



# WPRA

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Women's Professional Rodeo Association  
*World Championship Barrel Racing*®  
**Board Meeting**

## WPRA Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes - April 9, 2012

6/5/12

WPRA Board Meeting Minutes

Teleconference

4/9/12

4 PM MT

In attendance: Jimmie, Jerri, Patti, Marguerite (later) Tamra, Beth, Margo, Jennifer, Doreen, Sarah (later), Tannis, Tracy, Tana, Savannah, Julie, Dana

Not in attendance: Susie

Jimmie calls the meeting to order.

Topic #1: Acceptance of minutes from 2/21/12

Motion by Jennifer: I make a motion that the Board accepts the minutes from 2/21/12 as provided to the Board.

2nd by Tannis

11 yes/0 no

Motion passes.

Topic #2: Acceptance of Minutes from 3/24-25/12

Janet suggested allowing Directors more time to review the minutes and taking on line vote later on. No objections.

Topic # 3: Calf Roping and the # of Ropings per Day to Count from Jackpots

The Board discussed whether to make the change now or to make it a rule proposal for next year.

In addition it was suggested that limiting the # to count for this year could be added to the GR until the change in 2013.

Topic # 4: Creating an Australian Circuit to Grow Roping Membership

Patti reviewed what she believes might be a membership opportunity by opening up a circuit in Australia. Since this would be a pilot, there was a discussion about how it would work and the type of events to approve (Divisional Circuit Co-approvals and/or WPRA Lead Sanction if possible).

Motion by Patti: I make a motion to pilot a roping program in Australia by allowing Australian competitors to buy a WPRA Roping card. Producers can submit Divisional Circuit Co-approval jackpot and

WPRA Lead Sanction applications for approval. If approved they will count toward the Australian Circuit only.

2nd by Tracy

12 yes/0 no

Motion passes.

There was also discussion about extending the idea of an Australian membership to barrel racing. It was agreed to hold off on extending the pilot to barrel racing until we learn from the Roping experience.

#### Topic # 5: Approving the Mesquite Rodeo Ground Rules

There was a discussion about the series, the GR and its history for the past 3 years.

Motion by Savannah: I make a motion that the Board accepts the Mesquite Rodeo series and ground rules as submitted.

2nd by Julie

12 yes/1 no

Motion passes.

Note: Savannah will go back and ask them to consider if on any weekend they exceed 50 entries, to go over 50 by taking the excess cardholders.

#### Topic # 6: Revisiting the Austin Decision regarding our Junior Program and Rodeos

An update was provided to the Board on the pilot. The Southeastern pilot has yielded 40 new junior memberships with a favorable impact on the WPRA bottom line. The smaller rodeos where this has been tried are very pleased with the audience response to it. We have to re-visit the process from entering to payout, if we were to consider a rollout.

Discussion.

Motion by Jerri: I make a motion to rescind the decision made in Austin to limit the junior program to Divisional Circuit Co-approval Jackpots only.

2nd by Doreen

12 yes/ 1 no

Motion passes.

#### Topic # 7: Discussion regarding if there is a place for amateur rodeos in our strategic plan

Discussion

At this time the Board believes the Roping Division is the only place where approving amateur rodeos makes sense.

#### Topic #8: The 2012 Wrangler Tour Bonus Program

Jimmie brought the Board up to speed on her discussions with Wrangler and the PRCA regarding funding the bonus for barrel racing. The Board discussed the timing of a late announcement and how to apply the rules (regarding TO) as they are currently set up given several rodeos have already taken place.

Discussion.

Motion by Tana: I make a motion that the program be announced tomorrow and that the count for TO starts at that time.

2nd by Jennifer

11 yes/0 no

Motion passes.

The Board also discussed the impact of the changed Tour Bonus program on Puyallup and Omaha.

Jimmie will talk to Omaha about their 2012 application, GR and submitted agreement. She will talk to Puyallup about their application and format plans as well.

Topic #9: Update on Calgary Discussions

Executive session

Discussion.

Motion passes.

Topic #10: Committee Assignments

At the Austin Board meeting, the Board did not have enough time to review the various committees and seek participation.

Magazine Committee: agreed to leave it as currently assigned.

Marketing & Sponsorship Committee: Doreen agreed to step up and join the committee.

Rodeo/Competition Committee: It was agreed to ask Amber to remain on the committee until the end of the rodeo year. Tracy would join as well.

Rule Book Committee: Margo to join from the Board. There was agreement to ask Cindy Moreno & Jolee to stay on as resources as well.

Meeting adjourned.