

**WPRA Board of Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Call
1/8/2018**

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

Not in Attendance: Melanie Luark

1. WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

2. Review of Alleged Major Violation: Alleged violation of rules 9.3.3, 9.3.6 & 9.3.14 which covers recklessly, knowingly and willfully—causing trouble---disturbances---aggravation.... threatening or harassing a judge or official.....to be involved in acts inconsistent and not in the best interests of the WPRA

Hearing. Board discussion

Motion by: I move that the Board finds the member guilty of a major rule violation and assess a \$2,500 fine

2nd by

14 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

3. Recap of the 2017 WNFR: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute about her observations and feedback that she received regarding: ground conditions, Patch program, Star celebration, etc. what the Days of 47 is thinking in terms of format, qualifications and a qualifier.

4. Recap of Judges' Visit with Board at the Meeting: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute recapped the discussion regarding ground conditions, the need to add more details and specifics to all Ground Rules. i.e. drags, junior races, watering, etc.

5. 2018 CPRA/WPRA Agreement: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute worked out a 2% agreement on Canadian co-sanctioned rodeos and a \$10 increase to each rodeo application fee.

Motion by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom: I move that we approve the 2018 CPRA/WPRA Agreement and authorize the WPRA President to sign it.

2nd by Wilderness Director, Julie Herman

14 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

6. Review of EM & PS Report: WPRA Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper, reported that the 2017 World Finals test results have not yet been received. When they are received the 2017 report recap will be provided to the Board.

7. Review of Days of 47 Application Status: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute, reported that she, Wilderness Director, Julie Herman and Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper have been in dialog with the committee. They are discussing possible format changes from 2017 and committees' status with the their PRCA approval.

8. 2018 Spring Board Meeting Status: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute reviewed the best dates for a meeting and a high level agenda. She asked Directors to send in topics that they would like to see on the agenda.

9. Structure and Efficiency Discussions: Officers and Directors discussed the increasing demands on their time and the need to find ways to be more efficient on the Director level, spend more time with the PRCA and rodeo committees plus find way to accelerate the growth of those key programs that will continue to drive new membership and current member retention i.e. Roping, Juniors, Divisional Circuit, PESI, etc.

After a discussion about possible solutions: 1) increased use of committees (including possible delegation of some decision making to committees), 2) and possibly changing the description and role of the President's position, etc., the Board directed the Business Committee to prepare a structured approach and conversation to take place at the Spring Board meeting.

10. Request for 2018 General Membership Locations: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute asked the Board to please make suggestions for a 2018 schedule. The California Director, Stacey Freitas, requested a meeting in Salinas. Other Directors will send in their suggestions.

Meeting adjourned.