

WPRA Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Call
5/14/2019

In Attendance: Doreen Wintermute, Jymmy Kay, Heidi Schmidt, Dillon McPherson, Carla Beckett, Patti McCutchen, Cindy Gillespie, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Megan McLeod- Sprague, Patti Roberts, Toni Karre, Stacey Freitas, Lois Ferguson and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper. A quorum was present.

1. WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

2. Review of 2019 Cheyenne Application with Requested Format Changes: Mountain States Director, Carla Beckett highlighted the many calls and exchanges that she has had with the Cheyenne committee reps. For the whole rodeo, Cheyenne is looking to shift their entire format to a “tournament” style rodeo. Those making it to the Finals round will compete 4 times. In addition, given other factors, Cheyenne would like to limit the rodeo this year. After discussion with the committee, they may be willing to take the limits off the barrel race, if the 1st round of slack can take place on Friday 7/12 instead of Monday 7/15 in the afternoon, which is after 2 rounds of steer roping.

The Board shared thoughts on rodeo overlaps that might occur on either suggested dates, ground conditions, how to handle replacements, how to handle ties and the need to work out a reasonable payout schedule. The Board agreed to work with input from the member survey regarding the proposed changes and that Ms. Beckett will come back with final thoughts on the items listed above.

3. Review of the 2019 Waco, TX Application and Format Changes: Texas Director, Lois Ferguson highlighted the key changes since Waco is no longer the All American Finals. Key is that she was successful in securing committee agreement on having a qualifying round that would advance the top 60 to the performances. Minor points for follow up included: turn out fines, local GRs and confirmation as to what rodeo year the points will count.

Ms. Ferguson will come back with final thoughts on the items listed above

4. Review of the 2019 Moses Lake, WA Application: Columbia River Director, Megan McLeod-Sprague shared the committee’s request to make Moses Lake a limited entry rodeo with 60 entries.

She explained that this was a higher limit than most of the cowboy events and that was an important high paying circuit rodeo.

The Board discussed impact on circuit rodeo count, whether a qualifying round could work there, 30 Hour Replacement policy, how to be sure as many contestants as possible enter, consider adding the WPRA Tour to qualifications, etc.

Ms. McLeod-Sprague will come back with final thoughts on the items listed above.

5. Discussion about PRORODEO Tour Options: WPRA President Doreen Wintermute explained the three (3) options available for the Board to consider. No agreements have been made with the PRCA on this topic.

Up until two (2) weeks ago, the WPRA understood that accruing & reporting on points for the Tour was part of a pilot effort for 2019. There had not been discussion about actually using the points to qualify for Puyallup.

The options are: 1). Points based- retroactively (back to Denver) convert money won at the identified Tour rodeos to points.... use this to qualify into 2019 Puyallup and be eligible for \$20,000 in PRCA bonus money. 2). Points based- starting with a future Tour rodeo (such as Greeley) convert money won at the identified Tour

rodeos to points....use this to qualify into 2019 Puyallup and be eligible for \$20,000 in PRCA bonus money. 3). Standings based- do not use points, do not use Tour rodeos only. Use the WPRA Prorodeo/World Standings to qualify to 2019 Puyallup and not be eligible for PRCA bonus money. After much discussion, the Board decided to seek member input on the three (3) options. Ms. Wintermute will come back with final thoughts on the items listed above.

6. Discussion regarding the Great Lakes Director Vacancy: Executive Session

The Board received the resignation letter of Ms. Ransom the Great Lakes Director on XXX. Ms. Ransom's resignation was effective as of XXXX. The Bylaws proved that in the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Board by affirmative votes shall fill the vacant position until the next election for such position. The Board discussed the options for filling the position. The Board discussed possible candidates for filling the position. The Board voted on who to ask to accept the appointment until the next scheduled election for the position. The WPRA office was directed to contact the recommended replacement and prepare communications to go out to the Great Lakes membership.

7. Guymon Membership Update: WPRA President Doreen Wintermute verbally highlighted discussion and thoughts from the meeting. There were 50+ members present. The members were very good about sharing their thoughts and asking questions on topics ranging from Cheyenne format, limited entry rodeos, Equine Medications policy, the Breakaway rodeo pilot, etc. The Board exchanged thoughts on subsequent General Membership meetings for this year. Directors are to contact Ms. Wintermute on their suggestions.

8. Board Committee Updates: Roping Committee Chair Patti McCutchen discussed Canby, OR request to be limited (it will not), Pendleton, OR request to be limited (it will not) the WPRA is proposing using Kennewick, WA as a qualifier to Pendleton with a sidepot, the request from Norco, CA and the current status of Cheyenne. Equine Medications Chair Jymmy Kay Cox discussed her committee's recommendation to continue rotating members on and off the actual Equine Medications & Prohibited Substances Committee. They discussed rotating Tom Hirsig off the committee and replacing him with Dr. Jackman. They discussed moving Kathi Myers off the Equine Medications & Prohibited Substances Committee and adding her to the Hearing Board. She referenced that the committee was looking into the USEF contract and use of non-USEF vets. Etc.

Motion by Columbia River Director, Megan McLeod-Sprague: I move that the Board move Kathi Myers from the Equine Medications & Prohibited Substances Committee to the Hearing Board and replace her with Dr. Marty Tanner on the Equine Medications & Prohibited Substances Committee.

2nd by Wilderness Director, Julie Herman

13 Yes Votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

Motion by California Director, Stacey Freitas: I move that the Board rotate Tom Hirsig off the Equine Medications & Prohibited Substances Committee and replace him with Dr. Jackman.

2nd by Prairie Director, Cindy Gillespie

13 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned.