



WPR Board Minutes 2/2/2021

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Meeting Start: 4:15 PM MT
Meeting End: 5:56 PM MT

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

Not in attendance: Allie Jordan, Kim Thomas

WPR President Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

1. Request to Establish 2021 National Rodeo Count: WPR President Doreen Wintermute reviewed the 2020 requirement. It was a minimum count of 10 established due to the uncertainty of COVID and its impact on the rodeo year. The same may be true for 2021. Therefore, the Board discussed whether to continue with the same 10 minimum requirement for 2021.

Discussion.

Motion by WPR Vice President Heidi Schmidt: I move that the Board approve a 2021 national minimum rodeo count of 10.

2nd by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman

12 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

2. Review of Member Protest/Grievance Letter: The Board was provided the protesting member's letter and a summary of the letter. Roping Director Jolee Lautaret- Jordan reviewed key points from the summary.

No action or Board concerns expressed.

3. Review of COVID Limited Entry Rodeo (LER) Guideline Process: WPR Chief Operating Officer Janet Cropper reviewed a schematic reflecting the procedures for 2020 and suggested adjustments for 2021 to better align office procedures with the Board's intent.

Brief board discussion.

The Board agreed with the alignment and adjustments to the office's procedures. The office will go back to the Competition Committee with a few minor "drop down" questions for clarification and implement all immediately.

4. Update for the PRCA ProTour Program: WPR president Doreen Wintermute reviewed with the Board the results of a recent member survey regarding the ProTour. The survey had a 40 % response rate. While many members did not directly benefit from the program, the majority agreed with its importance to the membership. Ms. Wintermute then shared a summary of a recent call with PRCA President George Taylor regarding the program. She asked since both organizations are working hard to expand the presence of ladies break- away at rodeos, if the PRCA would consider thinking about how to incorporate breakaway into the program. She said Mr. Taylor seemed receptive to the idea and would look into it.

A question was asked if the WPR will be asked to monetarily support the ProTour finale. While the answer was no at this time, if expected in the future, the WPR's ask is to be able to sell sponsorships for the event.

Brief discussion about whether to approve or not approve the 2021 PRCA ProTour program.



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Motion by Texas Circuit Director Lois Ferguson: I move that the Board approve and participate in the 2021 ProTour for barrel racing and if there is an opportunity for breakaway to be added, we should participate in that as well.

2nd by Wilderness Circuit Director Julie Herman

11 Yes votes/1 No vote

Motion passes.

5. President's Update: WPR A President Doreen Wintermute updated the Board on the following items:

2021 RNCFR: There will be an event in Kissimmee this year. More details to be provided by the PRCA next week. She requested that the ground (with regard to a drag or raking) be addressed by Mr. Taylor. He said that he will address it and would be happy to provide a drag.

Corpus Christi Rodeo and WCRA: The Corpus Christi committee has asked if the WPR A would sanction/co-sanction their WCRA barrel race for 2021. She reminded the Board that the WPR A's past practice is to not approve barrel races at rodeos that are not PRCA sanctioned.

Houston Qualifier: there should be more details from the PRCA about this possible event.

Wrangler Network: video will be released on the 2020 NFR Breakaway debut. In addition, she is talking with them about a possible Wrangler Bonus Tour for 2021, which might include breakaway in addition to barrel racing.

Calgary: A Calgary event looks positive for 2021. It is targeted for 7/8-18/2021 with 10 performances. Due to COVID it will look differently, though what that means right now is unknown. More to come.

6. Legal Update: WPR A attorneys Murray Weiner and Dana Eismeier briefly updated the Board on the status of a possible settlement agreement regarding a pending legal matter. They may be back later this week with more information.

Meeting adjourned.