



Friday Session MWM

February 27, 2026

Meeting Called By: Angie Freeland - President

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting

Location: Bastian Agricultural Center – Ranch House

Meeting Start Time: 5:15 pm

Attendees: Kelly Anderson, Angie Freeland, Virginia Bundy, Tate Weber, Whitney Robb, Jed Williams, Vicki Brierley, Haven Hogge, Just Austin, Darrell Sagers, Ben Harris, June Bell, Cheznie Nelson, Isla Bell, Jade Anderson, Lindzi Bringham, Brock Riding, Kami Beckstrom, Genevieve Graham, Joni Haderlie, Cody Johnson, Kadie Nielson, Chad Campbell, Richelle Sorensen, Brad McKee, Kyle Kosoff

Welcome: Angie Freeland

Discussion: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Student Body President Chenzi Nelson. The session began with an opening prayer, offered by High School Student Body Secretary Haven Hogge, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Junior High Student Body Vice President Isla Bell.

National Mid-Winter Report: Kelly Anderson and the student officers provided a report on their attendance at the National Mid-Winter Meeting held in Denver, Colorado.

Key points included:

- 10 year contract with Lazy E after Gillette, WY, for both Jr High and High School National Finals.
- National Finals - cutting competition will remain with the five-judge system.
- NHSRA & UHSRA Trademark rules and guidelines. Please make sure you are asking and staying in compliance.
- Roughstock Equipment check at National Finals.
- Increase of silver and gold prices will affect buckle prices this year and going forward.
- NHSRA will be integrating an additional process for National Finals sign-ups. Additional information will be provided.
- SVE is now a National Sponsor and Vet
- Jaylee Anderson Memorial Scholarship – National and State level.

New Rule Changes:

- *Ground rules implemented this spring, going forward.*
- Social media disciplinary actions: Posting inaccurate, detrimental, threatening, or derogatory content about the association may result in disqualification for both students and parents.

- Attire regulations: Shirts must remain tucked in, and boots must have a minimum one-inch heel.

Finance Report: Judd Austin presented an overview of UHSRA's financial position:

- The association operates on a structured budget to support its activities and events.
- UHSRA membership trends follow the NHSRA membership trends and percentages.
- Safeguards are in place to ensure proper budget allocation, including oversight by the finance committee and board approvals for any adjustments.
- The association maintains a financial reserve to safeguard against emergencies.
- Operating budget is a little higher than in years past due to an increase in state finals contracts.
- UHSRA is a non-profit organization, and our fiscal year is August 1st to the following July 31st.

General Announcements:

- Breakout sessions were scheduled to follow:
 - 6 pm – 7:30 pm: Judging, Youth Advisory, and Cutting & Reining convening together.
 - 7:30 pm – 9 pm: Shooting, Budget & Finance, and Queen Contest

The meeting was adjourned, and breakout sessions commenced.



Saturday General Session MWM

February 28, 2026

Meeting Called By: Angie Freeland - President

Type Of Meeting: Executive Board Meeting

Location: Bastian Agricultural Center – Ranch House

Meeting Start Time: 1:00 pm

Attendees: Kelly Anderson, Angie Freeland, Virginia Bundy, Tate Weber, Whitney Robb, Jed Williams, Vicki Brierley, Haven Hogge, Just Austin, Darrell Sagers, Ben Harris, June Bell, Cheznie Nelson, Isla Bell, Jade Anderson, Lindzi Bringham, Brock Riding, Kami Beckstrom, Genevieve Graham, Cody Johnson, Kadie Nielson, Chad Campbell, Richelle Sorensen, Brad McKee, Kyle Kosoff, Brad Hodson, Karen Hadson, Tyrel Stark, Darci Stark, Glen Wilson, Jance Wilson, Kadie Nielson, Waylon Cornia, Natalie Cornia, TJ Hipwell, Kelli Hipwell, Jesse Bloomfield, Natasha Bloomfield, Jamison Thornton, Brittany Thornton, Jackie Fox, Stacey Owen, Nick Hanks, Remington Anderson, Taytum Anderson, Sadie Boren, Martina Larsen, Chris Price, Lana McKee, Jill Hanks, Julie Weber, Will Petty, Kelli Petty, Trisha Riding, Lindzi Bingham, Haley Hogge, Justin Shoarp, Kelsy Anderson, Mandy Anderson, Marie Moore, Cody Moore, Clinton Penrod

Welcome: Angie Freeland

Discussion: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by UHSRA President Angie Freeland.

General Announcements:

Refunds for Dixie 5 & 6 refunds will tentatively start on Monday, March 2nd – refunds will be sent through PayPal to the credit card used at the time of the transaction.

UHSRA New Website Debut: Sadie Boren presented the new UHSRA website. The site link was provided for board members and attendees to follow along with. Timeline of launch: Board and membership fee back due March 7th – QR code was provided for questions and concerns. Final edits by March 14th, launch website by March 17th.

Committee Reports:

Committee Reports were presented, covering various aspects of the association's operations.

Judging Committee Report:

- Judges for Jr High State Finals and High School State Finals were selected with assignments finalized for both small and large arenas.
 - Jr High –
 - Small Arena: Justin Clapp, Luke Bankhead, Alternate: Dean Williams
 - Large Arena: Kendall Bagley, Lex Nielson, Troy Belliston
 - High School –

- Small Arena: Kendall Bagley, Dan Woodland, Alternates: Luke Bankhead & Lex Nielson
- Large Arena: Justin Clapp, Greg Bennett, Clel Robinson

A motion was made by Judd Austin, 2nd by Isla Bell to approve the selected judges and arenas. Motion Passed.

- Payment increases for judges working a perf rodeo to incentivize judges to put in for perf rodeos. It was proposed that payment would increase from \$500 per judge to \$600 per judge for perf rodeos.

A motion was made by Angie Freeland, 2nd by June Bell to approve the increased payment amount of \$600 for judges for a perf rodeo and approve meeting minutes.

