

Minutes 3/14/2017- Teleconference

**WPRA Board Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
3/14/2017
4:15 PM MT**

In attendance: Doreen Wintermute, Jerri Mann, Patti McCutchen, Heidi Schmidt, Margo Ransom, Dillon McPherson, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Chris Powers, Cindy Gillespie, Melanie Luark, Marguerite Happy, April Denny, Lois Ferguson, Patti Roberts and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

Not in attendance: Marlene McRae (arrived late)

WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

1. Request for Authorization to Sign the 2017 All American Finals Agreement

The Heart of Texas/All American Finals Committee has provided the 2017 agreement. The terms of the agreement has not changed from prior years.

It is noted that Doreen Wintermute's name needs to be updated on p.8 of the agreement. It is also noted that WPRA President Doreen Wintermute would like to see if a Sponsor could be found for the barrel race.

Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman: I move that the Board authorize WPRA President Doreen Wintermute to sign the 2017 agreement between the Heart of Texas Committee and the WPRA.

2nd by Great Lakes Circuit Director, Margo Ransom

14 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

2. Limited Entry Rodeo Request for Corpus Christi in 2017

Texas Circuit Director, Lois Ferguson shared changes regarding the Corpus Christi Rodeo for 2017. The committee is changing their format, venue (for a progressive run) and requesting a limit on entries due to the progressive venue availability. Ms. Ferguson tried several times to advise them differently about the format change and why a limit would not be needed. They did discuss that the limit would be for 2017 only.

Motion by Texas Circuit Director, Lois Ferguson: I move that the Board approve the ground rules and limit for the 2017 Corpus Christi Rodeo as submitted to the Board.

2nd by Prairie Circuit Director, Cindy Gillespie

14 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

3. Days of 47 Rodeo Update

WPRA President Doreen Wintermute reminded the Board that the Days of 47 new format, guaranteed payout and qualifications represents a huge and good change for the rodeo industry. She also reminded the Board that in their prior meeting, the Board approved the format and qualifications, though there were still a few items to follow up regarding possible Trial event fees and the WPRA qualifier race.

WPRA Chief Operating Officer Janet Cropper recapped the highlights from the previous meeting. The highlights included the agreed upon qualifications, i.e. 10 from 2017 World Standings, 20 from the 2017 Cowboy Games Trial Standings and 10 from a group of other WPRA qualified individuals including 1 from the WPRA Tour and 3 from a special WPRA Qualifier that will take place in Utah before the rodeo begins. Outstanding items involved a possible \$20 fee involving all entered in Cowboy Trial rodeos and where the qualifier would take place, who would run it and fees.

Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman outlined that the qualifier would be produced by a group of individuals in Utah, including the UBRA. They would be putting on a 1 day \$1,000 added jackpot and would include a separate WPRA qualification round. At this time the qualification round would have \$500 added and a \$500 EF. The split would be 60% back to the qualifier pot and 40% to the Cowboy Games.

The Board asked various questions about details for both the Cowboy Games GR and the WPRA qualifier. Ms. Herman said that she would follow up on them.

4. Miscellaneous items

Various topics Directors raised for consideration

1. Payouts- are they consistent with the rule book? Consider reviewing when exceptions are made.
2. Breaking Ties- is there a way to explain how it is done when left to the Judge(s) on location to do it?
3. RNCFR- what are the plans for handling the 13th runner in barrels?

4. Meeting Adjourned.