

**WPRA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Teleconference Call**  
**2/19/2019**

**In Attendance:** Doreen Winternmute, Jerri Mann, Heidi Schmidt, Dillon McPherson, Melanie Luark, Patti McCutchen, Cindy Gillespie, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Margo Ransom, Chris Powers, Marlene McRae, Patti Roberts, Toni Karre, Stacey Freitas, Lois Ferguson and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

**1. WPRA President, Doreen Winternmute calls the meeting to order.**

**2. Discussion regarding San Angelo “Special Rodeo” and Cinch Shoot-Out:** WPRA President Doreen Winternmute shared with the Board the WPRA’s understanding from the PRCA. The PRCA had previously confirmed that San Angelo was a category that they refer to as a “special event.” A “special event” does not have all the standard rodeo events. San Angelo had confirmed this as well. At some point, San Angelo expanded their number of events to go beyond the “special event” definition. The WPRA was not aware of that nor had we been informed by the PRCA. Members who were “invited” to what was originally the special event, faced potential fines. The Board discussed the situation. They concluded if a WPRA member was turned in for a violation, they should not be penalized.

**3. Review of the 2019 /2020 Calgary Stampede Agreement with the WPRA:** WPRA President Doreen Winternmute explained to the Board that the key difference from prior year agreements is the request to be a two (2) year agreement. WPRA Attorney, Dana Eismeier also commented that the agreement does not cover the EM & PS testing that takes place in Calgary (that is covered in the ground rules), section 4A is old language that needs to be dropped and that while this is a two (2) year agreement, either party may sever it with sixty (60) days notice.

**Motion by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom:** I move that the Board accept the 2019 & 2020 agreement (with the 4A edit as noted) and authorize WRPA President Doreen Winternmute to sign it.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Futurity/Derby Director Marlene McRae**

11 Yes votes/4 No votes

**Motion passes.**

**4. Review of 2019 World Finals Venue Recommendation:** The World Finals Committee recommended that an agreement be signed with the Extraco facility for 2019. Separately it asked the World Finals Committee to outline what it would take to assess if the WPRA should shift from one finals event to a few regional events across the country to encourage more member participation.

**Motion by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom:** I move that the Board accept the World Finals Committee’s recommendation to extend the contract with the Extraco facility for 1 year to include 2019. They should also come back with thoughts regarding one single event or multiple events.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Southeastern Director, Patti Roberts**

11 Yes votes/4 No votes

**Motion passes.**

**5. Question regarding a Member and Rodeo Houston 2018 Contestant Agreement Enforcement:** WPRA Attorney, Dana Eismeier explained that the issue of enforcing the Rodeo Houston Contestant Agreement is Rodeo Houston's issue not the WPRA's issue.

No action necessary.

**6. Discussion regarding a Petition from Great Lakes Members:** Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom had an opportunity to briefly share her feelings about the allegations in the petition and conveyed what her experience has been over the last two (2) years.

The Board discussed the nature of the concerns identified in the petition. They decided that the process to follow would be: Ms. Ransom should take a week to consider the situation and the allegations. She should come back to address the Board the following week. Meanwhile the Board would carefully review the allegations, hear Ms. Ransom's side of the story and determine an outcome.

**7. Discussion about Procom and Use of Confusing Language:** Southeastern Director, Patti Roberts brought up concerns our "out if slack" parameter and Procom operator responses containing "replace me" language.

Meeting adjourned.