Motion Passed.

General Announcements:

There will be a judges' clinic on March 14th in Oakley, UT, at the indoor arena. 14 participants are committed to attend currently.

Cutting & Reining Committee Report:

Reviewed the NHSRA rule changes and clarifications, bringing them closer to matching the NCHA rulebook. Met with club secretaries on the time frame needed to host cutting and reining horse events. Encouraged club secretaries to reach out and ask questions such as arena set up, ground preparation, finding cattle, and judges. Cutting and/or Reining schools – the request form needs to be filled out and submitted to Virginia for board approval. The funds are based on first-come, first-served.

- Change in points in the Reining Cow Horse Event: Presented that contestant would take 80% of qualifying rodeos to State Finals. The new point system was presented in the Rules Committee and was discussed further.

A motion was made by Isla Bell, 2nd by Clinton Penrod to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Youth Advisory Committee:

Student Officers are working on spring fundraisers and state final's themes.

A motion was made by Chezni Nelson, 2nd June Bell, to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Shooting Committee Report:

Discussion regarding changing Jr High State Finals start date and times, because last state finals, contestants were not able to get back in time for the mandatory contestant meeting because there were so many contestants. Tuesday morning 1st go and second go, with the short go on Wednesday. High school state finals schedule will stay the same. Discussed some National rules that we can not follow due to facilities and time – rules will be reviewed and verbiage adjusted. The committee will submit the verbiage changes to the rules committee for review.

- **UHSRA Rules – page 9 – 2021 rule was passed in that rifle and trap are required to be offered at every rodeo. Rule will be updated in the UHSRA Rules, no motion required.**

A motion was made by Chad Campbell, 2nd by Remington Anderson to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Budget & Finance Committee Report:

- Reviewed year-to-date budget, because of the increases, the following has been requested to be moved - \$10,000.00 from rodeo schools/clinic line item to the following:
 - \$6,000.00 to buckles
 - \$4,000.00 to add jackpot money for state finals.
- New website add-ons –
 - State Finals countdown clock & club finder map – \$160 for both for a year.

A motion was made by Isla Bell, 2nd by Ben Harris, to approve the stated changes to the budget and the add-ons for the new website. Motion Passed.

- Rainy Day Policy – Investments within Raymond James Rainy Day Fund policy states it will maintain reserves between 50% and 110% of operating expenses and usage of those funds requires board approval. Excess funds above 110% will be allocated as determined by the board.

A motion was made by Taytum Anderson, 2nd by June Bell to keep the Rainy Day Policy as is. Motion Passed.

- Clarification as to what was previously voted on, with the transition of financial institutions, DL Evans and Zion Banks accounts will be closed, and remaining funds switched over to Altabank accounts.

A motion was made by Angie Freeland, 2nd by Kyle Kosoff, to formalize the transition of financial institutions. Motion Passed. Judd Austin abstains from voting since he is employed by Altabank.

- A request came to the committee regarding combining entries on the entry website/system to help reduce fees. After reviewing the fee percentages and discussing with the program developer to potentially combine entries for all rodeos, it would be a \$12,000 programming fee. The committee opted not to take any action on changing how entries work.

A motion was made by Chad Campbell, 2nd by Kyle Kosoff, to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Queen Contest Committee Report:

- Proposal made UHSRA Rules and Queen contract to add, “The UHSRA Queen and Jr High Queen must be a member of the UHSRA during the year of her reign. If she is not a member of the UHSRA, she will relinquish her title and all prizes to the 1st runner up.”

A motion was made by Whitney Robb, 2nd by Judd Austin, to add the stated verbiage to the Queen’s contract and UHSRA Rules. Motion Passed.

- 8th grade eligibility discussion – 8th grade queen contestants need to be a part of our JR High events – no action taken. Talked about other ways to increase participants, including hosting a clinic or jackpot. State Finals review and planning – no changes made.

A motion was made by Whitney Robb, 2nd by Judd Austin, to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Scholarship Committee Report:

Reviewed scholarship application processes. The new website will help simplify the application process and will allow a clear description of the private scholarships that are provided to UHSRA members.

Scholarships will be awarded as in years past, on Friday night after the performance, before the 2nd go-around awards.

Discussed communication and outreach programs – emails, social media posts that will be done to encourage seniors to apply for scholarships.

A motion was made by Kelly Anderson, 2nd by Ben Harris, to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Livestock/Roughstock Committee Report:

Livestock –

Discussion on keeping the quality of cattle as high as possible, with the cost of cattle prices. It is hard to be super selective in this current climate.

Roughstock –

No changes are made currently. Warbonnet hats have approached the UHSRA about partnering on hosting rodeo clinics. Still in the early stages of the planning process, but it would be a benefit to our membership. Additionally, discussion is needed – no action taken.

Planning & Steering Committee Report:

- Proposal made regarding the point system; count a 3rd of the scheduled season rodeos into state finals. With the proposed 2026-2027 season schedule, it would count 8 rodeos (80 pts.) and be carried into state finals. This proposed point system would allow the point system to be adjusted based on the number of rodeos in the season. This is for the high school division only.

A motion was made by June Bell, 2nd by Isla Bell, to approve counting a 3rd of the rodeos points. Motion Passed. 13 For / 8 Against

- Proposal made for an option that if the hosting club had a reason why they were not able to have 3 arenas (for example facility), that the hosting club could request approval from the board to only have 2 arenas. The hosting club would have to submit a proposal to the board for approval. The 3-arena rule will still be the standard to follow, but due to conditions or facilities, 2 arenas will be considered via proposal. This is for the high school division only. Clubs will still be required to have the same number of judges (6) as per the 3-arena rule.

A motion was made by Brad McKee, 2nd by Angie Freeland, to approve the option for hosting clubs to submit a proposal for only having 2 arenas. Clubs will be required to have the same number of judges (6) as per the 3-arena rule. Motion Passed.

