



## WPRA Board Minutes 3/28/2022

### WPRA Spring Board Meeting Minutes

3/28 to 3/29/2022

Meeting Start: 8:04 AM MT on 3/28/22

Meeting End: 2:11 PM MT on 3/29/22

**In attendance:** Heidi Schmidt, Kaylee Gallino, Lacy Wilson, Rainy Robinson, Dillon McPherson, Katie Pascoe, Bricklee Miller, Kim Thomas, Kathi Myers, Julie Herman, Jolee Lautaret-Jordan, Becky Nix, Carla Beckett, Lois Ferguson, Dana Eismeier, Darla Lindt and Jimmie Munroe.

### DAY 1

#### Jimmie Munroe brings the meeting to order

- 1) Opening introductions
- 2) New Directors appointed by the Board of Directors:

**Motion** is made by Kaylee Gallino to appoint Rainy Robinson to Columbia River Circuit and Kathi Myers to First Frontier.

#### 2nd Motion by Lacy Wilson

All In Favor-Motion passes

- 3) Purpose of the WPRA — Jimmie Munroe
- 4) Orientation of Board of Directors — Dana Eismeier
- 5) Director Handbook Review/Orientation and recommended updates.
  - a. Business Committee will make the recommended updates to the handbook and new handbooks will be distributed to Directors.
  - b. Spokeswomen handbook recommended and Business Committee will begin a draft to bring back to the Board of Directors.
- 6) Draft of Audit review with Auditors
  - a. WPRA has recovered well from Covid year and has seen increases in revenue along with other positive increases such as membership and breakaway events.
  - b. Final audit will be presented mid- April.
  - c. Draft of new budget report format presented by Darla Lindt to provide more detail and transparency in association income/expenses. Final budget for 2022 will be presented mid-April after audit is final.
- 7) Lifetime membership nominations reviewed.

**Motion** is made by Lacy Wilson to approve Dolli Lautaret as a Lifetime Member.

**2nd Motion** is made by Becky Nix

13 Yes Votes/1 Abstain

Motion passes

#### Yes Votes

- Heidi Schmidt
- Kaylee Gallino
- Lacy Wilson - Motion
- Rainy Robinson
- Dillon McPherson
- Katie Pascoe
- Bricklee Miller
- Kim Thomas
- Kathi Myers
- Julie Herman
- Becky Nix — 2nd Motion
- Carla Beckett
- Lois Ferguson



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### Abstain Votes

Jolee Lautaret-Jordan

**Motion** is made by Kathi Myers to approve Connie Combs as a Lifetime Member.

**2nd motion** is made by Rainy Robinson

**14 Yes Votes**

**Motion passes**

### 8) Spokeswomen list of recommendations by each Director

**Motion** is made by Julie Herman to accept all recommended spokeswomen as long as they have paid their membership dues. These will be updated on the website as they pay.

**2nd Motion** is made by Heidi Schmidt.

**14 Yes Votes**

**Motion passes**

### 9) Committee Reports and new assignments

#### a. PESI Committee brings recommendation to contract Kitty Herrin to operate the PESI program.

Open discussion involving Kitty's vision for the program, her background and experience along with her ideas for breakaway. It was suggested to combine the Futurity piece to help feed the PESI success. There were questions and answers around the contract details. It was also recommended that the PESI Committee be dissolved and the contractor and office will oversee the operations of the program.

**Motion** was made by Julie Herman to accept Kitty Herrin's PESI agreement and dissolve the PESI Committee with the added addendum in the contract language to exclude BBI.\*

**2nd Motion** is made by Heidi Schmidt

**11 Yes Votes/2 No Votes/1 Abstain**

**Motion passes**

#### Yes Votes

Heidi Schmidt — 2nd Motion  
Kaylee Gallino  
Lacy Wilson  
Rainy Robinson  
Dillon McPherson  
Katie Pascoe  
Bricklee Miller  
Julie Herman — Motion  
Carla Beckett  
Lois Ferguson  
Kim Thomas

