



The MRSD Inc. general membership meeting met on January 6th, 2024 at 2:15pm/1:15pm MT at the Joy Ranch Florence South Dakota prior to the 2024 MRSD coronation. Board members present or on-line were Courtney Schaefer, Judy Stevens, Cindy Wilk, Sorrel Muscat, Paul Marrs, Brad Lindblom, Kristina Sigaty, Eris Jones, Mysty Schaunaman and Marie Jaacks. President Courtney Schaefer called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance or on-line were Ryan Samsel, Tammy Rebelein, Linda Marrs, Gabrielle Rebelein, Sheridan Rebelein, Brad Montague, Ellie Jo Piper, Courtney Uckert, Callie Jo Schmidt-McFadden, Adrienne Schaunaman, Morgan Erickson and Martina Looby.

Queen Reports:

* Bailey was not present at meeting as she was traveling back from the National Western Stock Show in which she participated as a 4H member.

*Morgan gave a brief review of her year and thanked everyone for their support.

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*Cindy Wilk moved Mysty Schaunaman seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer Report:

*Eris reported the MRSDI has \$10,308.13 with \$7500.00 in CD's. Tammy Rebelein moved Kristina Sigaty seconded to pay the scholarship money \$4000.00 due to Morgan and Bailey with the proper school information provided by the ladies. Motion carried. A remaining balance of \$3600.00 could be moved to a CD if the organization would like to. Tammy Rebelein moved Judy Stevens seconded to place \$3600.00 in a CD. Motion Carried. Cindy Wilk moved Marie Jaacks seconded to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Action Items:

Action A: is information for the membership

- a) MRSD Pageant Rulebook Changes
 - i) Entry fee increased from \$250 to \$300
 - ii) Personal interview scheduling and outfit
 - iii) Written test points increased to match MRA judging
 - iv) New Pageant Director – Marie Jaacks

Action B: Kristina Sigaty moved Eris Jones seconded to implement the membership incentives. Motion carried.

b) Approved membership incentive committee proposals:

NEW – I move that any former or future Miss Rodeo South Dakota, who is named and served/serves her full term as a Miss Rodeo America be granted a lifetime membership to MRSDI.

1. I move that any former MRSD/JRMRSD/TMRSD may purchase lifetime membership while at the annual coronation or pageant for \$75, must be purchased in person on location only.
2. I move that any former MRSD/JRMRSD/TMRSD who has paid the annual \$25 membership for 4 consecutive years be granted lifetime membership status.
3. I move that any former MRSD/JRMRSD/TMRSD pageant contestant may purchase a lifetime membership for \$150.

Action C: is information for the membership and planning a gathering prior to the Fashion Show at the 2025 MRSDI pageant.

- c) 65th anniversary event planning committee of Martina Loobey (chair), Adrienne Schaunaman and Mysty Schaunaman, to report back at the January 2024 MRSDI general membership meeting with an event outlined proposal.

Action D: this committee is looking for more ideas and how would we keep track of all the information.

- d) Membership incentives committee of Sorrel Muscat (chair), Marie Jaacks, Martina Loobey, and Tammy Rebelein to present a proposal (see handout)

Action E: Courtney Schaefer moved Sorrel Muscat seconded to table the following recommendation.

Discussion was held due to the fact we were not transparent with the membership on why we asked Marie Jaacks to full Amy Sutton Mueller's term, which was not the general membership intent at Marie's election to the board. Sorrel Muscat moved Tammy Rebelein seconded to reinstate Marie Jaacks' term to 2025. Motion carried. Discussion on first motion if Courtney as President could make a motion and yes according to Roberts Rule of Order a President can make a motion. President Courtney asked for vote on tabling the below recommendation. Motion carried with one no vote. Discussion was held on Bylaws of the MRSDI which the recommendation committee will meet to go over them, focusing on the terms of board members and how to vote on elections. The Vice President will be in charge of the Bylaws.

- e) Tammy Rebelein gave this proposal as an individual – Proposed bylaw change (tabled until summer general membership meeting).
 - i) Article III, Section 2: : The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than seven (7) nor more than ~~thirteen (13)~~ **ten (10)** members, plus any ex-officio member(s).
 - ii) Background & Justification for this:
 - (1) With the amount of current members in our membership our eligibility for Board member nominations are very limited. (The max number of board members could be reevaluated to amend the By Laws again once our eligible membership numbers have increased.)
 - (2) Less board members would help meeting flow quicker and can increase progress and productivity.
 - (3) MRSD Inc. Insurance would be more reasonable if there is less board members to cover.

- (4) A max of 10 board members gives Miss Rodeo South Dakota Inc. 4 officer positions, 1 National Director and 5 general board positions.
- (5) This amendment would not interfere with the board member election rotation, as we are currently at 10 (including Cindy, who is a non elected permanent board member as our National Director)

Action F: Marie Jaacks moved Sorrel Muscat seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for the 2024-2026 board members nominated. Motion carried.

f) 2024-2026 Board Member Election:

- i) Nominees: Paul Marrs Eris Jones Brad Lindblom Brad Montague

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The membership suggested to have an in person meeting in the summer of 2024 in the center of the state-possible place is the Casey Tibbs center. We will also continue with membership meeting at coronation in 2025.

Next General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 4pm central

Judy Stevens moved Cindy Wilk seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Judy Stevens, Secretary