- Rodeo start times – proposal made that rodeos do not start earlier than 3:00 pm on Fridays, except for the RCH, Cutting, and Shooting events. Rodeos do not start earlier than 8:00 am on Saturday mornings. It will help with consistency throughout the state.

A motion was made by Judd Austin, 2nd by Angie Freeland, regarding start times for all rodeos. Motion Passed.

Discussion regarding the 2026-2027 rodeo schedule. The schedule is not finalized at this time.

A motion was made by Judd Austin, 2nd by Angie Freeland, to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Sponsorship Committee Report:

Acknowledgment of Sponsors:

- The committee expressed gratitude for the generous sponsors who continue to support UHSRA.
- Members were encouraged to familiarize themselves with current sponsors and support their businesses as a way of giving back.

Discussion regarding the new “Clyde” town and the high school trades event during state finals—additional details to come.

A motion was made by Chezni Nelson, 2nd Isla Bell, to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

State Finals Committee Report:

- The Junior High & High School State Finals schedule was reviewed and finalized, including event timelines and mandatory meetings.

JR High State Finals Schedule:

- **Tuesday, May 19th**
 - 8:00 AM - 1st Go Jr High Rifle
 - 12:00 PM – 2nd Go Jr High Rifle
 - 3:30 PM – Queen Contest Check-In
 - 4:30 PM – Queen Contest
 - 7:00 PM – Queen Horsemanship
- **Wednesday, May 20th**
 - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Contestant Check-in
 - 9:00 AM – Directors Hang Banners
 - 11:00 AM – Event & Arena Director Meeting
 - 11:30 AM - Steer Wrestling, Barrels, Poles, and Goat Event/ Arena Setup
 - 12:30 PM – Goat Tying Prep
 - 1:00 PM – JR High Rifle Short Go
 - 1:30 PM - Timed Event Livestock Prep
 - 5:00 PM – Junior High Queen Coronation
 - 5:00 PM – Rough Stock Safety & Equipment Check
 - 5:30 PM – Contestant Check-In Closes
 - 6:00 PM – Mandatory Contestant Meeting
 - Post-Meeting – Student Activity (Laser Tag Tentatively Planned)
- **Thursday, May 21st**
 - 9:00 AM – First Performance
 - 1:00 PM – Pizza Potluck

- 5:00 PM – Second Performance (Theme: Wear Your Grade: 5th White, 7 Blue, 8 Red)
- Post-Performance – First Go-Around Awards
- **Friday, May 22nd**
 - 9:00 AM – Third Performance
 - 5:00 PM – Fourth Performance (Theme: Christmas)
 - Post-Performance – First Go-Around Awards (Short Go Draw, Stock Draw, and Bios)
- **Saturday, May 23rd**
 - 10:40 AM – Short Go Contestant Lineup (Behind Bucking Chutes)
 - 11:00 AM – Short Round (Theme: Black & Gold)
 - Post-Rodeo – Awards Ceremony

High State Finals Schedule:

- **Saturday, May 30th**
 - 10:00 AM – Queen Contest Check-in
 - 11:30 AM – Modeling & Speech
 - 3:00 PM – Horsemanship
- **Sunday, May 31st**
 - 11:00 AM – Trap Shoot 1st Go
 - 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Contestant Check-in
 - 4:00 PM – Trap Shoot 2nd Go
 - 6:00 PM – Set up cutting and reined cow pens – Directors
- **Monday, June 1st**
 - 7:30 AM – Settling Cutting Cattle
 - 8:00 AM – Rifle 1st GO
 - 8:00 AM – Cutting 1st Go
 - Post-Cutting – Reining Cow Horse First Go
 - 2:00 PM – Rifle 2nd Go
 - 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Contestant Check-in
 - 6:00 PM – Event & Arena Directors Meeting
 - 6:30 PM – Prep Team Roping, Steer Wrestling Cattle – Arena Directors
 - 7:00 PM – 8:00PM – RCH open Arena (Big Outdoor) Arena closed all other times.
- **Tuesday, June 2nd**
 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Contestant Check-in
 - 8:00 AM – Second Go of Cutting
 - Post-Cutting – Reining Cow Horse Second Go
 - 8:00 AM – Rifle Short Go
 - 10:30 AM – Arena & Event Directors Meeting
 - 11:00 AM – Goat Tying Prep
 - 12:30 PM – Tie Down & Breakaway Setup
 - 1:00 PM – Trap Shooting Short Go
 - 4:00 PM – Rough Stock Safety & Equipment Check
 - 4:30 PM – High School Queen Coronation

- 5:00 PM – Contestant Check-In Closes
- 5:30 PM – Mandatory Contestant Meeting (Senior Scholarships Due BEFORE MEETING)
- 7:30 PM – Contestant Kickball Tournament
- **Wednesday, June 3rd**
 - 9:00 AM – First Performance
 - 11:00 AM – Short Round of Cow Cutting
 - 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – RCH open arena (Indoor) Arena closed all other times
 - 6:00 PM – Second Performance (Theme: Patriotic - USA)
 - 8:30 PM – Goat Roping & Music
- **Thursday, June 4th**
 - 9:00 AM – Third Performance
 - 11:00 AM – Short Round of RCH
 - 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Scholarship Interviews
 - 6:00 PM – Forth Performance (Theme: Reto)
 - Post Performance – First Go Awards Presentation
- **Friday, June 5th**
 - 9:00 AM – Fifth Performance
 - 1:30 PM – Directors’ Luncheon
 - 6:00 PM – Sixth Performance (Theme: Cancer Awareness)
 - Hall of Fame Recognition
 - Post-Performance – Second Go Awards, Scholarships – All-Academic Team
 - Short Go Draw/Meeting (Stock Draw, Bios, Barrel & Pole Positions)
- **Saturday, June 3rd**
 - 6:30-8:30 AM – Executive Board Meeting
 - 8:30-9:00 AM – New Executive Board Meeting
 - 10:45 AM – Short Go Contestant Lineup (Behind Bucking Chutes)
 - 11:00 AM – Short Go (Theme: Blackout)
 - Post-Rodeo – Awards Presentation

A motion was made by Kelly Anderson, 2nd by Vicki Brierley, to approve the 2026 JH & HS State Finals Schedule. Motion Passed.

