

**Minutes 9/13/2017- Teleconference**

**WPRA Board Meeting Minutes  
Teleconference  
9/13/2017  
4:15 PM MT**

**In attendance:** Doreen Wintermute, Jerri Mann, Patti McCutchen, Heidi Schmidt, Margo Ransom, Dillon McPherson, Melanie Luark, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Patti Roberts, Marlene McRae, Cindy Gillespie, Stacey Freitas, Toni Karr, Lois Ferguson and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

**Not in attendance:** Chris Powers

**WPRA President Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.**

**1. Major Rule Violation Hearing**

**Hearing:** Alleged violation of rules 9.3.4, 9.3.6, 9.3.11, 9.3.14 and 9.3.17. Allegations relate to acts putting one in a favored position, influencing a judge or official, talking to a flag judge or timers while event is in progress, acts inconsistent with the WPRA and actions detrimental to the WPRA.

Hearing and deliberation.

**Motion by:** I move that the Board not find the member guilty of major rule violations for rules 9.3.4, 9.3.6, 9.3.14 and 9.3.17; regarding the allegation for rule 9.3.11, it should be dropped to a minor violation with a \$250 fine.

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

4 Yes votes/9 No votes/1 Abstaining

**Motion fails.**

More discussion

**Motion by:** I move that the Board not find the member guilty of major rule violations for rules 9.3.4, 9.3.6, 9.3.14 and 9.3.17; regarding the allegation for rule 9.3.11, it holds as a major violation with a \$500 fine.

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

9 Yes votes/4 No votes/1 Abstaining

**Motion passes.**

**2. Major Rule Violation Procedural Question**

Discussion regarding how the Board would like to handle processing 7 alleged violations regarding negative social media posts.

After a discussion, the Board concluded that if the party alleging the violation wishes to proceed, the Board will schedule a special meeting for the hearing.

**3. Patch Program Update**

WPRA President Doreen Wintermute updated the Board regarding the ground rule requiring contestants to wear their WPRA patch while competing at the Days of 47 rodeo. She shared that the feedback was very positive. Ms. Wintermute also explained how patches would be distributed

for all Circuit Finals and the WNFR and how Circuit Directors will need to help monitor compliance with the ground rules.

**5. 2017 Contract Personnel & Special Awards**

The Board reviewed submitted recommendations and added some through the process.  
The Board voted in each category.  
See attached list.

**4. Meeting Adjourned.**