

Minutes 7/9/13- Teleconference

WPRA Board Meeting Minutes Teleconference 7/9/2013 4:15 PM MT

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

Not in attendance: Tana Poppino and Ryann Pedone

Carolynn Vietor calls the meeting to order.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes from 6/11/2013 and 6/19/2013

Motion by Margo Ransom: I move that the Board accept the minutes from the meeting on 6/11/2013 and 6/19/2013 as submitted with one edit to the minutes on 6/11/2013. Adjust those minutes to reflect under item #1 that Jana Kent-Isaac made the motion.

2nd by Doreen Wintermute

No objections, the motion passes.

2. Review of Proposed Changes to the 2014 PESI Program

PESI Program Manager, Robin Hofmann reviewed each of the recommended changes with the Board.

A. Regarding the Circuit Finals Bonus, the Board requested that the words "...2 run average from the 2 long goes." be edited to read "...based on the average of the long goes.". All other Circuit Finals recommendations were accepted.

B. Regarding changes to the Stallion Enrollment Fees, the Board accepted all pricing recommendations.

C. Regarding the recommendations for the Grandfathering of Progeny policy, the Board accepted all pricing recommendations.

D. Regarding the recommendation to eliminate the 10% Breeders bonus and increase the Stallion Owners bonus by 5%, the Board accepted the percentage allocation recommendation.

E. Regarding the suggestion on how to handle a PESI bonus through a conceptual Divisional Circuit membership, the Board agreed to consider it if they were to develop a Divisional Circuit membership category.

F. Regarding those items also identified but not recommended for implementation at this time, the Board agreed.

Motion by Patti McCutchen: I move that the Board accept the recommended changes to the 2014 PESI program, including the following edit regarding the Circuit Finals Bonus. Change the language from "...2 run average from the 2 long goes." to "...based on the average of the long goes."

2nd by Robyn Herring

13 yes/0 no

Motion passes.

3. Review of the 2nd Set of 2014 Rule Proposals

Julie Herman, Chair of the Rule Proposals Committee, walked the Board through each of the committee's recommendations.

A. Regarding clarifying the language in rule # 1.3.5.2, there was a discussion about the history of this rule, when it was last edited, why it was edited, etc.

Motion by Julie Herman: I move that the Board edit rule # 1.3.5.2 to reflect that earnings to fill a permit must be from barrel racing only.

2nd by Jerri Mann

7 yes/4 no

Motion passes.

B. Regarding requiring 30- day notice for a co-approved rodeo, the Board determined the rule already exists.

No motion.

C. Regarding aligning the WPRA rodeo co-approval policy to the PRCA's policy, the Board discussed that we are a different business and importantly the WPRA mileage requirement is 150 miles versus the PRCA 100 miles.

Motion by Jana Kent-Isaac: I move that the Board table this recommendation for the reasons outlined above.

2nd by no one

Motion dies.

D. Regarding adding a rule that a \$5 charge be added to entries for WPRA members who enter Divisional Circuit approved jackpots; the Board discussed the challenges around implementation and applying the rule consistently.

It was also discussed if the Board could allocate extra money, (above the \$3,000 currently given to Circuit Directors for rodeo circuit finals) to the those Circuit Directors that hold a Divisional Circuit Finals. We have offered Divisional Co-Approved Jackpots and Junior Division to give the members more opportunities. It seems fitting that we would spend some money on a "Divisional Finals" as we do for our Circuit Finals.

Motion by Marguerite: I move that the Board pass the recommended \$5 charge for WPRA member entries at Divisional Circuit Co-approved jackpots.

2nd by no one

Motion dies.

E. Regarding the 3 dress code related proposals; the Board discussed whether changes should be made.

No motion.

F. Regarding the proposal requiring a rodeo committee to determine at the time of application the # of contestants per performance, the Board discussed how this decision is a function of production requirements, the stock contractors needs and it allows for the handling of Procom errors.

No motion.

G. Regarding the Timer and Trades Proposals, the Board discussed whether the changes should be made.

No motion.

H. Regarding the proposal to allow a member to designate after 5 consecutive years a circuit as their main circuit for the purpose of a circuit count, the Board discussed looking back at last year's proposal of 3 consecutive years, which was approved but not implemented.

Motion by Julie Herman: I move that the Board implement the 3 consecutive years rule discussed and approved last year.

2nd by Tamra Musick

11 yes/0 no/2 abstaining

Motion passes.

I. Regarding the proposal to amend 8.8.2.1 and the 40%/15 eligibility requirement, the Board discussed this and decided to not make the change.

No motion.

J. Regarding the 3 Futurity proposals, the Board reviewed each proposal. They decided to defer the discussion on these until the Futurity Director could join the call to review the proposals.

K. Regarding the 4 Permit proposals, the Board discussed the role of Permits to the growth of the WPRA business.

No motion.

L. Regarding the request to post complete rodeo results and not just the results of the winners, the office explained that information should be available in the 2014 rodeo year.

No motion.

4. Equine Medications & Prohibited Substances Program Update

President Carolynn Vietor provided an update to the Board regarding testing, which took place in Reno and Calgary.

5. WPRA Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Coverage Update

WPRA attorney Dana Eismeier shared the outcome of his review of the current policy and his discussion with our insurance provider.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, August 6th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM MT