

## **Minutes 5/10/16- Teleconference**

### **WPRA Board Meeting Minutes Teleconference 5/10/2016 4:15 PM MT**

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

**Not in attendance:** April Denny

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

#### **1. Items not finished in Kissimmee, FL- 2015 World Finals Financials**

WPRA Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper took the Board through the financials highlighting the main drivers of income and expense. The World Finals lost a total of \$14,000.00. The primary income shortfall was in Corporate Partnership cash contributions. The primary expense contributors were increased lodging expenses and awards.

Board discussion.

Those in attendance at the World Finals thought that as a production it was very smooth and successful.

A request was made to see if the stopping distance in the alley could be safely lengthened.

#### **2. Review of submitted 2016 WPRA World Finals Futurity/Derby ground rules**

WPRA Futurity/Derby Program Director, Marlene McRae requested 3 modifications to the 2016 World Finals Futurity/Derby ground rules. First, Ms. McRae presented her case for increasing the added \$ in the Derby division from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Approximately half of the increase will come from the WPRA's % of an increased Derby entry fee. Second, Ms. McRae had a recommendation to increase the entry fee in Futurity from \$250.00 to \$300.00 and in Derby from \$150.00 to \$250.00. Third, Ms. McRae had a recommendation to allow carryovers/rollovers from the WPRA Card, Permit and Junior races to Futurity and Derby races.

Ms. McRae and the Board discussed the importance of a growing and having a healthy Derby program to support the development of future rodeo horses.

**Motion by Great Lakes Circuit Director, Margo Ransom:** I move that the Board accept the 2016 WPRA World Finals Futurity/Derby ground rules as submitted and presented by the Futurity/Derby Program Director.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Futurity/Derby Program Director, Marlene McRae**

13 Yes votes/1 No vote/1 Abstaining

**Motion passes.**

#### **3. Equine Medications & prohibited Substances Policy (EM & PS) update**

Dr. Corey, EM & PS Committee Chairperson shared the thoughts of the EM & PS Committee regarding repeat offers and the application of fines and penalties as outlined in the WPRA rule book. Dr. Corey and the Board discussed the importance of moving fines within the limits outlined in the rule book and utilizing all options to communicate that repeat offenses are not acceptable. They also discussed increasing fines in the rule book for 2017.

Dana Eismeier, WPRA Attorney and Dr. Corey reviewed an approach for administering a rotation on the EM & PS Committee and the Hearing Board.

The Board asked for an outline of requirements that will be used for considering replacements. Dr. Corey agreed to supply one.

#### **4. Major Rule Violation Hearings**

##### **Hearing # 1: Alleged violation of rule 9.3.18, competing within 7 days of one's performance while on a release.**

Hearing and deliberation.

**Motion:** I move that the Board finds the member guilty of a major rule violation and assess a \$250.00 fine.

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

13 Yes votes/0 No vote (2 Directors off the call)

**Motion passes.**

##### **Hearing # 2: Alleged violation of rule 9.3.18, competing within 7 days of one's performance while on a release.**

Hearing and deliberation.

**Motion:** I move that the Board finds the member guilty of a major rule violation and assess a \$250.00 fine.

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

13 Yes votes/0 No vote (2 Directors off the call)

**Motion passes.**

##### **Hearing # 3 Alleged violation of rule 9.3.18, competing within 7 days of one's performance while on a release.**

Hearing and deliberation.

**Motion:** I move that the Board finds the member guilty of a major rule violation and assess a \$250.00 fine.

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

13 Yes votes/0 No vote (2 Directors off the call)

**Motion passes.**

#### **5. Review of 2016 WPRA Operating Budget**

WPRA Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper reviewed the submitted 2016 Operating Budget and the main differences from last year to this year.

One question regarding NFR Cowboy Christmas room expenses.