Review the order of events for Jr High State Finals:

- Team Roping first in the large arena and move the girls breakaway to right after poles.

A motion was made by Angie Freeland, 2nd by Bern Harris, to approve the changes to the order of events for JH State Finals. Motion Passed.

Arena directors for Junior High:

- Small Arena: Ty Bingham & Justin Sharp
- Large Arena: Stetson Talbot & Blake Brown
- Alternates – Chris Hanks & Luke Pelham

Arena directors for High School:

- Small Arena: Josh Jennings & Jesse Loveless
- Large Arena: Jed Williams & JD Deveraux
- Alternates – Zane Nelson & Brandon Graham

A motion was made by Isla Bell, 2nd by June Bell, to approve those arena directors for both JH & HS State Finals. Motion Passed.

Discussion - Designated extras 2 – times events – extras will have to be ran after the 1st go ends, to keep runs even in case they have to replace. Goats will be ran and tied the same number of times.

A motion was made by Ben Harris, 2nd by Chezni Nelson, to approve the designated extras for timed events for both JH & HS State Finals. Motion Passed.

Discussion – Vendors & Sponsors need to check with Vicki or her helper and set up in their designated assigned spot. No motion needed.

A motion was made by Vicki Brierley, 2nd Kyle Kosoff, to approve the committee meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Rules & By-laws Committee Report:

NHSRA Rule Changes – Ground Rules in place starting this spring and into the National JH/HS Finals. Please review the rules packet that was emailed out by the UHSRA State Secretary. Rules will also be available on the UHSRA website.

- Dress code requirements were reinforced, requiring contestants to have their shirts tucked in and wear boots with a minimum one-inch heel.
- Additional clarifications were made regarding breakaway roping. The Flag must be tied at the end knot. Flag is 6x6 and solid color, no wording or graphic.
- HS Only - Bell collar catch only the qualifying catch. If there is a leg, tail head, and once it breaks free from the horn, it will be a no time. 1 loop only.
- If the NHSRA Rulebook does not clarify a rule, NHSRA will defer to PRCA, WPRA, and CNFR Rules.
- Use of Dry Rosin Only

A motion was made by Judd Austin, 2nd by Ben Harris, to accept all the new national rules effective this spring 2026 and update the UHSRA rules to follow. Motion Passed.

- New cutting and goat tying rules.
- Contestant must run in order drawn – failing to do so may result in a no time at the discretion of the arena judge or director.

A motion was made by Chezni Nelson, 2nd by Chad Campbell, to accept all the new national rules effective this spring 2026 and update the UHSRA rules to follow. Motion Passed.

UHSRA Rules – Review and clean up of the following rules:

- Page 9 – “19. Each hosting rodeo shall have a safety plan in place which is appropriate for such rodeo. Such plan shall be reviewed annually. At a minimum, such a safety plan recommends that the rodeo have on-site an AED (automated external defibrillator) and first aid supplies (including those to treat airway emergencies), and one dedicated individual trained in emergency medical response. The safety plan shall identify the nearest community emergency responder (with telephone number) and the location of the nearest hospital. Each location shall have a reliable landline or cell phone service with a good signal.”
- Replace with, “A comprehensive safety plan must be in place prior to the rodeo. The plan shall include emergency response procedures and require the on-site presence of a licensed, fully equipped ambulance staffed by certified medical personnel for the duration of the rodeo.”

- Page 10 – “Rodeo Ground Rules • NO Chute Run Cattle / When chute running stock, judges do not need to turn out the animal in case of an unnotified turnout and also with a notified conflict”
- Replace with, “No chute run cattle unless the following conditions are met:
 - 1. Facilities do not accommodate space to sort cattle
 - 2. Approval from Club Board
 - 3. Approval from the State Board”
- 2026-2027 Rodeo Season - Reining Cow Horse: Point System – Reined Cow Horse will carry 80% of the qualifying rodeos, rounded to the nearest whole number, to state finals.
- 2026-2027 Rodeo Season - Point System: The top six rodeos are counted for State Finals qualifications in the Jr. High Division. The number of rodeos counted toward State Finals qualification in the High School Division will be determined as 33% of the total number of rodeos approved by the board at the beginning of the rodeo season. This calculation shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
 - For example:
 - If 22, 23, or 24 rodeos are approved, the top 8 rodeos are counted for State Finals qualification.
 - If 25, 26, or 27 rodeos are approved, the top 9 rodeos are counted for State Finals qualification.
 - If 28, 29, or 30 rodeos are approved, the top 10 rodeos are counted for State Finals qualification.

A motion was made by Chad Campbell, 2nd by Kyle Kosoff, to accept all updated rules effective this spring 2026 and update the UHSRA rules to follow. Motion Passed.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following

- National Director: Angie Freeland

A motion was made by Judd Austin, 2nd by Isla Bell, to accept Angie Freeland as the nominee for the National Director position. Motion Passed.

- Vice President Members Nominees:
 - Jade Anderson
 - Ben Harries
 - Cody Johnson
- Two-year board Members Nominees:
 - Ty Bingham
 - Jessie Loveless
 - Darrell Sagers
 - Chase Henier

Nominations can also be made from the floor during the State Finals general meeting.