#### No Votes

Becky Nix  
Jolee Lautaret-Jordan

#### Abstain

Kathi Myers

**\*ADDENDUM: 11 Yes Votes/1 No Votes/2 Abstain**

#### \*Yes Votes

Heidi Schmidt — 2nd Motion  
Kaylee Gallino  
Lacy Wilson  
Rainy Robinson  
Dillon McPherson  
Katie Pascoe  
Bricklee Miller  
Julie Herman — Motion  
Carla Beckett  
Lois Ferguson  
Jolee Lautaret-Jordan

#### No Votes

Becky Nix

#### Abstain

Kathi Myers  
Kim Thomas

### b. Divisional Circuit Committee Report by Carla Beckett

Extensive discussion. There was also discussion about adding a DC element to the 2023 World Finals. DC guidelines write up to be posted on the website with payoff instructions and examples.



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**New Committee Assignments:**

Chair — Carla Beckett  
Jolee Lautaret-Jordan  
Katie Pascoe  
Lacy Wilson  
Bricklee Miller

**c. Rules Committee Report by Dillon McPherson**

**New Committee Assignments:**

Chair — Dillon McPherson  
Katie Pascoe  
Jolee Lautaret-Jordan  
Julie Herman  
Heidi Schmidt

**d. Ground Committee Report by Heidi Schmidt**

**New Committee Assignments:**

Chair — Heidi Schmidt  
Katie Pascoe  
Lois Ferguson  
Dillon McPherson  
Kaylee Gallino  
Members: Hailey Kinsel, Lisa Lockhart, Brittany Tonozzi

**Motion** is made by Kathi Myers to approve Oakdale ground rule change

**2nd Motion** is made by Julie Herman

**All In Favor** — Motion passes

**e. Rodeo Competition Committee report by Lois Ferguson**

**New Committee Assignments:**

Chair — Lois Ferguson  
Dillon McPherson  
Carla Beckett  
Lacy Wilson  
Rainy Robinson  
Open discussion on voting when the new condensed drag is requested within the 14 day window. The competition committee will vote on that instead of whole board.

**f. World Finals Committee report by Jolee Lautaret-Jordan**

Jolee reviewed the 2021 WFs numbers, concerns and possible tweaks for 2022. She also reviewed an opportunity for 2023 that the WF committee can begin working on now for a stellar 2023 event highlighting our 75th Anniversary.

**New Committee Assignments:**

Chair — Jolee Lautaret-Jordan  
Becky Nix  
Kim Thomas  
Julie Herman  
Lois Ferguson  
Kathi Myers

**g. Protest Committee report by Lois Ferguson**

New Committee Assignments  
Chair — Lois Ferguson  
Carla Beckett  
Dillon McPherson  
Heidi Schmidt  
Circuit Director of Member who is protesting



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### h. **Media/Marketing Committee report by Lacy Wilson**

#### **New Committee Assignments**

Chair — Lacy Wilson  
Heidi Schmidt  
Carla Beckett  
Bricklee Miller  
Kathi Myers

### i. **Judges Liaisons: Heidi Schmidt, Jolee Lautaret-Jordan and KC Cox**

**Open discussion included inviting Spokeswomen to the Judges Seminars.**

### j. **Business Committee report by Jimmie Munroe**

Extensive discussion about items the BC approves vs reviews and the length of term a Director is on the BC. Discussion as to what makes sense now to streamline the process.

#### **Office metrics and statistics review**

Open discussion

#### **10) New website preview with Chad Reidhead**

Questions and answers with examples of how the new website functions. Timeline to launch new website is mid-April.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Jimmie Munroe calls for Executive Session for last topic of the day.

#### **11) Resistol Rookie Roundup event**

Extensive discussion

**Motion** is made to approve Resistol Rookie Roundup with additional instructions for Jimmie from the Board.

END DAY 1 @ 5:11 PM MT

## DAY 2

### **Jimmie Munroe brings the meeting to order**

#### **12) Staffing discussion for office needs**

Open discussion

**Motion** is made by Katie Pascoe to approve the Business Committee recommendation concerning 2 staff members' promotions and titles.

**2nd Motion** is made by Rainy Robinson

**14 Yes Votes**

#### **13) Ann Bleiker presents concept ideas for 75th Anniversary planning**

**Motion** is made by Kathi Myers to move forward with 75th Anniversary planning concept and present proposals to the Business Committee.

