

**Minutes 11/27/2017- Teleconference**

**WPRA Board Meeting Minutes  
Teleconference  
11/27/2017  
4:15 PM MT**

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

**WPRA President Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.**

**1. 2018 RNCFR Ground Update**

WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute has been in dialog with officials at the RNCFR. The RNCFR has agreed to use John Jameson, who worked on the 2016 WNFR ground, for the 2018 RNCFR. Soil and water tests would be helpful. The Southeastern Circuit Director, Patti Roberts has agreed to use one of her circuit ground testing allocations to help out.

**2. Major Rule Violation Hearings**

**Hearing #1:** Alleged violation of rule 9.3.13- abuse of horse on the event grounds.

Hearing and deliberation.

**Motion by:** I move that the Board reduce the alleged major rule violation to a minor violation, assess a \$250 fine and a letter regarding the importance of perceptions when training.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by**

6 Yes votes/7 No votes

**Motion fails.**

**Motion by:** I move that the Board find the member guilty of a major rule violation, assess a \$500 fine and send a letter regarding the importance of perceptions when training.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by**

6 Yes votes/7 No votes

**Motion fails.**

**Motion by:** I move that the Board reduce the alleged major rule violation to a minor violation, assess a \$250 fine and send a letter regarding the importance of perceptions when training.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by**

9 Yes votes/4 No votes

**Motion passes.**

**Hearing #2:** Alleged violation of rule 9.3.17- conduct, speech, etc. which is determined by the WPRA to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation pre well being of the WPRA or the sport of rodeo and barrel racing.

Hearing and deliberation.

**Motion by:** I move that the Board reduce the alleged major rule violation to a minor violation, assess a \$250 fine and require the member to send the committee a letter of apology.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by**

14 Yes votes/0 No votes

**Motion carries.**

**Hearing #3:** Alleged violation of rules 9.3.3 and 9.3.6 – a member or member's spouse who recklessly knowingly or willfully causes trouble, etc. and where a member or member's spouse attempts to fix, threaten, bribe or influence a judge or official.

Hearing and deliberation.

**Motion by:** I move that the Board dismiss the allegations and require that the member send a letter of apology to the committee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by**

14 Yes votes/0 No votes

**Motion passes.**

### **3. Hamel Ground Rule Request**

Great Lakes, Margo Ransom reviewed Hamel's request. They are requesting that if there is a Procom or office error that requires more than 12 in the performance, those over 12 will have the option to run without a drag or run after the performance.

Discussion.

**Motion by Futurity Director, Marlene McRae:** I move that the Board not approve the submitted Hamel GR that includes language in contradiction to rule 10.1.12.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Badlands Circuit Director, Heidi Schmidt**

14 Yes votes/0 No votes/1 Abstaining

**Motion passes.**

There will be a quick call on Wednesday, 11/29 to review Houston's fill order language and drop down rules.

**Meeting adjourned.**