**Motion by Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman:** I move that the Board accept the 2016 WPRA Operating budget as submitted.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Great Lakes Circuit Director, Margo Ransom**

14 Yes votes/0 No votes (1 fell off the call)

**Motion passes.**

**6. Divisional Circuit Co-approval (DC) Committee review**

WPRA President & Divisional Circuit Co-approval Committee Chairwoman, Doreen Wintermute reported on the committee's review of three topics.

**Topic #1: Recommendation to increased added \$ for each circuit's DC finals and to require a Permit Finals in each circuit.**

Currently our Corporate Partner Wrangler funds each circuit's DC finals with \$1,000.00 added. The committee recommends increasing the adding \$ to \$1,500.00 with \$500.00 coming from the WPRA. They also recommend that each circuit be required to put on a Permit Finals and the WPRA will fund it with \$500.00 added.

Board discussion about the role of the DC program to the WPRA. The Board also discussed if the Permit Finals should be open or qualified and if they count toward filing one's permit.

The Board then discussed the need to also consider increasing each circuit's rodeo awards allocation. Currently it is \$3,000.00. They discussed increasing it by another \$1,000.00 with a new total of \$4,000.00 per circuit.

**Motion by Badlands Circuit Director, Heidi Schmidt:** I move that the Board accept the recommendations as submitted by the DC Committee, which includes funding another \$500.00 to each circuit's DC finals (Wrangler already funds \$1,000.00 per circuit) and requiring that each circuit have a Permit Finals with \$500.00 added being funded by the WPRA. In addition, the Board agrees to add another \$1,000.00 to each circuit's rodeo awards allocation, which increases from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

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

12 Yes votes/1 No vote (1 Director off the call)

**Motion passes.**

**Topic #2: Recommendation regarding side pot guidelines and the 1 horse designation**

Currently the DC guidelines allow for the designation of only 1 horse for a carryover/rollover time to a WPRA side pot. The DC Committee recommends leaving the guidelines as 1 designated horse to a WPRA side pot. They conclude that this is the fairest to all WPRA members.

No objections from the Board.

**Topic #3: Discussion regarding developing a DC finals event at the 2017 WPRA World Finals**

The DC Committee was thinking ahead toward 2017 and how to further support the development of the DC program. They were asking for thoughts about designing a qualified DC year end race at the World Finals. The top 12 in each circuit's DC qualifiers would be invited to compete.

After a discussion, the Board asked the DC Committee to come back to the next Board meeting more thoughts and research on the viability of the idea. It was also noted that if an event such as this were to be approved at a future date, it is important to let members know about it at the beginning of the 2017 competition year.

**7. PRCA Judge's Seminar update**

WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute shared feedback from a call she had with PRCA judges and with PRCA Judge George Gibbs.

Topics covered: ground conditions, safety, correct timing at a rodeo for input from Circuit Director or Spokesperson, the importance of including drag & raking details in ground rules (if counter the rule book) and their thoughts about the barrel markers currently provided by the WPRA.

Great Lakes Circuit Director, Margo Ransom and First Frontier Circuit Director, Eileen Lang-Kramme will send the office samples of markers that they find Judge's prefer.

#### **8. Salt Lake- Days of 47 Rodeo changes**

Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman shared with the Board news from the Days of 47 regarding their "pending" WPRA approval application. As it is understood at the time, the Days of 47 will have a rodeo but it will not be PRCA approved. The days of 47 will not be having a Champions' Challenge. More details to be coming to the WPRA over the next few days.

#### **9. Request by Kissimmee Committee regarding their Champions' Challenge (CC) added \$**

The PRCA let the WPRA office know that the Kissimmee Committee will be increasing the added \$ to each event in their CC. The increase is from \$11,600.00 to \$12,600.00. The WPRA Board needs to approve this change for the barrel race.

**Motion by Great Lakes Circuit Director, Margo Ransom:** I move that the Board allow the increase in added \$ as submitted by the Kissimmee Committee for their CC.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilderness Circuit Director, Julie Herman**

11 Yes votes/0 No votes (3 Officer/Directors off the call)

Motion passes.

#### **10. Request that a PESI update be included in the next Board meeting**

**Meeting adjourned.**