

SIJRA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 26, 2025

Location: SIJRA rodeo grounds, Salem, IN

Opening: The meeting was called to order by President Jon Pankey at 3pm.

Present: Jon Pankey, Kyle Reiter, Megan Whitten, Tonya McLoed, Travis Wessner

Absent: Liz Losson, Emily Gibson, Jay Rieckers, Cody Manning

Approval of Minutes/Business from previous meeting: No meeting minutes were provided.

New Business:

- Awards banquet location and date will be Saturday, Jan 24, 2026, at Pewter Hall, Brownstown, IN. Other locations considered were Crawford County, IN, and Corydon, IN. After discussions and considerations on location, cost, facility, and food at the different locations, a motion made by Megan and seconded by Kyle selected Pewter Hall in Brownstown.
 - Action Item: Travis will manage and coordinate plans with Pewter Hall on behalf of SIJRA.
 - Action Item: Jon will work on a DJ and contact the DJ we had in Jan, 2025, as he expressed interest in returning.
 - Action Item: Megan to reach out to Dena Hasler and Morgon Ott if a theme was used in the past and if one needs to be selected.
 - Action Item: Dena Hasler to manage communications with Queen contest judges for the competition that begins at 1pm, Jan 24, 2026.
 - Tentative schedule: Queen contest to begin 1pm, doors open at 5pm, eat at 5:30pm, bar opens at 7pm or at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.
 - Tentative food selection of fried chicken, honey glazed ham, mac-n-cheese, green beans, and cheesy hashbrown casserole.
 - Fund raising ideas at the event include, but not limited to, live auction, gun raffle, ping pong ball toss, drawing(s) for saved camp site(s) for the 2026 rodeo season at the grounds. This will be finalized in the board's group text.
- Johnny Gammon "Top Hand Award" nominations were reviewed for numerous members and a winner was selected by the board. Winner to be announced at the awards banquet.
- The Dick Wilson "Try Award" recipient was selected by the board. Winner to be announced at the awards banquet.
- Awards budget: The proposed budget for the awards was provided by Dena Hasler, Awards Committee chairman. Travis motioned to approve, seconded by Megan, and budget approved. A copy of the budget is available by request to Jon Pankey, President.
- Awards tickets: Megan will communicate to the association and associate members that awards banquet tickets for the awards will be sold ahead of time.

- Certificates and plaques are being led by Megan. A motion by Kyle, seconded by Travis, to provide plaques to sponsors.
- Mini barn: Jon to talk with the mini barn company to arrange the return of the mini barn. Jon will also return product to Scotty and inquire if Scotty is still interested in sponsoring the participation cups for 2026. Participation cups will be ordered soon and be available to contestants at the awards banquet because participation cups were not able at the October rodeos.
- Board elections: An email listing the open board positions and positions up for election was sent to the association on Oct 7, 2025. Nominations are being received for the following positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Rodeo Secretary, Association Secretary, and three Board Member positions. Vacant positions include the Association Secretary, Treasurer, and three board member positions. The Vice President and Rodeo Secretary positions are elected on even years. Kyle will run again for his current position of Vice President. Tonya will run for the Rodeo Secretary as she has been interim Rodeo Secretary for 2025.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Clarification: member awards are presented to members who met the \$100 sponsorship minimum.
 - Action Item: Jon and Tonya to review the sponsorship spreadsheet to finalize this list and reach out to families to communicate the policy and confirm paid sponsorships.

Adjournment: Meeting adjournment was motioned by Travis, seconded by Tonya. Meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tonya McLoed

Minutes approved by: (sent to board for approval on Monday, Oct 27, 2025)