**2nd Motion** is made by Jolee Lautaret-Jordan

**All In Favor — Motion passes**

#### **14) Hannah Miller shares 2022 goals and opportunities to collaborate with Sponsors for 75th Anniversary.**

#### **15) Restructure Proposal from Jolee Lautaret-Jordan for more breakaway representation on the Board of Directors.**

There was extensive discussion around options for more Board representation to support the breakaway growth. There were many concerns and questions shared on how to approach the concepts discussed. There was also discussion on getting member input and to provide transparency in the process to better structure the Board of Directors to meet the growth needs of the breakaway event. Other Directors will assist in helping Jolee with Circuit Finals awards, World Finals awards and budgeting for this until a permanent solution to the breakaway workload is found.



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**A RESTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED** to take steps to start this process:

1 – RC will discuss and decide on multiple recommendations to bring back to the whole Board to review.

**RESTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:**

- Bricklee Miller
- Rainy Robinson
- Dillon McPherson
- Lacy Wilson
- Heidi Schmidt
- Jolee Jordan

**16) Rules Committee Recommendations:**

The rules committee made several recommendations on rules proposed for 2023. Extensive discussion. Specific wording discussed on two proposed rules.

**Motion** was made by Julie Herman to approve the rules committee's recommendations for the batch of rule proposals.

**2nd Motion** was made by Lacy Wilson

**11 Yes Votes/1 No Vote/2 Absent**

**Yes Votes**

- Heidi Schmidt
- Katie Pascoe
- Dillon McPherson
- Carla Beckett
- Bricklee Miller
- Lois Ferguson
- Lacy Wilson — 2nd Motion
- Rainy Robinson
- Kathi Myers
- Julie Herman — Motion
- Jolee Lautaret-Jordan

**No Votes**

- Kaylee Gallino

**Absent**

- Becky Nix
- Kim Thomas

**17) Jolee presented a former proposal for walk up replacements**

Extensive discussion on pros and cons, the name of it, what PRCA method is and the overall need for something but the various challenges with all options. It was decided that the Competition Committee would review more in depth and bring options back to the whole Board.

**18) Limited Entry Rodeo guidelines**

A proposal from a former Director was reviewed and discussed extensively.

**Motion** is made by Jolee Lautaret-Jordan to approve recommendations for the LER language change in the policy to committees effective October 1, 2022, for existing limited entry rodeos.

**2nd Motion** is made by Julie Herman

**12 Yes Votes/2 Absent**

**Yes Votes**

- Heidi Schmidt
- Kaylee Gallino
- Katie Pascoe



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Dillon McPherson  
Carla Beckett  
Bricklee Miller  
Lois Ferguson  
Lacy Wilson  
Rainy Robinson — 2nd Motion  
Kathi Myers  
Julie Herman  
Jolee Lautaret-Jordan — Motion

### **Absent**

Becky Nix  
Kim Thomas

### **19) Qualifier guidelines for Limited Entry Rodeos**

Open discussion

**Motion** is made by Jolee Lautaret-Jordan to adopt guidelines with edits on the permit eligibility.

**2nd Motion** is made by Rainy Robinson

**12 Yes Votes/2 Absent**

#### **Yes Votes**

Heidi Schmidt  
Kaylee Gallino  
Katie Pascoe  
Dillon McPherson  
Carla Beckett  
Bricklee Miller  
Lois Ferguson  
Lacy Wilson  
Rainy Robinson  
Kathi Myers  
Julie Herman  
Jolee Lautaret-Jordan

### **Absent**

Becky Nix  
Kim Thomas

### **20) WPRA Tour will be discussed on next meeting after Directors look at all suggestions.**

#### **21) Payoff Scale and Entry Fees:**

Open discussion – the Competition Committee will review more in depth and bring back numbers to the whole Board.

#### **22) 2022 Cinch Playoff was discussed:**

Jimmie follow up with PRCA on payout.

There was informal discussion on email voting and publishing those votes. Dana will look into the statutes on email voting and report back to the Board.

Last was short discussion on a letter drafted by Dana that would go out to rodeos with unsafe ground giving notice that their rodeo may not be approved next year for unsafe ground. This will be revisited.

**Meeting adjourned by Jimmie Munroe 2:11 PM MT**