A motion was made by Judd Austin, 2nd by Isla Bell, to accept all nominations. Motion Passed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Judd Austin, 2nd by Angie Freelan, to adjourn the 2026 UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting. Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM



Judges Breakout MWM

February 27, 2026

Meeting Called By: Ben Harris – Judge Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Ben Harris, Cody Johnson, Darrel Saggers, Angie Freeland, Jade Anderson, Judd Austin, Brad McKee, Jed Williams, Josh Christensen, Kyle Kosoff

Welcome: Ben Harris

Discussion: Ben announced the judges for State Finals:

High School-

- Large Arena
 - Justin Clapp, Greg Bennett, Clel Robinson
- Small Arena
 - Kendall Bagley, Dan Woodland
 - Alternate- Lex Nielson, Luke Bankhead

Junior High -

- Large Arena
 - Kendall Bagley, Lex Nielson, Troy Belliston
- Small Arena
 - Justin Clapp, Luke Bankhead
 - Alternate- Dean Williams

Judd Austin made a motion to approve the selected State Finals judge's 2nd by Angie Freeland, all in favor, Motion passed

Motion made to increase Perf Rodeo judges' pay from \$500 to \$600. The committee feels that this increase would help with judges signing up to judge perf rodeos.

Motion by Ben Harris, 2nd by Brad McKee, all in favor Motion passes.

Ben talked about the upcoming judge's clinic, March 14, 2026. Discussion was had about concerns with a couple Jr High Rodeo events; this will be brought up at the judge's clinic.

Darrel Saggers made a motion to adjourn 2nd by Ben Harris, all in favor, Motion passed



Cutting/Reining Cow Horse Breakout MWM

February 27, 2026

Meeting Called By: Tate Weber - Reining Cow Horse Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Tate Weber, Zane Nielson, Chad Campbell, Kelly Anderson, Clint Penrod, Kyle Kosoff

Welcome: Tate Weber

Discussion: **Rules: Implemented this spring:**

Reining Cow Horse:

- If a new cow is offered, they must take the cow, or a score of zero.
- 3-piece bit
- Lead changes

Recommend having a meeting to go over rules before the first event.

Asking for a change in how the point system works for RCH. 80% rule – carry over 80% of rodeos to state. Motion in the general meeting.

Numbers are growing – roughly 21 contestants in RCH.

To count for all around at state, must have more than 3 that count.

Discussion on

- **Finding cattle for RCH:**
 - 1 cow per contestant, then 15 – 20 % increase above that. Roughly pen of 30.
- **Prizes:**
 - Import to keep interest.
- **Clinics for RCH & Cutting:**
 - When
 - Where do we find cattle
 - Hosting at state finals was brought up - in late summer, before rodeo season starts
 - Judges are asking to cover safety, especially with cow horse
 - Have someone donate a horse and let some kids cut a flag to try
 - Fill out the activity form like rodeo secretaries for insurance
 - In state kids first, if there are extra spots, offer to outside for a fee
 - State could help cover the cost of the instructor – talk to Judd



Youth Advisory Breakout MWM

February 27, 2026

Meeting Called By: Whitney Robb – Youth Advisory Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: June Bell, Taytum Anderson, Virginia Bundy, Remington Anderson, Haven Hogge, Chezni Nelson, Kami Beckstrom, Genevieve Graham, Isla Bell, Joni Haderlie, Mandy Anderson, Kelsy Anderson

Welcome: Whitney Robb

Discussion: **High School:**

- Sadie's theme: Gangster's Paradise
(Graffiti on white sheets, gold chains, possible freestyle dance competition during the dance? No drink stand.) DJ already booked
- State Finals Night Themes:
Wednesday: Patriotic
Thursday: Retro
Friday: "Awareness" (more to come on this)
Saturday: Short go Blackout
- State Finals Activities:
Tuesday Night: Kickball Tournament
TBD: Ribbon Roping Jackpot (in the works with ZD Cattle)
- Fundraising:
Dance at Price's rodeo
State Finals Ribbon Roping Jackpot

JR High School:

- Made spring rodeo activity plans. Are trying to have a volleyball tournament at Spanish Fork rodeo.
 - Need to contact sec. and make sure we can use indoor arena and are working on finding nets.
- State finals planning: Decided on daily themes:
 - Wednesday: Demin on Demin.
 - Thursday: Wear your grade, 5/6 grade white, 7th grade blue, 8th grade red
 - Friday: Christmas
 - Saturday: Black and Gold
- Made suggestions for activities for state finals. We are checking on Hypno Hick and watching a movie on a large screen after night perf.
- Choose state finals qualifier caps instead of t-shirts this year. Decided to do black/white/gray to make them universal and hope the kids like them. Mallorie with Taggin Rags will do hats.
- Talked about what we needed for state finals programs and banners, pics and paragraphs.



Budget & Finance Breakout MWM

February 27, 2026

Meeting Called By: Judd Austin – Finance Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Judd Austin, Kelly Anderson, Jade Anderson, Brad McKee, Kyle Kosoff, Chad Campbell, Brock Riding, Virginia Bundy, Angie Freeland, Joni Haderlie, Whitney Robb, Ben Harris, Tate Weber

Welcome: Judd Austin

Discussion: **Financial Review:**

A line-by-line analysis of the financials was conducted, highlighting year-over-year changes and the impact of inflation.

- Proposed adjustments to the current budget:
 - Take \$10,000 from the rodeo school line items and divide it as follows:
 - \$4,000 for state finals added money
 - \$6,000 for state finals buckles
 - This would leave the remaining \$5,000 to use for the judge's clinic (they request \$1,000) and any additional school/clinic requests.
 - A discussion was held regarding bringing in a mental performance coach to speak with the contestants at state finals.
 - Schools/clinics are on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests need to be made to the state secretary, and an application filled out.
- Proposed new website add-ons:
 - State Finals Countdown Clock (\$3.99 per month if paid annually)
 - Club Locator/Map (\$8.99 per month, paid annually)
 - Total investment: \$155.77
- Late Fees Allocation:
 - Collected late fees above \$25,000 already allocated for rodeo schools for added payout money at state finals.

