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WPRA Board Minutes 1/11/2022

WPRA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes 1/11/2022 Meeting Start: 4:07 PM MT Meeting End: 6:57 PM MT

In attendance: Heidi Schmidt, Kaylee Gallino, Lacy Wilson, Megan McLeod-Sprague, Dillon McPherson, Katie Pascoe, Patti Roberts, Kim Thomas, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Julie Herman, Jolee Lautaret-Jordan, Becky Nix, Carla Beckett, Lois Ferguson, Dana Eismeier, Darla Lindt and Jimmie Munroe.

Jimmie Munroe brings the meeting to order

1) NFR Playoff Series and Championship formerly known as the ProTour Series and the ProTour Finale:

Board reviewed current details of the new Series including list of rodeos, payout and original location of Championship along with potential dates. Board requested answers to follow up questions regarding payout breakdown, WPRA participation with PRCA in ground rules development as PRCA sets the ground rules for finals rodeos, new location and date of the Championship.

2) Calgary – Canadian regular season rodeos:

Opened conversation about the current COVID requirements in Canada and approving this event and Canadian regular season rodeos in light of the border restrictions. The Board decided to send a survey to the general membership regarding covid restrictions and options for rodeos during the regular season in general along with Canadian rodeos specifically. A survey of members directly affected by Calgary last year and potentially this year will be sent out as well.

3) PESI:

Two Directors gave a brief synopsis on potential opportunities for the PESI program moving forward. The PESI Committee will meet to discuss this option in further detail to establish a course forward with the program that benefits WPRA members

4) Rodeo Application updates:

Open discussion on ideas to update the rodeo approval application with a ground contact person and specific questions related to dragging. The Ground Committee will meet and finalize the recommended changes to the application and bring to the Board.

5) Pre-Covid guidelines for limited entry rodeos:

Open discussion about encouraging rodeos to go back to Pre-Covid guidelines based on added money. There is still a Covid concern across the Nation so discussion centered on taking it at a case by case scenario as each rodeo committee has unique struggles with covid their area. The Competition Committee will review special circumstances.

6) Drag in the middle at rodeos that are qualifiers for bigger rodeos:

This discussion is a priority of the Ground Committee so they will work with these rodeos on this topic.

7) Judges Seminar:

There was a brief update from Heidi on that meeting from earlier in the day and the opportunities to open the lines of communication with Judges and Directors.



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8) Texas Member petition matter revisited:

There was extensive discussion.

Motion was made to deny the member meeting because there is an election process in progress. 2nd motion 10 Yes Votes/3 No votes