



## WPRA Board Minutes July 6, 2023

### Board Meeting Minutes 7/6/23

**Mtg Start:** 4:00 PM MT

**Mtg End:** 8:17 PM MT

**Directors In Attendance:** J. Munroe, H. Schmidt, C. Gillespie, L. Ferguson, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, M. Potter, S. Robbins, D. McPherson, N. Bice, L. Smith, R. Robinson, C. Braudrick, J. Herman

**Directors Not In Attendance:** B. Miller

**Others:** D. Eismeier, KC Cox, H. Miller, J. Cropper

**Topic #1: Member Major Rule Violation Hearing:** Member is alleged to have violated rule 9.3.13- abuse of horse on rodeo grounds.

- Hearing with member.
- Deliberation.

**Motion by:** I move that the Board finds the member in violation of rule 9.3.13 and be fined \$500.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**6 Yes** votes and **7 No** votes.

**Motion fails.**

More discussion.

**Motion by:** I move that the Board reduce this alleged major rule violation to a minor rule violation with a \$250 fine. Letter to member should also note she needs to be more mindful of her actions and the same rules apply regardless of event.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:**

**9 Yes** votes and **4 No** votes.

**Motion passes.**

**Topic #2: Member Major Rule Violation Hearing:** Member is alleged to have violated rule 9.3.21.-Walk-up replacement eligibility violation

- Hearing with member.
- Review and discussion regarding this rule and the definition of being ineligible as defined elsewhere in the rule book.

**Motion by:** I move that the Board dismiss this alleged violation of rule 9.3.21.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:**

**3 Yes** votes and **10 No** votes.

**Motion fails.**

More discussion.



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**Motion by:** I move that the Board reduce this alleged major rule violation to a minor rule violation with a \$250 fine. Letter to member should also note she needs to read her rule book and understand rules, as ignorance of rules is no excuse.

2<sup>nd</sup> by:

**7 Yes votes and 6 No votes.**

**Motion passes.**

**Note:** Board had a discussion regarding reminding members about reading the Walk-Up Replacement Policy.

**Topic #3: Member Major Rule Violation Hearing:** Member is alleged to have violated rules 9.3.4- placing self or others in a favored position, 9.3.14- any act not in the best interest of the WPRA and 10.6.1.6- a contestant cannot enter another contestant for the sole purpose of obtaining a position to be used later as a 1<sup>st</sup> go round trade etc. i.e. ghost cards.

- Hearing with member.
- Review and discussion regarding this rule.

**Motion by:** I move that the Board send this member a letter that her actions look badly and in the future could be considered a violation. The Board will be watching her entries.

2<sup>nd</sup> by:

**10 Yes votes and 2 No votes.**

**Motion passes.**

**Topic #4: PRCA Status Update:** The WPRA office/KC Cox shared the most recent information regarding their system wide outages and impact on WPRA members trying to enter rodeos and paying out weekend rodeos.

**Topic # 5: Summary of Recent 2023 General Membership meetings:** WPRA President J. Munroe and Circuit/Roping Directors shared their observations.

- Meeting in Cheyenne
- Meeting in Salinas

**Topic #6: Discussion Regarding the Lakeview Rodeo Application:** Columbia River Circuit Director R. Robinson shared the situation, whereby the committee would like to have breakaway approved for 2023 and no barrel race this year. They will apply next year after more investments in the arena.

After a discussion, the Board requested that this topic be tabled for now.

**Topic #7: Request to Review the 2023 Montana and Mountain States Circuit Rodeo Counts:** The Montana and Mountain States Circuit Directors along with the WPRA office/KC Cox reviewed each circuit's situation.

- The Montana Circuit Director requested an adjustment based on the loss of the Big Timber series and loss of Plentywood.

**Motion by WPRA Vice President H. Schmidt:** I move that the Board adjust the Montana Circuit rodeo count to 13 resident and 18 non-resident for barrel racing.



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**2<sup>nd</sup> by Prairie Circuit Director C. Gillespie**

**10 Yes votes:** L. Ferguson, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, M. Potter, S. Robbins, N. Bice, J. Herman, C. Braudrick (Motion – H. Schmidt & 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Gillespie)

**0 No votes**

**1 Abstaining:** D. McPherson

- The Board also discussed adjusting the Montana Circuit Rodeo count for Breakaway.

**Motion by WPRA Vice President H. Schmidt:** I move that the Board adjust the Montana Circuit rodeo count to 8 resident and 15 non-resident for breakaway.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Roping Director C. Braudrick**

**11 Yes votes:** C. Gillespie, L. Ferguson, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, M. Potter, S. Robbins, D. McPherson, N. Bice, J. Herman (Motion- H. Schmidt & 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Braudrick)

**0 No votes**

**Motion passes.**

- The Board also took a look at the Mountain States Circuit rodeo count based on the cancellation of the Elizabeth barrel race and in the Montana Circuit based on the Hardin cancellation.

**Motion by Great Lakes Circuit Director Melora Potter:** I move that the Board not adjust the rodeo count to reflect these 2 cancellations.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by WPRA Vice President H. Schmidt**

**11 Yes votes:** C. Gillespie, L. Ferguson, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, S. Robbins, D. McPherson, N. Bice, J. Herman, C. Braudrick (Motion – M. Potter & 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Schmidt)

**0 No votes.**

**Motion passes.**

**Topic #8: Request to Review & Approve the Western Regional Event (WRE):** Wilderness Circuit Director/Pilot Lead- J. Herman. Ms. Herman reviewed the format, the recommended added \$ and key elements of the ground rules, which would mirror the WPRA World Finals.

- Discussion as to whether the earnings in card events (at this pilot) should count toward 2024 World Standings

**Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director J. Herman:** I move that the Board accept the WRE ground rules, format, added \$, entry fees, as submitted.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Roping Director C. Braudrick**

**3 Yes votes:** L. Ferguson (Motion- J. Herman & 2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Braudrick)

**7 No votes:** H. Schmidt, C. Gillespie, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, M. Potter, D. McPherson, N. Bice

**1 Abstaining:** S. Robbins

**Motion fails.**

**Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director J. Herman:** I move that the Board approve the WRE ground rules as submitted minus the part where it counts toward the 2024 World Standings.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by WPRA Vice President H. Schmidt**

**11 Yes votes:** C. Gillespie, L. Ferguson, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, M. Potter, S. Robbins, D. McPherson, N. Bice, C. Braudrick (Motion – J. Herman & 2<sup>nd</sup> – H. Schmidt)

**0 No votes**



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**Motion passes.**

**Topic #9: Preliminary Entry Fee & Appearance Discussion Regarding 2023 Puyallup and Sioux Falls:**

WPRA President J. Munroe reviewed what the PRCA would be covering for the PRCA members competing at these rodeos, as well as PRCA contributions (based on their sponsors) toward added \$ including the barrel race and breakaway roping.

Lengthy discussion.

**Motion by Roping Director C. Braudrick:** I move that the Board pay \$500 toward barrel racer entry fees and \$250 (remaining \$250 from the PRCA) toward breakaway entry fees at Puyallup and \$1,000 toward barrel racer appearance fees and \$500 (remaining \$500 from the PRCA) toward breakaway appearance fees at Sioux Falls. The WPRA total commitment is \$36,000 toward these 2 events.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by California Circuit Director S. Robbins.**

**4 Yes votes:** J. Duhon, M. Potter (Motion- C. Braudrick 2<sup>nd</sup> – S. Robbins)

**6 No votes:** H. Schmidt, C. Gillespie, L. Ferguson, C. Johnson, D. McPherson, N. Bice

**Motion fails.**

- The Board discussed other variations of the above motion.
- No subsequent motion, will follow up at future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM MT.