

SIJRA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Feb 21, 2026

Location: Visiting Angels, 153 Main St., New Albany, IN

Opening: The meeting was called to order by President Jon Pankey at 5:10pm.

Present: David and Kerri Montgomery, John McCormick, Travis Wesner, Dena Hasler, Tonya McLoed, Codey Turnage, Jon Pankey, Megan Witten, Kyle Reiter, and Taylor Binkley

Absent: n/a

Opening Prayer: Jon Pankey

Approval of Minutes/Business from previous meeting: n/a, new board of directors

Old Business: n/a

New Business:

Financials report presented by David:

- Feb 21, 2026 balance \$47,729.49 in a new account at PNC bank; money market savings and checking account. The money market account will accrue a little interest.
- Balance January 1, 2025 was \$55,883.25 and balance on December 31st, 2025 was \$55,239.88. The calendar-year report reflects a small net decrease of \$643.37 due to timing differences between the association's March–March rodeo season and the January–December fiscal reporting period, including expenses related to the annual awards banquet held in January.

Banquet Report presented by Dena:

- Budget was \$30,488 and we spent \$27,447. This was because there were a number of events that didn't fill all of the top 5 placings. For example, 345 Chute dogging and 1st/2nd calf riding each had 1 qualified run, nobody qualified in 345 steer riding, and only 4 qualified calf tie down contestants. Dena also negotiated lower shipping costs for awards.

2026 Rodeo Dates were finalized. David motioned to approve, Kyle seconded. Passed

- Member Meeting and campus cleanup April 11
- Rodeo 1, May 2
- Rodeo 2, June 13 (night) & 14 (morning)
- Rodeo 3, July 11 (night) & 12 (morning)
- Rodeo 4, Aug 22
- Rodeo 5, Sept 12
- Rodeo 6, Oct 10
- Rodeo 7, Oct 11

Night rodeos

Benefit the livestock in hot weather, give time for clinics that weekend, reduces evaporation for the water truck in the arena. Concerns for night rodeo is that it makes a late night for younger children, more work for the board of directors, it costs more money because we pay staff for 2 days. Similar to 2025, we will have free clinics on Friday night and Saturday morning. Start time 6pm on Saturdays. Night rodeo motion by Kyle, seconded by Taylor. Passed.

Open Classes:

For the 2026 rodeo season we will try offering open classes at each rodeo. This is a trial basis and the board reserves the right to make adjustments and changes related to these open classes. Many details need finalized but here are the discussions at this meeting. Open classes are:

- The intent is to offer opportunities for Kindergarteners through Seniors in high school to compete in rodeo events at our rodeos.
- Contestants must pay the \$40 member fee and sign a release of liability, then pay for each open class they register for. The member fee and liability release covers the 7 rodeos in the 2026 rodeo season.
- Age cut-off is the grade the contestant is in as of Jan 1, 2026. For example, there will be one Open Barrels class that will include anyone from Kindergarten to Senior in high school. Again, everyone, all ages in one class.
- Open classes will be a payback class (payback amounts tbd)
- Open classes are completely separate from SIJRA points and standings. Open classes have no sponsorship requirements. SIJRA will continue to have exposition runs.
- Limited to one run per contestant.

- Here are examples:
 - Potential open classes may include, but not limited to, Goat Tie girls, Goat Tie boys, Barrels (boys and girls), Pole Bending (boys and girls), Breakaway (boys and girls)....?
 - The open goat tie class will follow the last SIJRA goat event. The run order will be: 678 Goat Tie (boys), 678 Goat Tie (girls), 345 Goat Tie (boys), 345 Goat tie (girls), K12 Goat Flank, then one Open Goat Tie class. SIJRA may offer goat tie Exposition classes in 2026, which will follow each age division goat class.
 - No rough stock events will be offered.
 - Not sure how many times a contestant can team rope?

Livestock Contractor

Colt Bech will be our livestock contractor for 2026. Colt has maintained the same fees for 5-6 years and he needs to increase his fees this year. We are thankful for his support of SIJRA and for providing the best prices he can to the association. The new livestock fees are \$25 for any cattle event, \$20 for sheep, and \$10 for every goat run. There will not be a haul fee now. Accepting these new fees was motioned by Kyle, seconded by David. Passed.

The board brainstormed ideas for what the 2026 event entry fees will be. Ideas included charging a flat rate of \$30 per livestock event, or increasing the entry fee by \$5 or \$10 for each event from 2025 entry fees, and the board discussed what the profit would be for \$23, \$25, \$28, \$30 entry fees for livestock events. Final entry fee determination was tabled for the next meeting.

Background checks for board members

Taylor asked if background checks are done in SIJRA and we currently do not. Our association is not affiliated with any national clubs and are a stand-alone entity. He was inquiring, not requesting.

Action Item: Tonya will look to see if the rule book says this is optional. The 2026 rule book will be final as of March 31, 2026.

Online forms for 2026 rodeo season

David is working on developing online member forms, liability release forms, and other online features (QR codes, etc) for the 2026 season. His intent is to make it easier to join the association and easier for maintaining membership records. This will also be an opportunity to make it easier for volunteers to know where and how they can help. Action Item: Dena, Megan, and Tonya will get the content for the forms to David.

New web builder account to save money

David offered to investigate non-profit web builder companies. We currently pay ~\$32/month for the Homestead builder account. Tonya has some information she collected last December that she'll share with David. David hopes we can have a new web page by rodeo 1. We will keep our www.sijra.org web address.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tonya McLoed

Minutes approved by: Approved in the March 4, 2026, board meeting.