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WPRA Board Minutes 8/2/2022

WPRA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Start: 4:00 PM MT Meeting End: 6:47 PM MT

In attendance: Jimmie Munroe, Heidi Schmidt, Kaylee Gallino, Lacy Wilson, Rainy Robinson, Dillon McPherson, Katie Pascoe, Bricklee Miller, Cindy Gillespie, Julie Herman, Lynn Smith, Melora Potter, Carla Beckett, Lois Ferguson and Dana Eismeier.

Jimmie Munroe call the meeting to order

1). Member Request for Rodeo Competitor Exemption

Board reviewed the rodeo history and the member's request.

Motion made by Turquoise Circuit Director Lacy Wilson: I move that the Board deny the member's rodeo exemption request.

2nd by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman

Yes votes: H. Schmidt, R. Robinson, D. McPherson, C. Becket, L. Ferguson, C. Gillespie, M. Potter, B. Miller, L. Smith

No votes: 0

Abstaining: K. Pascoe, K. Gallino

11 Yes votes/0 No votes/2 Abstaining- Motion passes

2). QTR. II Financial Report

Documents reflecting January-June 2022 Profit & Loss, as well as Balance Sheet were provided to the Board. These numbers were the basis of the final 2022 Operating Budget which was reviewed and approved during the July Board meeting.

3). Review of a Possible 2022 Rodeo Replacement Policy

Board reviewed the 1st draft of a possible policy. They had a lengthy discussion about implementation impacts on rodeo secretaries, the WPRA office, competitor fairness, etc.

Follow ups for the next Board meeting:

- 1. An internal team representing the Board and the WPRA office will follow up with the PRCA regarding their ability to support WPRA needs
- 2. Another team would be formed that includes representation from the Board, active barrel racers sand breakaway ropers, to formulate an implementable policy.

The goal is to come up with a policy that can be tested on a trial basis for the 2023 rodeo year.

4). Review of Rule Proposals Presented by Rule Proposal Committee

Board was asked if they reviewed the proposals, the recommendations and if they would approve them as presented. **Motion by Southeaster Director Bricklee Miller:** I move that the Board accept the proposals with recommendations as presented to the Board.

2nd Vice President Heidi Schmidt

Yes votes. K. Pascoe, D. McPherson, C. Becket, L. Ferguson, C. Gillespie, K. Gallino, M. Potter, L. Smith L. Wilson, J. Herman

No votes: 0

12 Yes votes/0 No votes- Motion passes.

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Note: Board would like the topic of ghost cards to be revisited by the committee and the Board.

5). Board Discussion Items

Discussion Item #1: Input was sought on current rule book language regarding condensed drags and the current method for requesting rodeo committees to utilize condensed drags.

Director opinions were sought.

Motion by Wilderness Director Julie Herman: I move that the Board adjust the language in the rule book and on rodeo approval application forms to reflect that a condensed drag after 5/6 is mandatory for rodeos unless it is specifically requested by the rodeo committee to not have one. This is to effective with the 2023 rodeo year.

2nd by California Circuit Director Katie Pascoe

Yes votes. H. Schmidt, B. Miller, D. McPherson, C. Becket, L. Ferguson, C. Gillespie, K. Gallino, M. Potter, I. Smith, L. Wilson No votes: 0

12 Yes votes/0 No votes - Motion passes.

Note: Further discussion about adding "competitive run" language to the rule to make it clearer for judges. This would change the rule so that NNTO would also be taken out of the draw. The Board thought this would be too confusing and chaotic for the contestants.

Discussion Item #2: Input sought on the current rule book language covering reruns.

Director opinions were sought with discussion about how far to go back to go when allowing a rerun and how to handle NNTO situations.

Motion by California Circuit Director Katie Pascoe: I move that the Board adjust the rule book language to go back to the beginning (determined by judge) for reruns and provide all with an option to run or keep their time.

2nd by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman

Yes votes: B. Miller, H. Schmidt, D. McPherson, C. Becket, L Ferguson, C. Gillespie, K. Gallino, M. Potter, L. Smith, L. Wilson. No votes: 0

12 Yes votes/) No votes - Motion passes.

Discussion Item # 3: Input sought on why there appears to be an increase in late rodeo approval applications and subsequently late final approvals.

Director opinions sought with discussion centered around adjusting the current approval fee schedule to motivate early submissions.

Motion by Vice President Heidi Schmidt: I move that the rodeo approval fee schedule be adjusted as follows: \$150 if application is received 45 days or greater before rodeo start date. Add \$50 for a breakaway request. \$300 if application is received between 21-44 days before the rodeo start date. Add \$100 for a breakaway request. \$500 if application is received less than 21 days before the rodeo start date. No breakaway is allowed.

2nd by Bricklee Miller

Yes votes: K. Pascoe, L. Ferguson, K. Gallino, M. Potter, L. Smith, No votes: D. McPherson, C. Beckett, C. Gillespie, L. Wilson 7 Yes votes/4 No votes – Motion passes.

Note: No breakaway in less than 21 days follows PRCA standard.



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Discussion Item #4: PRCA Updates by President Jimmie Munroe

A. No Priority Preference Request: PRCA has agreed to allow WPRA members to have a no priority preference request. Members must call into Procom before the expiration of the rodeo grace period to provide their no preference request. A follow up member communication from the WPRA office will be scheduled.

B. Status of Puyallup Tour Finale Appearance & Entry Fees Discussion: The PRCA will be providing a \$1500 appearance fee and pay all entry fees for their members. They suggest the WPRA follow and they will split the appearance fee with the WPRA for breakaway roping.

Board discussion.

Motion by Vice President Heidi Schmidt: I move that Board approve a \$500 appearance fee and pay entry fees for barrel racers and breakaway ropers. Half of the breakaway fees will be paid by the PRCA.

2nd by Turquoise Circuit Director Lacy Wilson

Yes votes: B. Miller, D. McPherson, L. Ferguson, C. Gillespie, K. Gallino, M. Potter, L. Smith

No votes: C. Becket **Abstaining**: K. Pascoe

9 Yes votes/1 No vote/1 Abstaining – Motion passes.

Discussion Item #5: Scheduled General Membership Meetings

Ms. Munroe reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled in September at Pendleton.

Before adjourning the meeting. Ms. Munroe requested that the next Board meeting be held on Tuesday 8/23. Those on the call agreed.