Minutes 9/1/2016- Teleconference

WPRA Board Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
9/1/2016
4:15 PM MT

In attendance: Doreen Wintermute, Jerri Mann, Patti McCutchen, Heidi Schmidt, Marguerite Happy, Margo Ransom, Chris Powers, Melanie Luark, Dillon McPherson, April Denny, Cindy Gillespie and Marlene McRae. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

Not in attendance: Eileen Lang Kramme (proxies sent), Julie Herman (proxies sent), Lois Ferguson (proxies sent) and Patti Roberts (proxies sent)

WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

1. Appointment of a Breakaway Event Director:

Roping Division Director Patti McCutchen requests to replace a vacancy by Donene Taylor with Kelsie Chace.

Motion by Roping Division Director Patti McCutchen: I move to replace a vacancy created by Donene Taylor with Kelsie Chace as Breakaway Event Director.
2nd by Great Lakes Circuit Director Margo Ransom
11 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

2. 2017 Rule Proposal Recommendations- 11 items for review & discussion

Topic #1: A proposal was submitted offering different options for handling the positions for the Futurity/Derby and Roping Division Directors. The Rule Proposal Committee recommends tabling this proposal at this time and to revisit the topic after the 2017 election.

Board discussion.

Motion by Great Lakes Circuit Director Margo Ransom: I move that the Board accept the recommendation of the Rule Proposal Committee and table this proposal and revisit the topic after the 2017 election.
2nd by Prairie Circuit Director Cindy Gillespie
15 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

Topic #2: A Patch Program fine strategy was submitted to add to the rule book. Modified language was offer by the WPRA office to eliminate current unnecessary language in the rule book regarding the placement of the patches and to adjust the recommended fine strategy to better match the WPRA Major Rule Violation fine ceiling and the appropriate use of GR for major events.

Board discussion.

Motion by WPRA Vice President Jerri Mann: I move that the Board accept the modified language submitted by the Rule Proposal Committee.
2nd by Badlands Circuit Director Heidi Schmidt
15 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

Topic #3: Four (4) proposals were submitted to modify the current EM & PS Policy. Three (3) pertained to the handling of forbidden substances and one (1) regarding fines for repeat offenders. The Rule Proposal Committee recommends that the proposals should be rejected and that appropriate direction to the EM & PS Committee regarding a fine strategy would help alleviate concerns that led to the proposals.

Board discussion

Motion by Turquoise Circuit Director April Denny: I move that the Board accept the recommendation submitted by the Rule Proposals Committee and reject the submitted proposals.
2nd by Great Lakes Circuit Director Margo Ransom
19 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

Topic # 4: On behalf of the PRCA Judges, the WPRA office submitted a proposal regarding not being ready when called. After having a discussion with PRCA Judge Supervisor and Judge George Gibbs, the Rule Proposal Committee recommends modifying our current rule to read "Contestant will be fined $50 and/ or be disqualified for not being ready to content when her name is called by the Judge or announcer." In addition, it was recommended that guidelines be provided to the Judges and the WPRA Protest Committee on how to evaluate various situations.

Board discussion.

Motion by Vice President Jerri Mann: I move that the Board accept the recommended modified language to rule 12.8.1.
2nd by Great Lakes Circuit Director Margo Ransom
12 Yes votes/3 No votes
Motion passes.

Topic #5: On behalf of the PRCA Judges, the WPRA office submitted a proposal regarding broader based disqualifications. After having a discussion with PRCA Judge Supervisor and Judge George Gibbs, the Rule Proposal Committee recommended rejecting the proposal.

Board discussion.

Motion by Prairie Circuit Director Cindy Gillespie: I move that the Board accept the Rule Proposal Committee recommendation to reject this proposal.
2nd by Badlands Circuit Director Heidi Schmidt
15 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

Topic # 6: Two (2) previously Board approved items where re-submitted to the Board for further discussion. They cover Rule 12.5.1.2 and 12.5.5 and whether penalties should be assessed or dropped when a re-run is granted when both the eye and Flagger time fails.

Board discussion.

Motion by Great Lakes Circuit Director Margo Ransom: I move that the Board leave the rule as it currently reads in the rule book and not modify it per the submitted rule proposal.
2nd by WPRA Vice President Jerri Mann
13 Yes votes/1 No vote
Motion passes.

3. Miscellaneous

WPRA President Doreen Wintermute reminded the Board that in late September, she will be meeting with PRCA Judges at a seminar in Colorado Springs. She requested that Directors please send her a note about issues/rules that they would like her to discuss at that time. She reminded them that their input is important.

4. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 13th