

**WAHSET State/District Meeting
March 16, 2008 9:14 am
Lacey Fire Station 34**

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Bev Matney called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Judy Schwartz, Linda Turnbull, Tira Hancock (3) (state board). District 1 (0), District 2 (2), District 3 (3), and District 4 (3). Total voting members present: 12

Minutes Minutes from last meeting (2-17-08) approved 12:0

Treasurer's Report We have a balance of \$15,543.69 as of 3-16-08

State of the Union Address WAHSET facing a challenge via parents who do not think rules apply to their children resulting in 12 schools threatening pulling the program from schools. Too many parents are going to the schools rather than the WASHET board with problems.

WAHSET will support WAHSET rules.

We will have a coach's clinic next year (via professional volunteers) that will include District Chairs, in addition professional development on dealing with discipline issues.

www.youthsports.rutgers.edu is a good website for policies, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Rules Changes District records vs. state records – vote required
District 1 – absent
District 2 – keep separate
District 3 – keep separate
District 4 – keep separate

State records WILL be kept separate from District records (state records can only be broken at a state meet and District records can only be broken at a District meet)

Team sorting records for season – vote required (most cows in 90-seconds = record)
Districts 2, 3, & 4 all voted to maintain record as most cows in shortest time.

USTPA successful sort is getting cattle across the line. If no cattle across in 90-seconds equals a No Time. Therefore, if a team does not get any cattle across in 90-seconds does not count (NT) = unsuccessful sort.

The WAHSET rulebook states that no cattle sorted equates to a clean run – this is something that needs to be brought up as a RULE CHANGE in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee on Redistricting Meeting immediately following state meeting.

District Issues District audit for last year – status report
District 1 done by District 3
District 2 completed by state vice-chairperson
District 3 will be completed by District 2

No legal issues discovered.

Previous month issues/disciplinary actions

Discussion of meet issues:

- (A) Enumclaw team proposal regarding material for individual flags event (postponed for physical examples)
 - *Letter from Enumclaw parent in support of WAHSET read that addressed alternative flag material that will bend and not break to create a safer environment.
 - *Veterinarian on-call need during meets addressed
- (B) Other issues – State of the Union Address covered many of the issues
 - *District issues dealt with on an individual basis
 - *Faced with dispensing appropriate punishment to parents without impact to kids; however, that is a challenge
 - *No firearms and no alcohol zone – neither allowed on grounds, period. Coaches shall not imbibe.
 - *Homeschool student requesting change of team mid-season – the rules do not allow for a team change mid-season; however, the rider may withdraw from Yelm and petition to ride with another team next year per the rules. No refund if decide to withdraw since season has already started.
 - *Refund to the Cloward family of Cheney HS as a resolution to a District issue.
 - *District 4 disciplinary issue – parent has the option to apologize or do 8-hours of volunteer work in arena – further discussion to occur following meeting.
 - *Transportation issue – student drivers ... not allowed to/from meets – Must be brought forth as a RULES CHANGE CLARIFICATION in May
 - *Students should not be left unsupervised (need parent/guardian at each meet with competitor the entire meet)
 - *If a district loses a meet due to inclement weather, the riders cannot make up the meet in another district

State Meet

State program update – check website for program updates

Stalls – lost the contract for stalls at state. The new owner is triple-booked; therefore, being the smallest organization requesting, we are now short a minimum of 40 stalls, maximum of 60 stalls. Were paying \$120 per stall for the weekend. Elma Posse panels – a possibility. Suggestion – bring own panels; don't have to pay for a stall. Check with Ellensburg (Minor family), Ellensburg Rodeo board of directors – ask them (Shannon – 509-962-5858, Mary Minor). If just panels without roofing, suggestion to use warm-up arena.

Schedule for State meet - posted on website as 'Tentative' [cannot finalize until riders are finalized beginning of May]

Interstate Meet

Not enough time; will work on details with OHSET now for next year's event

Website

Be sure to check for accuracy and to make sure no schools were left out of your district.

Next General Meeting

May 4, 2008, 9:00AM, at Lacey Fire Station 34.

OPEN FLOOR

State patterns will be posted by May 1.

Channel 8 will be coming to a District 4 meet (Portland channel).

District 4 has information about sorting clinics at reduced cost for WAHSET members.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Matney with no further action taken at 11:37 am.

/s/ *Ben Matney*
Chairperson

/s/ *Tina Hancock*
Secretary