

Minutes 4/15/14- Teleconference

WPRA Board Meeting Minutes Teleconference 4/15/2014 4:15 PM MT

In attendance: Carolynn Vietor, Jerri Mann, Patti McCutchen, Marguerite Happy, Heidi Schmidt, Margo Ransom, Doreen Wintermute, Dillon McPherson, Eileen Lang-Kramme, April Denny, Cindy Gillespie, Melanie Luark, Jana Kent-Isaac, Susie McConaghie, Lois Ferguson, and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

President Carolynn Vietor calls the meeting to order.

1. Minutes from the Spring Board Meeting will be distributed on line

2. RodeoPay Update

Janet Cropper, Chief Operating Officer, provided an overview of the RodeoPay launch. She supplied the number of membership signups, highlighted a few issues encountered and said the WPRA Office will now start to more aggressively encourage membership signup. She also asked that each Circuit Director start to heavily promote RodeoPay on their Circuit Face Book pages and on their Circuit News updates.

3. Major Rule Violation Hearing: Alleged violation of rule 9.3.13

The hearing took place and the Board discussed their thoughts.

Motion provided: I move that the Board reduce this alleged major rule violation down to a minor rule violation and assess a \$100.00 fine. A comment will be added to the letter regarding training/discipline on the rodeo grounds.

2nd provided

13 yes votes/1 no vote

Motion carries.

4. Puyallup GR Discussion

WPRA President Carolynn Vietor discussed that while the Board had approved the 2014 Puyallup GR format and handling of supplemental bonus money at the Spring Board Meeting, the PRCA has also approved allowing entry fees for the cowboy events. The WPRA Board discussed allowing entry fees for the barrel race per the WPRA rule book rule 10.3.1

Motion by Great Lakes Circuit Director, Margo Ransom: I move that the Board apply WPRA rule 10.3.1 to Puyallup and allow for a total of a \$266.00 entry fee (\$210.00 [1 round], \$35.00 [a finals round] and \$21.00 [Procom fee]).

2nd by Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman

15 yes votes/0 no votes

Motion carries.

5. Divisional Circuit Finals Discussion

Doreen Wintermute, Southeastern Circuit Director/ Divisional Circuit Committee Chairwoman, reviewed her committee's outline for consistent guidelines to be applied across all circuits for 2014. While all the guidelines were discussed the following items required edit and/or adjustment.

Year-end cut off date: Circuits need to cut off their 2014 year at least 30 days* prior to their DC finals if the finals are in October and before November 1.

* cut off dates must be at least 30 days in advance of the finals to allow for results to be applied, audited, etc.

Earliest date for a 2014 Divisional Circuit Finals: 10/1/2014.

Entry fees: \$55.00 per rule 10.3 and an additional \$10 office charge. The total is \$65.00 per contestant. The office charge will go to the producer to thank them for use of the facility.

Directors discretion if they wish to personally add more for the producer

Handling of awards if contestant is not present: To receive awards the contestant must enter the Divisional Circuit Finals race and compete in it. It is then at the discretion of the Director to allow them to not be present to collect their award if a situation arises and they can not stay.

Motion by Southeastern Circuit Director, Doreen Wintermute: I move that the Board accept the Divisional Circuit Finals guidelines as submitted with the following edits:

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2nd by Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman

14 yes votes/0 no votes (Columbia River Circuit Director, Jana Kent-Isaac fell off the call and did not vote)

Motion carries.

5. 2014 World Finals Ground Rules

WPRA Vice President/ World Finals Committee Chairwoman, Jerri Mann, highlighted each events primary similarity and the recommended differences as compared to 2013.

Under the recommended slot race, the Board asked that it be stressed that this race is open only to WPRA member riders.

The Board began a preliminary conversation regarding the card holder race; its structure and what it counts towards. Currently the card holder race is a 2 D format. The Board discussed leaving it as such or changing it to a straight pay with a 2 D side pot. No conclusions were drawn. They discussed what the winnings should count towards. Currently 1 D winnings count towards Qualifications Standings. They discussed if it should count towards Pro Rodeo Standings (qualifications to the WNFR). They also covered if it should count on a circuit level. Lastly they discussed whether the entry fee needed adjusting.

They agreed to continue the conversation with Ms. Mann and to have the World Finals Committee come back with the recommendation for the May Board meeting.

6. Hearing Board Alternate Recommendations

WPRA President, Ms. Vietor asked the Board to submit any recommendations that they might have to fill an alternate spot on the Hearing Board. Submit candidate names to Carolyn by email.

7. Miscellaneous

WPRA President, Ms. Vietor provided comments about the RNCFR finals and the quality of the committee's efforts to put on a great event. She said there have been no announcements made about the event for 2015.

The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 4:15 PM MT.

The meeting was adjourned.