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March 21, 2026 State Board Meeting, Plymouth, CA

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am

Nick Gradek motioned to approve minutes from November meeting
Randy Bullivant seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Kathleen gave the treasurer's report and IRS update. Working with the tax payers advocate and making progress on what our next steps are. At this time, give parent organization EIN for any businesses needing documentation.

Districts are not fulfilling their timelines of turning in required quarterly and annual reports. If it is not submitted, your district will not be holding sanctioned rodeos.

Scholarship: Applications are due May 11th. Please encourage all seniors to apply, not just those attending State Finals.

If at all possible, can the scholarship interviews be longer?

Mid Winter Meeting Report: Student Officers talked on their experiences and what they learned. Junior High National Finals will be in Guthrie, OK at the Lazy E for 10 years beginning in 2026. High School National Finals will be in Guthrie beginning in 2030.

Junior High State Finals: Dry camping, no power, but having trucks to refill water and pump tanks.

We are looking for student officers (applications due May 1), student event directors (on entry) and adult event directors.

Queen contest will be held Thursday evening.

We are considering splitting the performances (like high school) and making the Short Go more of a production.

High School State Finals: Hosting a team roping and breakaway jackpot, look for schedule Student Officers: applications due May 1. Change to the high school schedule: ground rules after cutting to that all contestants can attend. RCH will be held in the evenings, beginning Sunday evening.

ATV Tickets: HS amount has been the same for over 30 years, junior high increase before covid. Many believe it is easier to sell \$10 tickets than \$100 tickets. The chances of winning increase with the limited number of tickets being sold.

Will be voted on in June:

- 4 \$50 tickets
- 20 \$10 tickets
- 2 \$100 tickets
- 8 \$25 tickets

Due to the decline in jr high membership and the awards budget (from raffle ticket sales) event saddles will not be given at state finals. Upgraded buckles have been ordered, with gold and silver.

Nick (D2) mentioned that districts should go out and solicit sponsors to cover the saddles. "Put boots on the ground" and ask throughout the state, not just the hosting city.

Set Ups:

Start days: The board's opinion is starting rodeos on Friday (with cutting being during the day)

Rodeo events should not be held on Thursdays, during the day on Fridays.

Set ups are not guaranteed and take the discussion back to districts so that there is feedback to create guidelines.

Topics to discuss::

The state will have a set of guidelines, but each district can choose to accept set ups or not

Should limits be placed on types (only testing and educational events), remove sports, FFA, etc?

Nick (D2) stated that activities and events that affect students educational goals and future should not have a negative result on a CHSRA member.

2027 Junior High State Finals site proposals, reach out to your local facilities and see what there is and if it could be a good partnership/

2026-27 Adult Board nominations extended to March 29. Motion made by Nick Gradek and seconded by Michelle Soto.

District Documents: sent to Jen to make sure that communication flows between outgoing and incoming board.

State By law and policy changes due April 15

Queen contest: streamlined between state contest down to districts

Student Activities:

Bringing back the King contest, only 1 dance, possibly Mud volleyball

Outside organization activities during sanctioned rodeos:

Host district needs to be informed before and all contestants need to be included. State needs to be informed for insurance and liability reasons.

Action Item for June

Ag Day at the Capitol: April 21, 9 am set up and 10:30 tour. Carpool if possible and list of participants to Patsy.

Open Comments: Jr High Saddles: form a committee and fundraise to get the saddles. Zoom meeting will be held next week. District presidents and junior high adult reps will be invited.