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Women's Professional Rodeo Association
World Championship Barrel Racing[®]
Board Meeting

WPRA Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes - August 13, 2012

10/29/12

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Teleconference

8/13/12

4 PM MT

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

Not in attendance: Julie and Dana

Jimmie calls the meeting to order.

1. Acceptance of the minutes from July 25,

Motion by Jennifer: I make a motion that the Board accepts the July 25th minutes as submitted. 2nd by Margo

11-yes/0 no/2 abstaining

Motion passes.

Note: Jimmie reminded the Board that there was a tie on the Houston qualifications decision at the July 25th meeting. At that time she had said told the Board it was clear that on such an important decision regardless of her tie breaking vote it seemed the Board could not move ahead. She did want the July 25th minutes that she voted yes to Jennifer's motion.

2. Houston Update

Jimmie shared with the Board the conversation she had with Houston.

3. Major Rule Violation - Hearing for violation of rule 9.3.20

Hearing

Motion by Tana: I make a motion that the member is guilty of a Major Rule violation and should be fined \$500.

2nd by Margo

3 yes/9 no

Motion fails.

Motion by Jerri: I make a motion that the member is guilty of a Major rule violation and should be fined \$250.

2nd by Tracy
12 yes/0 no
Motion passes.

4. Request for Board Authorization to Apply for a Line of Credit with Chase Bank

Janet explained that the WPRA's bank, Chase, suggested the WPRA apply for a Line of Credit. Chase explained that the association's financials are very strong and while there is no immediate need to use a Line of Credit, having one is part of smart financial strategy. While the Business Committee has already approved moving forward with this effort, they felt it was best to have a Board vote of agreement.

Motion by Jerri: I make a motion that the Board approves and authorizes the office to submit the paperwork for the application of a \$100,000 Line of Credit with Chase.

2nd by Margo
14 yes/0 no
Motion passes.

5. Review of the Board's Definition of a "Draw Out" as It Pertains to a Recent Board Decision to Draw a Member Out of a Rodeo.

Jimmie asked each Director to restate their understanding of the words "draw out" as it applied to their recent decision.

The Board concluded thru a poll among themselves that it meant it is as if the member was never at a rodeo.

Regarding their recent member decision, their intention was to draw the member out.

6. Review of Puyallup Ground Rules

Janet shared a set of combined WPRA & PRCA Ground Rules for consideration. The combined rules are the result of an effort between the WPRA & the PRCA to have 1 set of ground rules to make it easier for contestants, secretaries and judges.

Outside of the specific language addressing the 2 organizations, the GR are the same as 2011 from a competition perspective.

Jimmie shared with the Board her conversation with Puyallup about the need to have a changed format for 2013.

Motion by Tracy: I make a motion to approve the Puyallup Ground Rules as provided by Janet with the understanding that if the PRCA makes additional changes to them they will have to be re-examined if the changes have negative impact.

2nd by Jerri
13 yes/ 0 no/ 1 abstaining
Motion passes.

7. Review of 2013 Roping Division Rule Proposals

Patti explained to the Board that she took out old unnecessary "rough stock" language.

There was a conversation about what constitutes a Lead Sanction event as it relates to rules in the Roping Division. There was related conversation about the # of events required to be "Lead Sanctioned" payout scales, etc.

Given that the words "Lead Sanction" implies a contract, the conversation focused on the word "Co-approval" and what that means. Discussion also about the idea of juniors in roping and local/open events with non-members

After much discussion it was requested that Patti re-examine the types of events that make up and contribute to the All Around.

Motion by Susie: I make a motion that the Board approves the rules as submitted by Patti with the exception to the All Around language, which Patti will re-work.

2nd by Tracy

12-yes/0-no/1 abstaining

Motion passes

8. Discussion Regarding the Approval of the Canadian Pro Rodeo Association (CPRA) Armstrong Rodeo

Jimmie reviewed the history for approving CPRA rodeos.

It was discussed that while some members and Directors may object to this approval (given qualifications are based on the CPRA standings), Medicine Hat is a similar situation and approved, Armstrong is PRCA approved and when reviewing the CPRA standings for qualifications to Armstrong WPRA members dominate it.

There was much discussion about whether this is a final, the actual approval process for CPRA rodeos, exclusive use of CPRA standings, for qualifications, how long it has been approved, and options at this time.

Motion by Jennifer: I make a motion to dis-approve/un-approve the CPRA Armstrong rodeo

2nd by Tana

9-no/2 yes

Motion fails.

Note: it was agreed there needs to be a follow up conversation with CPRA in September about changing their application process for 2013 in order to seek WPRA approval. Also a discussion about what will count towards the WNFR.

9. Data Base Re-Building Effort

Janet shared a new proposal for consideration regarding a data base re-building effort. She explained the history of efforts going back to 2008 that tried to tackle this subject and why it would appear this proposal is strong and how the office now has set business practices that can support a data base effort.

Before a decision can be made, there are still references to check out and items to follow up on that were discussed by the Board.

We will bring this back to the Board after the follow up items are finished.

The next meeting is August 20th.

Meeting adjourned.