A motion was made by Kelly Anderson, 2nd by Whitney Robb, to accept the budget adjustments, website add-ons, and late fee allocation. Motion Passed.

Marketing & Grant Funding:

- The Heber Valley grant was secured for marketing efforts, supporting billboard advertisements and promotional materials. Last year, we received \$4,000 – they increased it to \$5,000
- The committee reviewed the requirements for fund allocation and reporting to grant providers.

Rainy Day Fund Policy:

- A policy was discussed and approved to formalize the purpose, use, and oversight of the Rainy Day Fund.
- The fund is intended for unforeseen shortfalls, unexpected operational costs, or economic disruptions.
- Guidelines were set to maintain the fund between 50% and 110% of operating expenses.
- Any excess funds beyond 110% will be allocated at the board's discretion.
- The policy ensures an annual review of the fund to maintain financial stability.

A motion was made by Brad McKee, 2nd by Chad Campbell, to accept Rainy Day Fund Policy. Motion Passed.

Bank Transition:

- Board approved moving financial institution from DL Evans to Altabank in the September 2025 board meeting.
- Account transitions are a slow process. When complete, proposal to close DL Evans and Zions Bank accounts to reduce management and monitoring risk.
- Full Disclosure: Judd Austin has a conflict of interest and works for Altabank.

A motion was made by Chad Campbell, 2nd by Jade Anderson. Motion Passed. Judd Austin did not vote.

Rodeo Entries:

- Combining multiple rodeos in a cart to reduce entry expenses.
- After further review, it would save \$0.49 per transaction.
- The software programming cost would be \$10-12,000, and the secretary labor would increase significantly.
- No action taken.

Kelly Anderson made a motion to adjourn 2nd by Jade Anderson, all in favor, Motion passed.



Queen Breakout MWM

February 28, 2026

Meeting Called By: Chris Price - Queen Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Chris Price, Martina Larsen, Bailey Holmes, Courtney Harrel, Whitney Robb, Genevieve Graham

Welcome: Chris Price

Discussion:

- 8th Grade Eligibility- 8th grade is a transition year, and we worry about them sticking with queening in high school if they can't queen their 8th grade year.
- Reigning Queen Membership Rule- The Utah State High School and/or the Utah State Junior High School Rodeo Queen must be a member of the UHSRA the year of her reign. If the queen is not a member of our association the year of her reign, she will relinquish her title and all prizes to the 1st Runner Up.
- Discussed other ways to get more participants in JH. Saddle for JH queen, (we don't get a saddle "because we aren't a national event", so why do girls that are only doing the queen contest have to become club, state, and national members?) drop membership requirement, it's not a national event, but it is a UTAH event that feeds into a HS program that is producing national champions, so why not invest in a saddle to try and get more members?, reach out to 4H clubs and local royalties with our schedule. Social at State Finals.
- Change the bylaws to say, "There shall be 8-10 club queen contests per year."
 - Rules currently say: "There shall be 4 to 5 contests in the fall and spring schedules". We want to change it because there are more rodeos in the fall than in spring.
- Spring club contests- assignments for each and which committee members are attending.
- State finals planning:
 - JH schedule is staying the same.
 - HS schedule is changing. Theme "Bee Utah-ful", instead of a luncheon we are doing a social to invite visiting royalties to come watch our pageant.
 - State finals assignments, decorations, prizes, Clems are doing the party after horsemanship, the committee will take that over next year.
 - We talked about doing an inflatable costume beachball kickball game instead of a pinata for the after party.



Scholarship Breakout MWM

February 28, 2026

Meeting Called By: Nick Hanks - Scholarship Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Nick Hanks, Jill Hanks, Chris Hanks, Stacey Hanks, Chad Campbell

Welcome: Nick Hanks

- Read and approved minutes from 3/1/2025.
 - Chad brought up that we might look at changing the raffle prize from Polaris to possibly John Deere. He will get in contact with John Deere to look at what they are willing to offer.
 - Introduce new members (if applicable).
- Scholarship Application Process
 - Review application structure and timeline.
 - Applications due at mandatory meeting on Tuesday June 2, 2026 by 7:00pm.
 - Interviews will be held Thursday June 4, 2026 from 1:00pm-4:00pm.
 - Possible interviewers.
 - Chris offered to contact Monica to get information about previous interviewers. Each of the meeting participants agreed to arrange for 2 interviewers by May 15th
 - Virtual interviews only for graduation conflicts.
 - All attendees agreed that we will only allow virtual interviews for graduation conflicts. (not work schedules, not wanting to travel, etc)
- Scholarship presentations will take place Friday June 5, 2026 at the 2nd Round Awards Ceremony.
 - It was discussed that the presentation time and date be adjusted. After discussion, it was agreed that it would remain the same. Nick would like to develop a script for the announcer to read during the scholarship presentation.
- Discuss any necessary updates to application forms or website information.
Adding years of membership for points? Back to Junior High?
 - We will add this to the application. Points will be given according to years of membership.
- Removing State & National year-end placing results from 12th Grade-Senior section.
 - All agreed
- Private Scholarship Integration
 - Review current processes for accepting and managing private scholarships.

