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Women's Professional Rodeo Association
World Championship Barrel Racing®

WPRA Board Minutes 9/8/2020

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Meeting Start: 4:15 PM MT
Meeting End: 8:00 PM MT

In attendance: Doreen Wintermute, Heidi Schmidt, Jolee Jordan, Kaylee Gallino, Becky Nix, Dillon McPherson, Carla Beckett, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Patti Roberts, Kim Thomas, Katie Pascoe, Allie Jordan, Lois Ferguson and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

Not in Attendance: Megan McLeod Sprague

WPRA President Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

1. Business Committee Update regarding a Member Survey: WPRA President Doreen Wintermute updated the Board regarding member input for eligibility for the elected Presidency position. They will put a survey together and share with the Board for input.

Discussion.

Motion by Southeastern Circuit Director Patti Roberts: I move to approve a survey to go out to the membership and seek their input about the elected Presidency position.

2nd by Turquoise Circuit Director Allie Jordan
12 Yes votes/0 No votes/1 Abstaining
Motion passes.

2. Business Committee Update regarding 2021 Membership Dues & Fees: Ms. Wintermute highlighted the many challenges of 2020, including budget reductions due to COVID-19, rodeo cancellations/postponement impact on revenue streams, introduction of Breakaway to professional rodeo and increased expenses, etc. In response the Business Committee has managed budget reductions and reallocations while exploring several membership dues and fee options.

The Business Committee discuss possible member dues increases and fee increases (Notified Turn Out and Non-Notified Turn Out), the projected impact and whether they thought it was prudent to change at this time or in 2021.

Lengthy discussion.

Motion by Turquoise Circuit Director Allie Jordan: I move that the Board approve the Notified and Non-Notified fines recommendations from the Business Committee, leave the member dues the same for 2021 and re-address member dues well in advance for 2022 consideration.

2nd by California Circuit Director Katie Pascoe
7 Yes votes/6 No votes
Motion passes.

3. Member Protest of the 2020 Baker Rodeo: The Board reviewed the protest materials and discussed the situation at Baker from the judges' and contestants' perspectives.

Lengthy discussion.

Motion by Mountain States Circuit Director Carla Beckett: I move that the Board deny the Baker protest.

2nd by Roping Director Jolee Jordan
13 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

4. Approval of 2020 PRCA ProRodeo Tour Ground Rules (GRs): Ms. Wintermute highlighted that the GRs are the PRCA's GRs, that it is a PRCA's program where our members participate. She noted that she would like to see if the PRCA would agree to a tractor drag or raking at the half way point given the ground can change quite a bit in that facility and given the other outside events that will also be sharing the facility.

Discussion.

Motion by WPRA Vice President Heidi Schmidt: I move that the Board approve the PRCA ProRodeo Tour ground rules with a requested edit to tractor drag at the half way point or hand rake after 3.

2nd by Great Lakes Circuit Director Becky Nix
13 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

5. PESI Follow Up Discussion: PESI Manager Amanda Richardson Wells recapped again that the feedback she has received from stallion owners and breeders about the limits to PESI program growth because we limited payouts to only PESI horses ridden by WPRA members only.

Lengthy discussion about the purpose of the program, the increase in new stallion programs available to stallion owners and breeders and if expanding to non-members would really increase the WPRA program's growth.

The Board did not come to a conclusion about expanding to non-members. Instead they asked for a good financial projection on what impact expanding to non-members may have on the program and its growth potential.

6. World Finals Update: World Finals Committee Chair Jolee Lautaret Jordan reviewed the committee's recommendation to handle the World Finals differently this year and leverage our WPRA events along with the Elite Barrel race. We are looking to realize a reduction in expenses with the barrel race financials by not putting on the open jackpot portion of the World Finals and leveraging the facilities and staff in a way that is beneficial to the WPRA.

Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman: I move that the Board continue to move forward and make changes as recommended for the 2020 World Finals in Waco, TX.
2nd by Turquoise Circuit Director Allie Jordan
11 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

7. PRCA and NFR Update: Ms. Doreen Wintermute covered the following topics.

- This week there will be a PRCA press conference in Fort Worth about the 2020 NFR. It will cover: dates-12/3-15/2020, rounds-10, added money of $6 million (minimum), payouts per round, etc.
- Regarding an NFR for Breakaway, they would like it to be in Fort Worth during the same time period, they are working with the WPRA on the format and added money/production expenses.
- Roping Director Jolee Lautaret Jordan shared the feedback she has gotten from conference calls with some Breakaway members primarily regarding the proposed format and the allocation of added money.

Lengthy discussion.

Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman: I move that the Board move forward with the format for the NFBR and consider including only 25% of the semi and finals toward World Standings.

2nd by Vice President Heidi Schmidt
12 Yes votes/0 No votes
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned.