



The MRSD Inc. general membership meeting met on July 11th, 2023, at 7:00pm/8:00pm MT via tele conference. Board members present were Courtney Schaefer, Judy Stevens, Cindy Wilk, Sorrel Muscat, Paul Marrs, Brad Lindblom, Kristina Sigaty, Eris Jones, Mysty Schaunaman and Marie Jacks. President Courtney Schaefer called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance were Ryan Samsel, Tammy Rebelein, Bailey Feistner, Jennifer Feistner, Linda Marrs, Kathy Zambo, Shannon Rebelein, Lynn Riggins, Brad Montague, Ellie Piper, CeeCee Steen, Brittany Estersergen, Martina Loobey and Lynn (past Queen).

Reports:

- * Bailey gave a brief update on her activities and events she had been attending.
- *Cindy read a statement from Morgan with her calendar of events and events she had attended.

February 5, 2023, Minutes:

*Brad Lindblom moved Linda Marrs seconded to approve the minutes with the corrections that those who were running for a board position did not introduce themselves at the meeting and to change Eris Tanner to Eris Jones. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report:

*Eris gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$16,399.30. Income was \$50.00 in pay pal for member dues and \$1100.00 saddle sponsor. Sorrel Muscat moved CeeCee Steen seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

*Eris reported her findings on what needs to happen for transferring funds into a CD. The best option is \$5000.00 for 6 months. Sorrel Muscat moved Tammy Rebelein seconded to place \$5000.00 in a CD for 6 months. Motion carried.

*a. 501(c)3 Update: Eris Jones has started the paperwork that the MRA has sent out. Eris informed the group that her understanding of the 501(c)3 rules about an organization purchasing items from a business owned by a board member of that organization could be a problem or conflict of interest. Since MRSDI purchases saddles through Double D which is owned by MRSDI board member, Judy Stevens, Eris recommended that Judy resign her position as a board member. In Eris's opinion this action would enable MRSDI to proceed with the 501(c)3 application process. A discussion was held with different ideas-Brad Montague said it's probably hard to find board members and sponsors. Cee Cee Steen will contact an accountant and attorney with information to get their advice and have the information back to President Courtney Schaefer by our August meeting. Any other member who wants to check with an accountant and attorney are welcome to do so.

Old Business:

- *Pageant request for Proposals, 2026-2028 are available.
- *Communications-MRSD website and social media are all up to date.
- *Recommendation committee is looking for potential new board members.
- *2023 Pageant Dates and Location, November 2nd -4th in Brookings SD.

New Business:

*Marie Jaacks is working on getting information on all past titleholders. Marie would like to get a sponsor packet out to all members and past titleholders.

*Kristina Sigaty reported the pageant packets are available. The pageant schedule will be like last year and volunteer schedule will be out closer to the pageant. Linda Marrs is working on awards and Tammy Rebelein is working in the Brookings community securing the venues. The Brookings Inn will be the host.

*All Members: Martina is working on a new buckle design with Landstrom's gold on the buckle like the buckle in the past. Martina got a quote from Maynard and gave information to Judy Stevens who is the current buckle sponsor. Tammy Rebelein asked for Judy's input -Judy got a quote but was not informed that the Landstrom's gold had to be put on the buckle in SD. Martina informed the members that Branden will only work with Maynards and has the buckle sponsored. Eris Jones moved, and Lynn Riggins seconded to accept Martina's buckle proposal. A discussion was held. Linda Marrs asked if Martina had the sponsor's commitment in writing and if not, we needed to have this in a formal contract. Motion carried and Martina will have all information to President Courtney by August 1, 2023, with the contracts signed by the sponsors.

*Eris Jones asked if the rodeos who would like to submit a proposal request need to sign a contract. Eris also asked if we had a contract with Sutton Rodeo. President Courtney informed the group that our contract is a verbal contract. After a short discussion Eris Jones moved CeeCee Steen seconded to secure a signed contract with Sutton Rodeo. Motion carried. President Courtney will handle this contract with Sutton Rodeo.

*Kathy Zambo gave an update on Cheyenne Winkler's cancer is clear.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

*The next meeting date was discussed as to when and where. Many ideas were expressed-middle of state for example. Sorrel Muscat moved Kristina Sigaty seconded to have the next general membership meeting at noon the day of the 2024 coronation for a "1 year trial". Motion carried.

*Tammy will need recommendations for board members submitted by Dec. 15th.

Next Meeting date to be announced.

Cindy Wilk moved Kristina Sigaty seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Judy Stevens, Secretary