

## Minutes 3/4/13- Teleconference

### WPRA Board Meeting Minutes Teleconference 3/4/13 4:15 PM MT

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

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

Jimmie calls the meeting to order.

#### *1. Request to appoint Roping event directors for the next term.*

Patti shared the results of a recent mailing to Roper members seeking their nominations for event directors. There were 2 nominees for TR (1 of which was the current overall Roping Director) and no nominees for either BA or TD. It was explained the Board could make a decision to appoint the event directors.

**Motion by Jennifer:** I make a motion that the Board appoints April Harms as the TR event director, April Hanby-Zilverberg as the BA event director and Kari Woodall as the TD event director.

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

11yes/0 no

**Motion passes.**

#### *2. Update from Janet regarding Nancy Geiger (Staff Accountant) Mindy's replacement.*

*3. Major Violation Hearing- Rule 9.3.7 - Conduct, speech appearance or lack of financial responsibility, which shall be determined by the WPRA to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation or well being of the WPRA, or the sport of rodeo and barrel racing.*

Hearing

**Motion by Beth:** I make a motion that the Board reduce this incident from a Major Violation to a Minor Violation and fine the member \$100.

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

14 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

*4. Major Violation Hearing- Rules 9.3.3 and 9.3.7. Rule 9.3.3 - Any member, member's spouse, member's parent(s) or person with any relationship with a WPRA competitor...who recklessly, knowingly or willfully...causes trouble....secretaries, committees, judges.... Rule 9.3.7 - - Conduct, speech appearance or lack of financial responsibility, which shall be determined by the WPRA to be significantly detrimental to the public image, reputation or well being of the WPRA, or the sport of rodeo and barrel racing.*

Hearing

**Motion by Jerri:** I make a motion that the Board reduce these incidents from Major Violations to a Minor Violation and fine the member \$100.

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

12 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

*5. Update of the dialog between the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) and the WPRA regarding approving CPRA rodeos for the 2013 rodeo year.*

The discussion covered Jimmie's dialog with CPRA regarding whether there would be an approval fee, what the % of the purse should be, term, etc.

**Motion by Tana:** I make a motion that the WPRA accept an arrangement with CPRA whereby we receive 2% of the purse and there be a 1-year term.

It was requested the minutes reflect the need for CPRA to be talking with the WPRA earlier next year (WPRA started the dialog for 2013 in October 2012) and that an approval fee should be part of the discussion.

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

8 yes/3 no

**Motion passes**

*6. Request to add 2 Canadian rodeos to the list of 2013 WPRA Tour rodeos.*

**Motion by Margo:** I make a motion that the Board approves adding 2 Canadian rodeos to the 2013 WPRA Tour Rodeo Schedule.

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

10 yes/0 no

**Motion passes**

*7. Update by Marguerite regarding the Clovis Committee's application and their discussion with her on the topics of added \$, format and the # of contestants to accept.*

Clovis would like to increase their added \$ and decrease the # of entries in the rodeo.

The Board agreed, Marguerite should go back to Clovis with \$15,000 (equal added \$), 90 entries -the same as last year and not 60, 2 rounds with all in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, 2<sup>nd</sup> round of top 24 going to the perms with the remainder to a 2<sup>nd</sup> slack and the top 12 to the final performance. The Board wants Marguerite to negotiate with Clovis.

*8. Update by Jennifer regarding progress with Cheyenne Committee regarding submitting their application.*

Cheyenne is open to taking the limits off the 2013 barrel race. They are thinking of a 2 round format with a finals. There was discussion about the merits of a flip between the rounds versus a random draw. They want the perms filled and would allow trades. They

wish to have a special, high non-notified turnout fine to discourage turnouts, which was a problem 2 years ago.

***9. Update by Jimmie regarding the status of the \$25,000 bonus for the barrel race at the All American Finals, Waco, TX.***

Jimmie informed the Board that the \$25,000 is being donated once again. The WPRA is very appreciative of this donors support.

***10. Update by Jimmie of discussions with the Omaha Committee regarding their added \$, limits, format and qualifications since Omaha qualifications are based on World Standings and not the result of the Gold & Silver Tours Standings.***

Omaha said they could be open to talking about a different format (possibly with a qualifications round) for 2014 but not 2013.

***11. Update by Jimmie of informal talks with some current limited entry rodeos about adding the WPRA Tour into their qualifications mix for 2014. She has had informal conversations for Austin, San Antonio and Tuscon.***

***12. Request by a junior member's father to review his letter to Susie seeking certain Divisional Circuit Jackpot earnings to count towards 2013 Junior Standings. The Board re-iterated the need to stay consistent with the rule book and could not support the request.***

***13. Update by Janet of the January Income & Expense report. She also re-confirmed the 2012 Financial audit would be presented at the March Board meeting by the WPRA Auditor.***

***14. Update by Janet of a discussion with Procom regarding how to allow BR in slack (after a performance) trade into released or turned out positions. The concept is still being vetted.***

***16. Jimmie closed the meeting thanking the Board for all of their hard work in 2012 and expressed her pleasure at having the opportunity to work with them thru her term.***

The meeting was adjourned.