



WPRA Board Meeting Agenda September 6, 2023

Board Meeting Minutes 9/6/23

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, C. Braudrick, J. Herman

Directors Not In Attendance: R. Robinson, B. Miller

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

WPRA President J. Munroe calls the meeting to order.

Topic #1: Request to approve the 2023 Sioux Falls Governor's Cup Finale Ground Rules: request to approve the ground rules with edits for the 12 entries and the inclusion of the WPRA patch requirement.

- The Board also discussed going back to the producer and requesting a drag in the middle.
- The Board also shared their views about paying appearance fees at these types of rodeos/finales. The requested appearance fees are \$1,000 for each barrel racer and \$500 from the WPRA and \$500 from the PRCA for each breakaway roper. There are 12 contestants in each event.

Motion by California Circuit Director Sheena Robbins: I move that the Board agree to pay \$1,000 for each barrel racer and \$500 (with the PRCA putting up \$500 as well) for each breakaway roper at the 2023 Sioux Falls Governor's Cup Finale.

2nd by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman.

6 Yes votes: J. Duhon, N. Bice, L. Smith, C. Braudrick, (Motion-S. Robbins & 2nd-J. Herman)

5 No votes: H. Schmidt, C. Gillespie, L. Ferguson, C. Johnson, D. McPherson

Motion passes.

Motion by Turquoise Circuit Director Jenna Duhon: I move that the Board approve the 2023 Sioux Falls Governor's Cup Finale ground rules for both barrel racing and breakaway roping.

2nd by California Circuit Director Sheena Robbins.

10 Yes votes: H. Schmidt, C. Gillespie, C. Johnson, D. McPherson, N. Bice, L. Smith, C. Braudrick, J. Herman (Motion- J. Duhon & 2nd S. Robbins)

0 No votes.

Motion passes.

Note: It was asked that either J. Munroe or H. Schmidt go back and ask for a drag in the middle and how to handle between the semi finals and finals.

Topic # 2: Pilot Western Regional Event (WRE) Update: Wilderness Circuit Director/Pilot Project lead Julie Herman reviewed the potential impact of a recently announced large jackpot which is scheduled for the same time as the WRE.

- She recommended eliminating the Futurity/Derby events from the WRE.
- She recommended redistributing the added \$ from the Futurity/Derby to the remaining WPRA events as follows: WPRA Card – barrels- increase the add \$ from \$5000 to \$8000, WPRA Permit-



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barrels- increase the added \$ from \$1000 to \$2000 and the WPRA Card- breakaway- increase the added \$ from \$5000 to \$6000.

Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman: I move that the Board agree to eliminate the Futurity/Derby events at the WRE and redistribute the ground ruled added \$ as follows: WPRA Card – barrels- increase the add \$ from \$5000 to \$8000, WPRA Permit- barrels- increase the added \$ from \$1000 to \$2000 and the WPRA Card- breakaway- increase the added \$ from \$5000 to \$6000.

2nd California Circuit Director Sheena Robbins.

11 Yes votes: H. Schmidt, C. Gillespie, L. Ferguson, J. Duhon, C. Johnson, D. McPherson, N. Bice, L. Smith, C. Braudrick, (Motion- J. Herman & 2nd S. Robbins)

0 No votes

Motion passes.

Topic #3: Discussion regarding the Interior, SD Rodeo Payout: There is a question as to whether the Interior, SD rodeo should be paid as a Day \$ payout. The WPRA office is recommending that it does falls under the Day \$ rule.

- The Board had a discussion, they reviewed the Day \$ rule, they reviewed the situation that occurred at Interior, SD and concluded that it did meet the Day \$ criteria.

Motion by WPRA Vice President Heidi Schmidt: I move that the Board accept the WPRA office recommendation concluding this is a Day \$ situation. The Day \$ should be based on 18 contestants that completed their 1st run, leave notified turnouts within that section in the payout. All other notified turnouts to be refunded.

2nd by Prairie Circuit Director Cindy Gillespie.

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

0 No votes.

Motion passes.

Topic #4: Request to approve the 2023 Waco Permit Qualifier Ground Rules: WPRA President J. Munroe provided background on why Waco and the PRCA have a Permit Finals event, how the WPRA does not have a similar approach to handling permits as the PRCA and why the WPRA needs to approve the submitted Qualifier ground rules.

- KC Cox from the WPRA office shared that the ground rules are fundamentally the same as last year but include a way to handle a tie based on experience.
- J. Munroe explained that the WPRA pays the 1 day judges' fees and Waco provides the secretary, etc.

Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman: I move that the Board approve the 2023 Waco Permit Qualifier Ground Rules, as provided and that the WPRA will pay the judges' fees for the 1 day.

2nd by Texas Circuit Director Lois Ferguson.

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

0 No votes.

Motion passes.



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Topic #5: Request to Pay for 2023 NFR/NFBR Contestant Rings: Given changes in sponsorship at the PRCA, the WPRA has been asked to pay for the 2023 NFR Barrel Racer Contestant Rings and ½ of the cost for the 2023 NFBR Contestant Rings.

- The Board asked if a sponsor could be found to handle this expense. Badlands Circuit Director Nicole Bice offered that she had someone to approach regarding a sponsorship.
- She would report back to the Board.
- The topic is tabled for now.

Meeting adjourned at 5: 17 PM MT.