

## Minutes 1/14/13- Teleconference

### WPRA Board Meeting Minutes Teleconference 1/14/13 4:15 PM MT

**In attendance:** Jimmie, Jerri, Patti, Tana, Marguerite, Tamra, Margo, Doreen, Sarah, Savannah, Susie, Tannis, Tracy, Beth and Julie. A few Directors were late for the 1<sup>st</sup> vote.

**Not in attendance:** Jennifer

Jimmie calls the meeting to order.

#### *1. Acceptance of the minutes from the 10/23-teleconference meeting*

**Motion by Patti:** I make a motion to accept the minutes from the 10/23-teleconference meeting as submitted.

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

12 yes/0 no

**Motion passes.**

#### *2. Acceptance of the minutes from the 10/29-teleconference meeting*

**Motion by Margo:** I make a motion to accept the minutes from the 10/29-teleconference meeting as submitted.

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

12 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

#### *3. Acceptance of minutes from the 11/5-teleconference meeting*

**Motion by Jerri:** I make a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/5-teleconference meeting as submitted.

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

11 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

#### *4. Acceptance of minutes from the 11/20-teleconference meeting*

**Motion by Patti:** I make a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/20-teleconference meeting as submitted.

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

11 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

5. On 11/27 the Board approved having a 2013 WPRA Tour. They agreed to work out the specifics at a future meeting. This evening they discussed the specifics regarding the following items and debated the pros/cons where applicable.

Eligibility

Timing

# of Rodeos/Events

Type of Rodeos/Events

# of Rodeos Counting Toward a Member's Standings

Point System

Tie-Breaking Method

**# of Rodeos/Events:** the Board discussed the merits of having 2 or 3 rodeos per circuit and how to handle the WPRA World Finals- should it be the last stop on the Tour or the 1<sup>st</sup> stop on the Tour.

The Board discussed ramping up to 3 rodeos at a later date...but to increase the # to 2 for 2013.

**Motion by Margo:** I make a motion to set the # of rodeos per circuit for 2013 at 2 and a total of 2 Canadian rodeos and they occur between 10/1/2012-9/30/2013. The handling of the WPRA World Finals would be discussed later on in the meeting.

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

12 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

**The Board then had an opportunity to resume their discussion regarding the specifics of the 2013 WPRA Tour.**

**Motion by Patti:** I make a motion regarding the following: **Eligibility**-that you must be a current WPRA card holder before the competition begins to receive points, **Timing**- selected rodeos between 10/1/2012 and 9/30/2013 (the WPRA World Finals in 10/2013 will be the kickoff for 2014), **# of Rodeos/Events**- 2 per circuit and 2 Canadian rodeos, **Type of Rodeos/Events**- no limited entry rodeos. Rodeos can be 1 round or multiple rounds. In the case of multiple rounds points will be awarded ONLY to the average, **# of Rodeos/Events Counting Towards a Member's Standings**- points will count from the best 5 results (out of a possible 26 qualifying rodeos/events for 2013) where one competed and won money up to and including the 15<sup>th</sup> position. There is no minimum or maximum # of events required, **Point System**- there is a 15-point scale, with points allocated 15 points (for 1<sup>st</sup> place money) to 1 point (for 15<sup>th</sup> place money). No more than 15 positions will be awarded points. At a multiple round rodeo/event, points are allocated to the average only. Points are awarded to money winners only, i.e. if a rodeo only pays 12 places, 1<sup>st</sup> gets 15 points and 12<sup>th</sup> gets 4 points, **Tie-Breaking Method**- ties in the 2013 WPRA Qualifying Tour Standings will be broken by looking at total money won at the 5 best point events. For multiple round rodeos, only winnings from the average will be used for tie-breaking purposes.

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

11 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

6. Determining the location for the 2013 & 2014 World Finals

On behalf of the World Finals Strategic Committee (Jerri (chair), Susie (representing the Futurity/Derby Division), Patti (representing the Roping Division), Sarah and Jimmie, Janet outlined the process the committee went thru to determine their recommendation. A matrix was discussed identifying the key items necessary from the Request for Proposal process and the response from the bidders, which included Lincoln, NE, Waco, TX, Tulsa, OK and Byram, TX. There were over 33 items that were important in the decision making process, ranging from the facility (# of arenas, warm up areas, # of stalls, # of RV spaces, etc.) to the time of the year, to economic incentives and the ability to draw a large # of the membership to the location.

The World Finals Strategic Committee recommended moving the World Finals to Waco, TX. The facility can handle our current size requirements and can accommodate growth, they can commit to economic incentives for 2 years, the facility is available from 10/22-26/2013 right after the All American Finals (the date does not overlap with the Prairie or California Circuit Finals – or any Circuit Finals at this time), the facility hosts many large scale barrel races as such the ground conditions are very good, there is no state tax assessed to winnings (as in Nebraska) and it appears to be an attractive location for attracting WPRA members and outside barrel racers for the 4 D event.

**Motion by Tracy:** I make a motion to move the 2013 & 2014 WPRA World Finals to Waco, TX.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Marguerite**  
13 yes/1 no  
**Motion passes**

#### 7. Review of a Member's Protest Letter Regarding the 2012 ProFuturity Finals

The Board spent over 1 hour reviewing a protest filed by a member. In the letter, the member acknowledged that per the rulebook their protest was well beyond the period of time allowed for filing a protest of an event. The Board spent the time discussing the situation because they wanted to understand the circumstances leading to the protest and determine how to avoid those circumstances from re-occurring in the future. A letter will be sent to the member.

#### 8. Discussion of the 2013 process for approval of limited entry rodeos

It has been the position of the Board to carefully monitor and discourage increasing the # of limited entry rodeos. Just this past year, Director Margo Ransom successfully worked with Kansas City to drop their limits.

The Board concluded the Rodeo/Competition Committee has been an efficient way of reviewing some items. The Board discussed having the Rodeo/Competition Committee and the applicable Circuit Director review limited entry rodeos.

Before adjourning the meeting, Jimmie asked that each Director come to the meeting on 1/21/2013 prepared to share the names of the 2 rodeos in their circuit they would like included in the 2013 WPRA Tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM MT.

