



WAR BONNET ROUND UP RODEO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 26, 2026
Recreation Center
11:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: M. Warnke, K. Jones, K. Staten, B. Robertson, S. Woolstenhulme, T. Fannesbeck, B. Skinner, H. Pettingill, T. Smith

Members not in Attendance: P. Holm, R. Buchan, R. Abreo, C. Price, K. Felker, J. Stephens

Call to Order

K. Jones called the meeting to order at 11:05

Approval of Minutes

B. Skinner motioned to approve the January 22nd meeting minutes. T. Fannesbeck seconded. All in favor.

Director Updates – P. Holm (absent)

Chair Report/Production – K. Jones

K. Jones reported on the following:

- K. Jones introduce Matt Warnke, who will be our newest committee member following approval by the City Council.
- She reported that P. Holm has received a majority of the signed contracts back and that P. Holm approved the new purse amount of \$9,900.
- PRCA and WRPA rodeo applications have been submitted, with contestant interviews being added to the ground rules.
- K. Jones asked committee members for their nominees on the 2027 bullfighter replacement for Chuck Swisher. K. Staten motioned to recommend we approve Nathan Harp as the 2027 bullfighter. T. Fannesbeck seconded. All in favor.

- K. Jones advised that John Harrison will be our barrelman for 2027 and Kyle Lamon for 2026.
- K. Jones reached out to Dougie Hall regarding the opening of the War Bonnet. D. Hall gave her a quote on having some professional riders from Montana ride in our rodeo. The quote was high, and K. Jones would rather we give the opportunity to our local Shoshone-Bannock riders this year.

Committee Reports

Tribal Relations – S. Woolstenhulme

S. Woolstenhulme reported on the following:

- The same dancers and drummers will be returning this year.
- She asked P. Holm to ask the tribe about increasing military involvement. She would like to add additional members to the military segment this year.
- S. Woolstenhulme needs budget information on what we can pay before she approaches tribal riders to participate.

Military Affairs/American Legion – B. Skinner

B. Skinner reported on the following:

- B. Skinner is trying to think 'outside the box' for the country's 250th anniversary celebration for the military segment. He asked for ideas. He would also like to display a 30 x 50 ft flag this year, instead of using a flag girl. There was committee discussion on the segment.

Vice Chair/Hospitality/Sponsorship – K. Staten

K. Staten reported on the following:

- IdaGold lost the Mackay rodeo but picked up New Plymouth.
- She got a new three-year sponsorship from the Bank of Commerce, so the pickup men will all get brand new chaps.
- She has about a quarter of the sponsorship contracts back, and she picked up a new \$15,000 sponsorship.
- The War Bonnet Association will be participating in the Teton Horse Experience and holding the royalty coronation on April 16th at Legion Hall.
- The hospitality area will be decorated in red, white and blue for all three nights of the War Bonnet.
- She reported that R. Buchan has rodeo marketing underway and ticket sales go live on April 2nd.

Marketing/Advertising/Tickets – R. Buchan (absent)

Facilities & Grounds & Security – J. Stephens (absent)

Security – T. Smith

T. Smith reported on the following:

- He has received two quotes from security companies for the War Bonnet thus far. There was discussion on how many security officers we will need for certain hours of the rodeo.

Communications/Public Information – K. Felker (absent)

Youth Rodeo/Family Night – R. Abreo (absent)

Livestock Welfare – B. Robertson

No Updates

Finance – C. Price (absent)

Outreach – T. Fannesbeck

T. Fannesbeck reported on the following:

- He will have a detailed draft of his plans for Rodeo 101 at our next meeting.
- He is working on ideas for the 2026 Fourth of July parade. He advised his sister has obtained a team of horses and a wagon that we can use for the War Bonnet section of the parade alongside a flatbed.
- He's working on a contact list for all staff, contractors and volunteers for this year's rodeo.

Round Table

- M. Warnke has an idea for our Wednesday night event. He suggested a calf scramble like they have in Fort Worth. There was group discussion on this new event idea.
- The committee also discussed the new fees for vendors at the War Bonnet.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, March 26th.