

**WPRA Board of Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Call
2/15/2018**

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

Not in Attendance: Melanie Luark, Julie Herman and Patti Roberts

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

2. Review of RNCFR Ground Rules (GRs): WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute reviewed the integrated GRs with the Board. Discussion.

Motion by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom: I move that we accept the 2018 RNCFR integrated GRs as submitted.

2nd by Futurity Director, Marlene McRae

12 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

3. Review of 2018 FMR (Mexico) Agreement: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute reviewed the key elements.

Motion by Futurity Director, Marlene McRae: I move to accept the 2018 FMR agreement and to authorize D. Wintermute to sign the agreement.

2nd by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom

9 Yes votes/3 No votes

Motion passes.

4. Review Roping Year End Cutoff Date for 2018: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute said that the Roping Director was requesting 9/6/2018 as the cut off for 2018.

Motion by Roping Director, Patti McCutchen: I move that the Board established the 2018 roping year end cutoff date as 9/6/2018.

2nd by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom

12 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

5. Review of the 2018 USEF Agreement: Review by WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute & Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper.

Motion by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom: I move that the Board approved the USEF Agreement as submitted and authorize WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute to sign it.

2nd by WPRA Vice President, Jerri Mann

9 Yes Votes/3 No votes

Motion passes.

6. Review of 2018 Wrangler Tour Concept: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute shared what she learned while talking with PRCA Properties about the new structure for 2018.

Motion by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom: I move that the Board accept the and approve the 2018 Wrangler Tour concept as described, knowing there are follow up details that need to be added to the final document.

2nd by Columbia River Director, Chris Powers

9 Yes votes/3 No votes

Motion passes.

7. Review of EM & PS Results: WPRA Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper shared the report that reflects which rodeos had been tested in 2017

8. Review of 2018 Calgary Discussions: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute updated the Board about her qualifier discussions with Calgary. She discussed with Calgary why the WPRA feels strongly about having a qualifier, possible qualifier locations, the role of the WPRA Tour, and possible changes to the current qualifications. Discussion. Doreen will come back with more information, as discussions continue, and the GRs get worked out.

9. Review of Recent NFRC Meeting: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute shared NFRC comments about the 2017 NFR. Overall, everyone was very pleased with the role of the barrel race, the contestants, ground conditions, etc. A suggested item to consider for 2018 Ground Rules from the Chute Boss: He has a safety concern with contestants not wearing western boots during practice.

10. PRCA Update: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute shared highlights of her meeting with the PRCA's new CEO. Topics covered: a renewed vision for the PRCA and rodeo, need to invest in updating ProCom, Animal Welfare, WPRA EM & PS Policy and its success, the role of ground conditions for barrel racing and the entire rodeo, etc. Both Ms. Wintermute and the Board felt that the discussions were very productive and reflect a good partnership and working relationship between both organizations.

11. Miscellaneous: The California Director, Stacey Freitas, asked the other Directors for their input regarding the Clovis rodeo format. She is in dialog with the Clovis committee regarding the 2018 rodeo and wants to add member and Board feedback.

Meeting adjourned.