Minutes 10/23/12- Teleconference

WPRA Board Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
10/23/12

4 PM MT

In attendance: Jimmie, Jerri, Patti, Jennifer, Tana, Marguerite, Tamra, Beth, Margo, Doreen, Sarah, Savanah, Susie, Tannis, Tracy and Julie

Jimmie calls the meeting to order.

1. **Review the 2013 Equine Drugs & Medications Policy as Approved Thus Far**

There was a discussion regarding what the Board had previously approved and their desire to revisit topics including penalties and the medication levels portion of the guidelines.

After discussion, the Board reviewed the penalties portion of the guidelines as outlined. They discussed their views on the appropriateness of more severe penalties for Classes 1 & 2 versus Classes 3, 4 & 5. (They agreed there should be no penalties for Class 5 medications). The Board also discussed the pros and cons of whether to adjust the penalties (at this point) or to waive the penalties during the 1st year of testing as some associations have chosen to do.

The Board then moved on to a discussion regarding the role & responsibilities of the Equine Drugs & Medications Committee and the Hearing Board. The Board also discussed their thoughts regarding drug testing at the 2012 WNFR. While the Board understood that they could test there, they acknowledged the importance of finalizing penalties portion of the guidelines and having both the Equine Drugs & Medications Committee and Hearing Board defined with individuals appointed.

The Board concluded that they had a good discussion, no decisions were made and that they would meet the following Monday, October 29th.

The meeting was adjourned.