

Minutes 6/13/2017- Teleconference

**WPRO Board Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
6/13/2017
4:15 PM MT**

In attendance: Doreen Wintermute, Jerri Mann, Patti McCutchen, Heidi Schmidt, Margo Ransom, Dillon McPherson, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Chris Powers, Marlene McRae, Cindy Gillespie, Stacey Freitas, Toni Karr, Lois Ferguson and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

Not in attendance: Melanie Luark and Patti Roberts (proxy sent for 1 vote)

WPRO President, Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

1. Review of Wave 1 Rule Proposals

Rule Proposal Committee Chair, Heidi Schmidt reviewed with the Board the committee's recommendations for each proposal in Wave 1. (see attachment)
All recommendations were accepted, with a request for the committee to find a better way to explain item #22.

Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman: I move that the Board accept the Rule Proposal Committee's recommendations for Wave 1 rule proposals...and try to find a better way to explain item #22.

2nd by Great Lakes Circuit Director, Margo Ransom

11 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

2. Review of 2017 Circuit Finals Ground Rules Draft

WPRO Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper reviewed the draft integrated GR that are being updated between the WPRO and the PRCA. Ms. Cropper pointed out what was new, what has been dropped and what is missing from the WPRO perspective. She explained that when the final version comes back from the PRCA, she will send it out for an online vote.

3. Update for Days of 47 Qualifier

Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman explained that the ground has been analyzed by SAF, there will be 2 tractors, they are using Black Widows and that they are trying hard to be in a position to have some runs on the ground by barrel racers to test and allow them to adjust the ground. She also said that they will drag every 5 and asked for the Board's input regarding allowing the qualifier to be on the same stakes as the rodeo. After discussion the Board decided to keep the qualifier and the rodeo on the same stakes and to move them in the rodeo, if it is unsafe ...as determined by the Circuit Director.

The Board also discussed when the pattern would be set, if there was an alley, its size and if it was going to be open or closed.

Motion by Futurity/Derby Director, Marlene McRae: I move that the Board approve that the qualifier and the rodeo be run on the same stakes. They can be moved in the rodeo if it is unsafe, as determined by the Circuit Director.

2nd by Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman

8 Yes votes/4 No votes

Motion passes.

4. Update of I QTR. Financials

WPRA Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper explained that each month's financials are reviewed in depth with the Business Committee. While the Board is reviewing the IQTR. Financials, the Business Committee just recently reviewed the April numbers.

All numbers are tracking as expected. Membership is holding strong and driving our income performance and nothing is particularly notable in the expense categories.

Futurity/Derby Director, Marlene McRae asked what has caused the Office Operating expense to be higher than last year. Ms. Cropper said it has moved based on the cost of health insurance, which is age based.

5. Review of 2017 General Membership Meeting Schedule

WPRA President Doreen Wintermute reviewed the scheduled locations. Futurity/Derby Director, Marlene McRae asked how many members generally show up at these meetings and is this is the best use of association money. Ms. Wintermute explained that these locations have been recommended by the Circuit Directors.

6. Input for President's Calgary Visit in July

WPRA President Doreen Wintermute asked the Board for input and suggestions regarding the qualifier discussion that will take place. Board suggestions ranged from using the World Finals Card Holder race as a qualifier, to thoughts on the ideal number of positions to come from a qualifier race (versus various standings), how much of the bonus money should count for World Standings, to taking 12 in each pool and ground conditions.

7. Review of Edmonton Request to be Limited

WPRA President Doreen Wintermute explained that this is a new request to be a Limited Entry Rodeo (LER), the timing of the application, the fact that the PRCA just approved the rodeo and why this needs to be decided by the Board and not the Rodeo/Competition Committee. She also shared the discussion that she had with CPRA about the WPRA's objective to have qualifiers be part of LERs. CPRA felt based on the timing it was not possible for 2017 but could be brought up for 2018. Each Director expressed their views. Views ranged from the lateness of the application, the WPRA's objective to have qualifiers, the number of positions to come from a qualifier, to the timing impact of being on top of Days of 47 and Cheyenne, etc.

Motion by Badlands Circuit Director, Heidi Schmidt: I move that the Board not approve the Edmonton application for 2017.

2nd by Futurity/Derby Director, Marlene McRae

9 Yes votes/4 No votes

Motion passes.

8. Request to Re-visit a WNFR Board Meeting

WPRA President Doreen Wintermute asked the Board if they still wished to have a Board meeting during the WNFR. She explained that for some it is a difficult time of the year to be there, as a destination city it can be costly and the meeting is for only 1 day.

Directors shared their views about the importance of being at the Star Celebration, meeting/seeing their committees, topics that can be covered in 1 day, etc.

Conclusions: The Board would still like the meeting to take place at the WNFR, they requested if they can be assigned to sit with their committees at the Star Celebration, and would like a job description for those covering the WPRA booth in case some Directors can help with coverage.

9. Meeting Adjourned.