



WPRA Board Meeting Agenda August 23, 2023

Board Meeting Minutes 8/23/23

Directors In Attendance: J. Munroe, H. Schmidt, C. Gillespie, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, M. Potter, S. Robbins, D. McPherson, N. Bice, L. Smith, B. Miller (on partially), C. Braudrick, J. Herman

Directors Not In Attendance: L. Ferguson, R. Robinson

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

WPRA President J. Munroe calls the meeting to order.

Topic #1: Member Major Rule Violation Hearing: Continuation of a member hearing started on 8/16/23. This portion of the hearing has additional evidence from the party submitting the violation. Alleged violation rules are : 9.3.3, 9.3.6, 9.3.7, and 9.3.14. Relates to member or member's family who, recklessly, knowingly or willfully causes trouble.....excessive complaining, causing disturbances....., attempting to.....harass judge or other officials, ...making detrimental statements.....involved in an act.....inconsistent with the best interests of the WPRA...

Hearing and deliberation.

Motion by: I move that the Board find the member in violation of major rules 9.3.3 and 9.3.14 with a fine of \$1500. The member is not in violation of rules 9.3.6 and 9.3.7.

2nd by

12 Yes votes

0 No votes

Motion passes.

Topic #2: Request to Accept the 2023 Puyallup Ground Rules: the WPRA office/KC Cox walked the Board through the changes from prior year's ground rules (when Puyallup was the Playoff Series Finale) and new items (this year as it is not the Playoff Series Finale). Discussion items:

- There is a question if the WPRA will pay entry fees as the PRCA is for their contestants.
- There is a question if the WPRA will be supplying WPRA patches and if yes will fines for non-compliance be the same as the PRCA. P.2 in ground rules.
- There is a procedural question about ties. P. 1 in ground rules.

Lengthy discussion.

Motion By Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman: I move that the Board accept the 2023 Puyallup Ground Rules (for both barrels and breakaway) adding language about the inclusion of a WPRA patch and a fine of \$100 for not wearing it and doubling the with each occurrence of non-compliance.

2nd by Roping Director L. Smith.

10 Yes votes: H. Schmidt, C. Gillespie, J. Duhon, M. Potter, D. McPherson, N. Bice, B. Miller, C. Braudrick (Motion – J. Herman 2nd – L. Smith)

0 No votes



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Motion passes.

Motion by California Circuit Director Sheena Robbins: I move that the Board pay the entry fees for the 2023 Puyallup contestants; \$500 for barrel entry fees and \$250 toward breakaway entry fees (with the PRCA paying the remaining \$250 for each breakaway member).

2nd by Roping Director C. Braudrick

8 Yes votes: H. Schmidt, J. Duhon, M. Potter, N. Bice, L. Smith, J. Herman (Motion- S. Robbins & 2nd C. Braudrick)

4 No votes: C. Gillespie, C. Johnson, D. McPherson, B. Miller

Motion passes.

Topic #3: Request to Accept the 2023 Circuit Finals Ground Rules: the WPR office/KC Cox walked the Board through the changes from prior year's ground rules.

- Minor date and correction edits to be applied.
- Discussion about including the same language regarding a WPR patch as in the 2023 Puyallup Ground Rules.

Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman: I move that the Board accept the 2023 Circuit Finals Ground Rules applying edits for matching the patch language just approved in 2023 Puyallup Ground Rules and Circuit Finals winnings will be applied to the 2024 World Standings after the last Circuit Finals is completed in January 2024

2nd by WPR Vice President H. Schmidt.

11 Yes votes: C. Gillespie, J. Duhon, M. Potter, S. Robbins, D. McPherson, N. Bice, L. Smith, B. Miller, C. Braudrick (Motion – J. Herman & 2nd – H. Schmidt)

0 No votes.

Motion passes.

Topic #4: Review of WPR Patch to be Used for Remainder of Year: The WPR office/H. Miller reviewed the options for the remainder of the year to support the ground rule changes for Puyallup, Circuit Finals and NFR.

Topic #5: Request to Extend Independent Contractor Contract for Marketing: WPR President J. Munroe explained that more time is needed for her to complete the Marketing Strategy portion of the contract. In part, the Marketing Strategy deliverable is dependent on the outcome of talks with the PRCA about the WPR's overall contract with them. The request is to extend this contract until 12/31/2023 with the completion of the Marketing Strategy to be shared at the NFR Board Meeting.

Motion by WPR Vice President Heidi Schmidt: I move that the contract for the Marketing consultant be extended to 12/31/2023.

2nd by Southeastern Circuit Director Bricklee Miller.

13 Yes votes: C. Gillespie, L. Ferguson, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, M. Potter, S. Robbins, D. McPherson, N. Bice, L. Smith, J. Herman, C. Braudrick (Motion by H. Schmidt, B. Miller)

0 No votes.

Motion passes.