

Minutes 6/11/13- Teleconference

WPRA Board Meeting Minutes Teleconference 6/11/2013 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, Ryann Pedone and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper.

Carolynn Vietor calls the meeting to order.

1. Calgary Update & Travel Authorization Request

Carolynn Vietor updated the Board regarding Safe Arena Footing's (SAF) role supplying input for improving the ground conditions at Calgary as well as the committee's recommendation to change the closing gate set up to allow for a safe run out. Carolynn Vietor also requested approval for her travel to Calgary to attend the barrel racing orientation and to represent the WPRA.

Motion by Jana Kent Isaac: I move that the Board approve Carolynn's request for travel to Calgary.

2nd by Margo Ransom

No objections.

Motion passes.

2. Request to Submit the 2012 WPRA Tax Return

Janet Cropper explained that the 2012 tax return has been prepared by the WPRA auditing firm of Logan, Thomas and Johnson. The return was presented, reviewed and approved by the Business Committee. The request is that the Board authorizes Carolynn Vietor to sign the return.

Motion by Margo Ransom: I move that the Board authorize Carolynn Vietor to sign the 2012 tax return.

2nd by Doreen Wintermute

No objections.

Motion passes.

3. Request for Use of the WPRA Logo

Janet Cropper shared a request that the office received by an author of a children's book. The author has written a book on rodeo and in the barrel racing section he would like to reference the WPRA. Great Lakes Director Margo Ransom is familiar with the publisher, as they supplied books to school she had worked at.

Motion by Margo Ransom: I move that the Board authorize use of the WPRA logo for this book.

2nd by Melanie Luark

No objections.

Motion passes.

4. Review Janet Cropper's Contract as Chief Operating Officer

Dana Eismeier and Carolyn Vietor shared a summary of Janet's contract with the Board. There was discussion and a request was made to renew the contract. The term will be from July 15, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

Motion by XXXXXXXXX: I move that the Board renew Janet Cropper's contract, which will renew on July 15, 2013 and expire on December 15, 2014.

2nd by XXXXXXXXX

Unanimous vote

Motion passes.

5. Equine Medications and Prohibited Substances Policy Update

Carolynn Vietor updated the Board on the following items: the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) testing contract has been signed as all requested edits were accepted by USEF. An email blast has been prepared by the WPRA office to remind members about testing and how to find their forms. The WPRA office is awaiting Dr. Corey's review before sending it out to members.

6. Update Regarding Omaha Ground Rules.

The Board discussed that the ground rules would be the same as last year's rules with 2 exceptions. First, it needs to be adjusted in the payoff section to reflect the Committee purse only and secondly there was a request for supplemental language reminding members about their conduct and various violations. It was decided that Carolyn Vietor, Tana Poppino and Dana Eismeier develop appropriate supplemental language.

7. Update Regarding Puyallup Ground

The Board reviewed the current status of the Puyallup application and ground rules. They discussed whether the money won should count for the circuit standings or the circuit rodeo count. They also discussed if there was an opportunity to find a tribal sponsor to contribute to the purse. Columbia River Circuit Director Jana Kent- Isaac

suggested the WPRA approach the tribal community with sponsorship opportunities and was willing to provide contacts.

Motion by Margo Ransom: I move that the Board approve the Puyallup application, which provides a committee purse of equal added money, and the ground rules, which are the same as 2012. In addition it should be noted that the money won at Puyallup will not count at a circuit level nor will it count as a rodeo count at a circuit level. Money won will only count at a world level.

2nd by Jana Kent-Isaac

8 yes/6 no

Motion passes.

8. Request to Accept the 2013 Operating Budget

Janet Cropper provided and highlighted the operating budget, which the WPRA office and the Business Committee have been working with since the new Board assumed responsibility in March.

Motion by Julie Herman: I move that the Board accept the 2013 Operating Budget as submitted.

2nd by Jerri Mann

13 yes/0 no

Motion passes.

9. Review of the 1st Group of 2014 Rule Proposals

Julie Herman, Chair of the Rule Proposals Committee, highlighted the approach the committee was taking with regard to making recommendations to the Board. With the 1st group of proposals, Julie outlined the proposal categories and spent time explaining those proposals which were being rejected and why. See attachment listing the proposals reviewed that day and the recommendations.

10. World Finals Update

Janet Cropper shared that TC Long has agreed to be our producing partner for the 2013 World Finals in Waco.

11. 2014 WPRA Tour Discussion

Since the meeting was running late, Carolynn Vietor asked each Director to start thinking about a 2014 WPRA Tour and to bring their thoughts and recommendations to the next meeting. The request was made that a small committee be formed to work through options for consideration. The committee includes: Doreen Wintermute, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Julie Herman and Melanie Luark.

12. Committee Update

Sponsorship and Marketing Committee: Doreen Wintermute, Chair of the Sponsorship and Marketing Committee, provided the Board with the status Of Katie Hollingsworth's (Western Integrity Agency) contract. Doreen Wintermute will provide more details and supply the contract for Board approval after her meeting with Katie Hollingsworth.

13. Miscellaneous Items

Marguerite Happy asked about re-introducing a gold card that looks distinctively unique and different from our standard membership card. Margo Ransom had made this request at the March Board meeting. Janet Cropper said she would follow up with the PRCA regarding their source for their cards and report back at the next meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 4:15 PM MT.

The meeting was adjourned.