. The main office building is expecting construction for expansion. The expansion will add some additional space for the rodeo office, Foundation and other miscellaneous activities. Farmington is submitting a request to put in more camping hookups. If this happens, it will add another 60 spaces for 2008 and 30 spaces for 2009. Housing at Farmington each state will be allotted approximately 12 sites with water & electricity and 3 spots with water only. We were not told how many motels we would be allotted. Housing at Gallup will stay the same.
13. NHSRA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION – With corporate and individual sponsorship donations and Foundation fundraisers, the Foundation will likely reach a milestone this calendar year, in that the foundation will exceed the million dollar mark, for the first time in the history of the foundation. Golf Tournament will be at the Pinion Hills Golf Course in Farmington. Scholarships will again be awarded at the numbers determined in 2007 to the highest selling queen contestants in 2008. Matching Funds scholarships will again be made available to every association who would like to participate.
14. RULES COMMITTEE – See attached rules that will be ground rules for the 2008 National Finals and go into effect in the fall of 2008. This year when the new rulebooks are distributed 2008-2009; they will be for two years.