

## Minutes 2/18/13- Teleconference

### WPRA Board Meeting Minutes Teleconference 2/18/13 4:15 PM MT

**In attendance:** Jimmie, Jerri, Patti (late arrival), Tana (late arrival), Marguerite, Tamra, Margo, Doreen, Sarah, Jennifer, Susie, Tannis, Tracy, Beth and Julie.

**Not in attendance:** Savannah- resigned on 2/14/2013

Jimmie calls the meeting to order.

*1. Review of the procedure for handling Columbia River Circuit Director position- no nominations were received during the nomination process*

The current Board discussed that the new Board at the March 23-24, 2013 meeting needs to appoint a Columbia River member to the Circuit Director position. Tracy provided a summary of Columbia River member Jana Isaac as the person to take on the job from March 23, 2013 until the next election. It was requested that the current Board authorize Jana's travel expense to attend the March Board meeting.

**Motion by Jennifer:** I make a motion that the Board authorizes travel expenses for Jana Isaac to attend the March Board meeting.

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

12yes/0 no

**Motion passes.**

*2. Discussion on how to handle the current Texas Circuit Director position between now and March 1st- current Director Savannah Reeves resigned on 2/14/2013*

**Motion by Jerri:** I make a motion that the Board assigns the review and approval of Texas rodeos and jackpots to Jimmie until the new Director is determined thru the election process. This covers rodeo and jackpot applications in the pipeline and received between now and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

11 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

*3. Update from Last Week's 3 General Membership meetings*

Jimmie explained the meetings took place in San Angelo, Texas, Okeechobee, FL & Kissimmee, FL. She reviewed the agenda that was provided to those attending the meetings. The agenda covered:

Recap of the association's activities

I. Status of Membership/Rodeos/Jackpots

- A. Over 2500 members
- B. Over 500 rodeos/800 jackpots
- C. We are 1/3 of the Procom volume

## II. Financially

- A. 2013 will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year of being fiscally sound- expect to be at or better than the audited 2011 \$140,000 profit.

## III. The Board's focus

### A. Fair competition & level playing field

- 1. Ground- explained Safe Arena Footing efforts and Director efforts
- 2. Eye program- at \$10,000 added rodeos plus we have new purchases
- 3. Drug testing procedures- reviewed highlights and asked for member's thoughts

### B. More opportunities to compete

- 1. 2012 & 2013 WPRA Tour was explained
- 2. Directors are suggesting changes in format for Limited Entry Rodeos and reducing them
- 3. Explained the Champions Challenge

### C. Increased professionalism

- 1. Dress code
- 2. \$10,000 Jerry Ann Taylor award
- 3. How we act at rodeos

## III. Other activities

- A. Increased sponsorship – 2013 Wrangler Bonus, 2013 Dodge in-kind, Justin
- B. Work w/the PRCA- Procom issues, integrated GR (large events), Champions Challenge
- C. Improving Communications- 11 general membership meetings, using your Circuit Directors, monthly President's letter, increased surveys, email pushes

## IV. Areas you would like the Board to focus on

### *4. Update regarding a meeting of the Equine Drugs & Medications Committee*

Jennifer explained that the Equine Drugs & Medications Committee recently met. While no one from the WPRA Board attended their actual working meeting, they are an impressive group of individuals.

### *5. Request to view of WPRA Drugs & Medications Policy Guidelines- 18. 12.3.c*

The Board discussed the language in 18.12.3.c regarding the amount of winnings at the tested event. They discussed their intent and determined they would like the language modified to reflect "... plus the amount of winnings from the tested go round."

**Motion by Jennifer:** I make a motion that the language in 18.12.3.c be amended to read "Fines up to a maximum of \$750 plus the amount of winnings at the tested go round."

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

12 yes/0 no

Motion passes

Jimmie reminded the Board their last scheduled teleconference meeting is for Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned.