

**General Meeting of the Michigan Ropers Association
September 12, 2011
Countryside Arena**

General Membership Meeting called to order at 8:18 p.m.

Roll Call:

Stuart Pletcher	Y				
Will Martin	N	Stoffer Cowles	Y	Kacie Kapp	Y
Don Keller	N	Sarah Vander Kooy	Y	Nate Vanderkolk	Y
Marc Erffmeyer	Y	Garett Madry	Y	Truman Mast	N
Seth Madry	Y	Dirk Rinz	Y	Dennis Orr	Y
Mike Shegan	Y	Kylee O'Heran	Y	Dan Swiler	Y
AJ O'Heran	- Y	Dave Firman	Y		

Treasury Report given: Total \$25,000.81 in checking, Scholarship \$2850—Motion by Mike, 2nd By Stoffer Cowels. Motion passed.

Secretary's report read. Moved by Jaosn O'Heran, 2nd by Cal Casey. Motion passed.

Thanks to Altmans for use of the facilities and thanks to O'Herans for the cattle during the 2011 MRA Finals.

Directors Nominations for 2 year term:

Truman Mast
Tim Gilliland
Stoffer Cowles
Nate Welch
Frank Schwiesow
Seth Madry
Kacie Kapp
Jarid Rinz

Motion by Mike Shegan to close nominations. 2nd Kylee O'Heran. Motion passed.
Motion to accept the nominations by unanimous ballot by Katie VanderKolk, 2nd Nate VanderKolk. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Jason O'Heran brought up changing the way that awards are done to an individual number system.
 - a. Concern about the ease of tracking for the secretary.
 - b. Concern about the difference in the amount of money offered in the divisions and the fairness of possibly bumping people to a higher number from a division that offers less money.

- c. The “slide” roping system was explained. Basically, there is one roping that is a #10 slide, a 10 pt. team is straight time, and then time is added to handicap.
 - d. Discussion to return to a point system rather than the dollars earned type system.
 - e. Discussion about how advertizing would be done—option would be to advertize that if there aren’t X number of teams, there will be a 10 pt. slide as an example.
 - f. Slides may potentially be capped in order to protect the lower number ropers.
 - g. Question about awards—how do you decided how awards are structured?
 - h. Jason O’Heran will write up a proposal for the bulletin.
2. Qualifying Roping
- a. Question—do we need it?
 - b. Suggestion to get rid of the qualifier but spread out to the contractor divisional qualifier roping to run concurrently with a regular roping.
 - c. Suggestion to make a day of qualifier roping and then one day for MRA roping, but still a full weekend.
 - d. Suggestion that if we move to an individual number system to pay the top 5 spots.
 - e. Location was an issue—where do we have it?
 - f. A survey will go online for members to share their ideas.

Motion to adjourn made by Jason O’Heran, 2nd by Dave Firman. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.