

WPRA Board Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
5/14/2013
4:15 PM MT

In attendance: Carolynn Vietor, Jerri Mann, Patti McCutchen, Tana Poppino, Marguerite Happy, Tamra Musick, Margo Ransom, Doreen Wintermute, Sarah Kieckhefer, Dillon McPherson, Jana Kent-Isaac, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Melanie Luark, Robyn Herring and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

Not in attendance: Ryann Pedone

Carolynn Vietor calls the meeting to order.

1. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from 4/9/2013.

Motion by Margo Ransom: I move that the Board approve the minutes from 4/9/2013 as submitted.

2nd by Julie Herman

13 yes/0 no/1 abstaining.

Motion passes.

2. Major Rule Violation Hearing- violation of rules 9.3.3 and 9.3.7

Hearing.

Motion: I move that the Board agrees these are major rule violations and that the member be fined \$1,000 and placed on a 12 month probation. The 12 month probation means should she commit or be responsible for an act during the next 12 months which is subsequently found to constitute another major violation, the first fine will be doubled and she will be suspended for a period of time. The fine and suspension will be in addition to any further sanctions imposed by the Board for the new violation.

2nd

13 yes/0 no/1 abstaining

Motion passes.

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3. Direction Request for the Protest Committee on How to Handle NNTO Protests from the Fort Pierce Rodeo.

Doreen Wintermute reviewed the ground situation at the Fort Pierce rodeo and outlined her discussion(s) with the judges regarding the situation at the Friday performance and during the Saturday slack.

Motion by Jana: I move that the Board direct the Protest Committee to reverse NNTO fines for those 8 contestants at Fort Pierce who were affected by the judge's call. They must still follow the process for requesting a review (i.e. pay their fines and write a letter of protest to the WPRA office).

2nd by Margo Ransom

13 yes/0 no

Motion passes.

4. Status Update for the Equine Medications and Prohibited Substances Program

Carolynn Vietor shared that she, Robyn Herring and Jerri Mann each received calls from PETA regarding the WPRA program. WPRA Attorney Dana Eismeier reviewed the status of the WPRA/ United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) agreement. He outlined the final edits, which need to be made to the agreement before signing it. There was a Board discussion regarding the policy.

Motion by Dillon McPherson: I move that the Board not authorize Carolynn Vietor to sign the agreement between the WPRA and the USEF until all the rules (in the written policy) can be fixed.

2nd by Jana Kent-Isaac

3 yes/11 no

Motion fails

Discussion

Motion by Julie: I move that the Board authorize Carolynn Vietor to sign the agreement between the WPRA and USEF once the edits identified by Dana Eismeier are accepted by USEF, provided there are no return edits from USEF.

2nd by Margo Ransom

11 yes/3 no

Motion passes.

5. Revisit of the May 8, 2013 Discussion to Not Fund Supplemental Added Bonus Money to the 2013 Omaha Purse.

Carolynn Vietor summarized calls, which she had with several members since the last meeting on May 8, 2013 regarding Omaha. The Board revisited their prior decision regarding not funding supplemental added bonus money for Omaha. Ms. Vietor brought up the idea of trying to raise the supplemental bonus purse through individual donors and/or a sponsorship effort.

Discussion.

Motion by Tana: I move that the Board go ahead and approve the Omaha rodeo application based on what is known, i.e. equal added committee purse, the points count towards Prorodeo Standings and do not count towards Circuit standings. If the ground rules come in differently than last year's (other than the payout), it will come back to the Board. Note: This does not preclude Carolynn Vietor from trying to find individual donors or seeking sponsorships to raise money for the supplemental bonus purse.

2nd by Doreen Wintermute

11 yes/3 no

Motion passes.

6. Update of Cheyenne Format.

Melanie Luark provided the Board with an update of the proposed Cheyenne format. The committee would like all to compete in slack, with the fastest 96 progressing to the performances. The fastest 12 from the progressive will advance to the finals/short go. Trades allowed per the ground rules.

7. Request for the Board to Approve funding of \$7,500 for the #1 Qualifier Going Into the WNFR.

In 2012 the WPRA funded \$7,500 to the #1 qualifier going into the WNFR. The WPRA office has built this into the 2013 Operating budget and is making this request.

Motion by Tana Poppino: I move that the Board approve announcing there will be a \$7,500 bonus paid to the #1 qualifier going into the 2013 WNFR.

2nd by Julie Herman

14 yes/0 no

Motion passes.

8. Request to review Rules 10.1.12 & 10.3.5.6

Carolynn Vietor asked that the Board address the lack of consistency between these 2 rules regarding the use of drags and/or hand rakes.

It was agreed that Ms. Vietor and Dana Eismeier would rework these rules.

9. Request for Carolynn Vietor to Attend the Annual Justin Crisis Fund Meeting in Fort Worth, TX.

Motion by Jana Kent- Isaac: I move that the Board authorize Carolynn Vietor's travel to the Justin Crisis Fund meeting in Fort Worth, TX.

2nd by Julie Herman

No objections.

Motion passes.

10. Request for a Cheyenne General Membership Meeting in July.

The WPRA office requested that there be a general membership meeting after slack at the Cheyenne rodeo.

Motion by Margo Ransom : I move that the Board authorize that there be a general membership meeting at Cheyenne after slack.

2nd by Melanie Luark

No objections.

Motion passes.

11. Review of the 1QTR.2013 Profit and Loss Statement the Balance Sheet.

Janet Cropper (Executive Secretary/COO) took the Board through the 1QTR.2013 financials. The association had a strong 1st quarter.

Due to lack of time the Board deferred reviewing the 2013 Operating Budget. The Business Committee will review it.

12. Member Request to Re-name the WPRA Secretary of the Year Award.

WPRA members, Jymmy Kay Cox, Tammy Fischer and Chelle Wahlert requested that the award be renamed the Mildred Farris WPRA Secretary of the Year award. They requested to fund the award as well.

The Board agreed with the suggested name change but did not feel it was necessary for those members to fund the award.

Motion by Patti McCutchen: I move that the Board re-name the WPRA Secretary of the Year award to the Mildred Farris WPRA Secretary of the Year award.

2nd by Margo Ransom

No objections.

Motion passes.

The next meeting is the regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 4:15 PM MT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM MT.