- Description of requirements will be added to the scholarship documents to make it more clear to applicants.
 - All available funds will be due at the mandatory meeting, but private donors will be responsible for collecting applications after the meeting and evaluating applications by Thursday.
 - Courage for Kerri Scholarship, same deadline and award date. 1 page essay.
 - Nick will contact Virginia for more information on this.
 - Dalton Van Legacy Scholarship, no additional forms, top contestants who participated in both disciplines of light rifle and trap will be considered.
 - This is chosen by Vickie Brierly and the Van Family. Contestants do not apply for this.
 - The Justin Russ "Gus" Oakeson Memorial Scholarship, same deadline and award date.
 - Committee is unsure if this is still available. Nick will contact the family.
 - Zandon Draper Scholarship, same deadline and award date. UVU scholarship office payout, only available through UVU.
 - New scholarship
 - Brannan Kyle Allen Memorial Scholarship?
 - This is not available for the 2026 year.
- Communication & Outreach Plan
 - Draft scholarship announcement (email, social media, website).
 - Ask about the PR officers posting to social media.
 - Email first of April and mid-May.
- Art Contest Submission for State Finals program covers
 - Set participation guidelines (Submission dates/format, theme, etc.)
 - Proposed that this scholarship be \$500 each.
 - Talk to program committee about deadline.
 - Need information online about submissions and deadlines
 - Create an email address for submissions.
 - Confirm whether the "My Rodeo Story" submission will remain excluded.
 - No longer available.
- Budget Review & Fundraising
 - Review the current scholarship budget.
 - Discuss potential adjustments or additional fundraising initiatives.
- Action Items
 - Assign tasks and responsibilities to committee members
- Open Discussion & Next Steps
 - Address any questions or concerns.
 - Nick will ask Virginia if she prints and provides the certificates.
 - We would like to make different certificates for different scholarships.
 - Gather input on additional ways to improve the scholarship program

Number of student athletes

Year	UHSRA Seniors	Applied for a Scholarship	%	Total Amount Awarded
2026	165	51	31	
2025	140	53	37	\$100,300
2024	174	44	25	\$135,154



State Finals Breakout MWM

February 28, 2026

Meeting Called By: Judd Austin – State Finals Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Judd Austin (chair), Kelly Anderson, Angie Freeland, Brad McKee, Brock Riding, Jed Williams, Kyle Kosoff

Welcome: Judd Austin

Discussion: State Finals Planning

- Schedule- Jade will be there to help with the awards.
- Joni to set-up trailer
- Junior High- Move team roping to start of big arena and Girls breakaway before tie down
 - Shooting changed to Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Designated extras 2 - Goats ran same number as other goats
 - Arena directors need to coordinate running extras
 - Judges need to stay.
 - Assignments
 - Order of Events
- High School
 - Assignments
 - Order of Events

Motion to approve state schedule, Angie Freeland, 2nd Kyle Kosoff, All in Favor

- Arena Directors
 - Junior High
 - Small Arena
Ty Bingham & Justin Sharp
 - Large Arena
Stetson Talbot & Blake Brown
Alternates: Chris Hanks and Luke Pelham
 - High School
 - Small Arena
Josh Jennings & Jesse Loveless
 - Large Arena
Jed Williams & JD Deveraux
Alternates: Zane Nelson and Brandon Graham

Motion Angie Freeland, 2nd Kyle Kosoff, all in favor

- Chute Openers- Arena Directors to assign
 - HS Big Arena: Kelly Anderson
 - Small Arena
- Flag Horses:
 - High School: Ty Bingham & Brad Mckee
 - Jr High: Ty Bingham & Justin Sharp
 - Alternate: Cody Johnson

Discussion Items:

- Vendors- Vickie presented vendor spaces, reminded that vendors need to go to their assigned spot.
- Clyde Town
- Brad to bring stock trailer

Motion to adjourn- Jed Williams motion, Cody Johnson 2nd, all in favor



Planning & Steering Breakout MWM

February 28, 2026

Meeting Called By: Angie Freeland – Planning & Steering Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Angie Freeland, Judd Austin, Virginia Bundy, Kelly Anderson, Isla Bell, June Bell, Kami Beckstrom, Kadie Nielson, Natasha Bloomfield, Justin Sharp, Jackie Fox, Brittany Thornton, Jamson Thornton, Brock Riding

Welcome: Kelly Anderson

Discussion: **Scheduling and Rodeo Calendar Adjustments:**

Discussions were held regarding the proposed changes to the 2026-2027 rodeo schedule. The proposed schedule would free the month of October, as historically, October rodeos were avoided due to hunting season and agricultural demands.

Dixie Rodeo Club wants to continue with 6 rodeos (3 weekends) in November.

Bear River Rodeo Club wants to hold a perf (Saturday morning & Saturday night) instead of just having a 1-day rodeo.

The proposed schedule was tabled by the committee. Action Item: Angie will take the schedule back to the clubs and try to make some changes to address committee and club concerns.

Point System:

- Prospal was made that for the 2026-2027 rodeo season that point system would count a 3rd of the rodeos.
 - With the proposed 2026-2027 season schedule, it would count 8 rodeos (80 pts.) and be carried into state finals. This proposed point system would allow the point system to be adjusted based on the number of rodeos in the season. Long-term consistency. This is for the high school division only.
 - A suggestion was made that instead of 33% count, only 25% of the rodeos count toward state finals.
 - Concerns that going to 25 % would mean that state finals would not stay competitive within our membership.
 - We need to consider the kids in 11th place down – some members do not have the resources to be in the top 10.
 - Suggested that 11th to 15th place get “Q” to qualify for state finals.

A motion was made by June Bell, 2nd by Angie Freeland, to accept the point system of a “3rd” of the rodeos scheduled to count towards state finals. Motion Passed. 4 For / 2 Against

Arenas:

- Proposal made for an option that if the hosting club had a reason why they were not able to have 3 arenas (for example, facility), that the hosting club could request approval from the board to only have 2 arenas. The hosting club would have to submit a proposal to the board for approval. The 3-arena rule will still be the standard to follow, but due to conditions or facilities, 2 arenas will be considered via proposal. This is for the high school division only. Clubs will still be required to have the same number of judges (6) as per the 3-arena rule.

A motion was made by Isla Bell, 2nd by Kelly Anderson, to allow the option for a club to request approval from the board to only have 2 arenas. Motion Passed. 4 For / 2 Against

Rodeo Start Times:

- Proposal made that rodeos do not start earlier than 3:00 pm on Fridays, except for the RCH, Cutting, and Shooting events. Rodeos do not start earlier than 8:00 am on Saturday mornings. It will help with consistency throughout the state.

A motion was made by Angie Freeland, 2nd by Justin Austin, regarding start times for all rodeos. Motion Passed.

Discussion: Making the “Dixie 6” rodeos into a fall finals, D series, or an invitational rodeo. Has the conversation been had with the Dixie Rodeo Club? Who would be running the rodeo? Awards? Points? Someone would need to run the D system that understands Ds. Further discussion is needed. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn- Judd Austin motion, Angie Freeland 2nd, all in favor, Motion passed.



Rules & By-laws Breakout MWM

February 28, 2026

Meeting Called By: Kelly Anderson – Planning & Steering Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Kelly Anderson, Virginia Bundy, Ben Harris, Tate Weber, Julie Weber, Kadie Nielson, Richelle Sorensen, Holly Whitaker, Kelli Petty, Natalie Cornia

Welcome: Kelly Anderson

Discussion: NHSRA Rule Changes – Ground Rules in place starting this spring and into the National JH/HS Finals. Please review the rules packet that was emailed out by the UHSRA State Secretary. Rules will also be available on the UHSRA website.

- The board reaffirmed the newly introduced social media policy, which prohibits posting inaccurate, threatening, or derogatory content toward the association or its officials.
- Dress code requirements were reinforced, requiring contestants to have their shirts tucked in and wear boots with a minimum one-inch heel.
- Additional clarifications were made regarding breakaway roping. The Flag must be tied at the end knot. Flag is 6x6 and solid color, no wording or graphic.
- If the NHSRA Rulebook does not clarify a rule, NHSRA will defer to PRCA, WPRA, and CNFR Rules.
- Use of Dry Rosin Only
- New cutting and goat tying rules.
- Contestant must run in order drawn – failing to do so may result in a no time at the discretion of the arena judge or director.
- HS Only - Bell collar catch only the qualifying catch. If there is a leg, tail head, and once it breaks free from the horn, it will be a no time. 1 loop only.

A motion was made by Ben Harris, 2nd by Kelly Anderson, to accept all the new national rules effective this spring 2026, take away the 5-second rule from UHSRA rules, and update the UHSRA rules to follow. Motion Passed.

Discussion – Mandatory Jackpot – no proposal was given. No further action.

UHSRA Rules – Review and clean up the following rules:

- Page 9 – “19. Each hosting rodeo shall have a safety plan in place which is appropriate for such rodeo. Such plan shall be reviewed annually. At a minimum, such a safety plan recommends that the rodeo have on-site an AED (automated external defibrillator) and first aid supplies (including those to treat airway emergencies), and one dedicated individual trained in emergency medical response. The safety plan shall identify the nearest community emergency responder (with telephone number) and the location of the nearest hospital. Each location shall have a reliable landline or cell phone service with a good signal.”

- Replace with, “A comprehensive safety plan must be in place prior to the rodeo. The plan shall include emergency response procedures and require the on-site presence of a licensed, fully equipped ambulance staffed by certified medical personnel for the duration of the rodeo.”
- Page 10 – “Rodeo Ground Rules • NO Chute Run Cattle / When chute running stock, judges do not need to turn out the animal in case of an unnotified turnout and also with a notified conflict”
 - Replace with, “No chute run cattle unless the following conditions are met:
 - 1. Facilities do not accommodate space to sort cattle
 - 2. Approval from Club Board
 - 3. Approval from the State Board”
- 2026-2027 Rodeo Season - Point System: New Language –
 - The top six rodeos are counted for State Finals qualifications in the Jr. High Division. The number of rodeos counted toward State Finals qualification in the High School Division will be determined as 33% of the total number of rodeos approved by the board at the beginning of the rodeo season. This calculation shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- 2026-2027 Rodeo Season - Reining Cow Horse: Point System – Reined Cow Horse will carry 80% of the qualifying rodeos, rounded to the nearest whole number, to state finals.

A motion was made by Tate Weber 2nd by Be Harris, to accept all updated rule for RCH, effectively starting the 2026-2027 season, and update the UHSRA rules to follow. Motion Passed.

- Page 13, “There shall be 4 to 5 contests in the fall and spring schedules.”
 - Replace with, “There shall be 8-10 contests throughout the season.”

A motion was made by Tate Weber 2nd by Be Harris, to accept all updated rule for the 2026-2027 season and update the UHSRA rules to follow. Motion Passed.



Shooting Committee Breakout MWM

February 27, 2026

Meeting Called By: Vicki Brierly - Shooting Director

Type Of Meeting: UHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting Breakout Session

Attendees: Vicki Brierley, Jill Cottam, Cody Moore, Marie Moore, Richelle Sorensen, Melissa Lopshire, Terrance Lopshire

Via Zoom: Cara Strange, Tripp Strange

Welcome: Vicki Brierley

Discussion:

State Finals

- Junior High Rifle Shoot
The Junior High Rifle Shoot schedule was discussed. The committee determined that contestants will complete the 1st and 2nd go on Tuesday, followed by the short go on Wednesday. This decision was made after reviewing the 2025 Junior High State Finals, where running all three go's on the same day created time conflicts prior to the mandatory meeting. Splitting the rounds across two days will also help reduce scheduling conflicts for contestants competing in both arena and shooting events.
- High School State Finals – Trap and Rifle
The schedule and times used for the High School State Finals Trap and Rifle events in 2025 were reviewed and determined to have worked well. The committee agreed to keep the same schedule and event days.

Rule Changes

- Review of national rule changes that will take effect this spring.
- Discussion regarding cleanup and clarification of any conflicts between national and state rules.

Approved Range List

- The committee discussed the addition of an approved range list, including the reasoning and need for establishing one.

Budget: Budget items discussed included:

- Targets
- Backers
- NRA renewal

Communication and Reporting

- Situations from the fall season were reviewed. It was clarified that Trap and Rifle Directors must be informed by the Shooting Committee whenever a contestant or parent raises a concern, regardless of the size or severity of the issue.

