

431 South Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Women's Professional Rodeo Association World Championship Barrel Racing®

Pendleton Member Meeting Minutes 9/13/2021

Pendleton Member Meeting September 13, 2021 12 Noon PT Location: Happy Canyon Arena

WPRA Officers and Directors in attendance: Jimmie Munroe, President: Darla Lindt, COO/Executive Secretary: Jolee Lautaret-Jordan, Roping Director and Katie Pascoe, California Circuit Director.

12 Noon PT meeting had 33 members in attendance.

Jimmie welcomed the members and let them know this would be more of a member driven agenda. Jimmie introduced WPRA representatives in attendance.

Jimmie opened with the positive year of growth that our sport has had despite the Covid losses, rodeos are coming back strong. There is no set agenda and we would like the members to ask questions.

Jolee updated members on the breakaway approval process, getting the breakaway approved in the rodeo this year and then make improvements for next year, the 9 Circuit Finals with Breakaway, and the two potential stand-alone CF breakaway events. She brought up the discussion with Chris Horton for girls that compete in both barrel racing and breakaway: girls can tell Judge they are competing in both so Judges can work with them. With breakaway being new to rodeos, WPRA will participate in Judges Meetings and seminars to bridge that gap on education and awareness. Rule book changes for breakaway are in the process.

Jimmie added that barrel racing and breakaway would both be represented and discussed at Judges Seminars. Jolee brought up the ProTour, the breakaway added money and that WPRA and PRCA will begin planning and working together for 2022 Tour.

Member question: Are there any other details on ProTour Finale?

Jolee responded that we don't have ground rules for breakaway but they will be same format as barrel racing. There is \$38K added money for breakaway. Entering other rodeos was discussed.

Member question: when will we be able to buddy in ProCom for breakaway?

Jimmie and Jolee explained the technology challenge with ProCom creating a separate "rodeo" event so they can take entries and this does not allow for buddy system in breakaway.

Member question: having two judges and a spotter for breakaway moving forward. Open discussion on the challenges, pros and cons at this early stage of the event. Conversation is started with PRCA for "spotter" roles.

Member question about calves: Directors work with rodeo committees and make those phone calls but more help is needed in terms of breakaway.

Member question about walk up replacements: it's been made into a rule proposal and members who were present were in favor of this. Open discussion about Limited Entry Rodeos having walk up replacement. The 30 hr replacement rule is from priority list and how to have walk up replacements for performances were discussed. How this affects barrel racers was also discussed.

Member question about 2 slacks in one day (for dual event members): Jolee discussed the approval process includes reviewing slack and slack conflicts along with discussions with rodeo committees by Directors to work on these details.



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Member question on the approval process: especially late approvals, changing slack, and how athletes miss out when late approvals come in.

Limited Entry Rodeo open discussion: how the qualifications break down, circuit girls getting opportunity and consistency. Jolee and Katie both offered explanations.

NFR Breakaway discussion: questions, discussion and ideas shared back and forth. Jimmie heard from members prior to her meeting in Las Vegas (the next day) which helped her with the presentation. General consensus by members is excitement about the growth of Breakaway and the dream of competing in the NFR in all 10 performances.