

Blanco Rodeo Association Membership Meeting - June 25, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm by Ben Jones, President.

Directors present (in alphabetical order):

Mike Arnold
Amy Arnold, Treasurer
Harmony Biscamp
Lawrence Coffee (Emeritus)
Jodie Fuchs
Jenni Johnson
Ben Jones, President
Kyle Kramer
Tom Murrah (Emeritus)
Debbie Schramm, Secretary
Brady Townsley-Vice President

Directors not present (in alphabetical order):

Amy Conn
Russell Graham
Lynn Maley (Emeritus)
Dennis Moore
Royce Penshorn.

President Ben Jones called the meeting to order and introduced the Directors and Officers.

Treasurer's report: Current balance \$9,640.82. Playday financials were given showing the net gain of \$671.19 from the event and \$434.06 from the concessions. We also received \$3800 in sponsorships. \$1000 Scholarship was given on behalf of this year's winner, Molly Edmundson. Progress of the corporate non-profit status with the IRS was given. New signers listed on bank account.

PR/Advertising report: Discussion of our progress. We now have a Facebook page, website, logo, banner, sponsorship program, and newspaper ad. Urged attendees to enter their email on the Facebook page and website to keep up to date on happenings, and invite their friends to join. Urged business owners to become sponsor for 2017.

Membership report: Membership fees for 2017 are \$45.00 for family and \$25.00 for single. One membership, one vote. If husband and wife both want a vote, they need to sign up for two separate memberships. Everyone urged to renew today by filling out a membership application and waiver to use the arena and grounds. Members who joined before December 31, 2016 need to renew now. Those after January 1, 2017 are

grandfathered in and no need to renew until June 2018. Applications and waivers available also on the website.

President Ben Jones told the story of why he and many in the community got involved to keep the Blanco Rodeo Association alive and have the ball rolling in the right direction and gaining momentum. Spoke of the success of the playday and the dedication of the volunteers, and how we need more volunteers to keep the success growing. He introduced Mike Arnold, Board Member, to share the 2020 Vision.

Board Member Mike Arnold shared the Association Vision for the community, from annual events planned, to memberships and sponsorships, a discount card, an annual publication, and updating the facilities. Leadership restructuring for utmost success with additional committees to embody the highest standards of performance and professionalism. Expectations, job descriptions, and accountability will be spelled out and communicated to aid in achieving these goals.

Presentation of proposed new By-laws: Treasurer, Amy Arnold, explained why they needed to be overhauled to be in alignment with the need to file for a 501c3 non-profit status, pointed out the major changes from current By-laws, including the new Emeritus Directors, job descriptions for Officers and new sections for Conflicts of Interest and Scholarships.

- **Motion** from Jenni Johnson to approve the new By-Laws as read by Treasurer,
- **Second** by Kyle Kramer.
- **Vote:** All in favor, none opposed.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

President Ben Jones then discussed the Emeritus position being long standing members that had been in the Association since its inception in 1995, and would now be granted an Honorary Board of Director position (Emeritus), with annual membership fee waived but not allowed to vote. They are in positions of guidance and advice in the Association. Granting these 3 positions as Emeritus would open up 3 Director seats, so nominations were asked for and given. Each was asked to tell a little about themselves before voting commenced.

- **Motion:** from Brady Townsley to nominate Cliff Lener, Stephanie Fortune, and Eli Guzman as Directors to open positions. **Second** by Amy Arnold.
- **Vote:** All in favor, none opposed.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

President Ben Jones discussed the upcoming PlayDay Series beginning September 9th, October 14th, and November 11th. Next Directors meeting July 18th and next membership meeting September 19th. Thanks to Board of Director Jenni Johnson for organizing today's social, and she will be in charge of the next Play Day series. See her to volunteer.

- **Motion** from Harmony Biscamp to adjourn meeting. **Second** by Jodie Fuchs.
- **Vote:** All in favor. None opposed.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm by Ben Jones, President.