

Minutes 9/16/13- Teleconference

**WPRA Board Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
9/16/2013
4:15 PM MT**

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

Not in attendance: Ryann Pedone

President Carolynn Vietor calls the meeting to order.

1. Nominations for Year End Special Awards & Contract Personnel Awards

Announcer of the Year: Nominations

Kyle Shobe
Boyd Polhamus
Davie Kimm
Jerry Todd
Steve Kenyon
Wayne Brooks

Winner: Wayne Brooks

Judge of the Year: Nominations

Wade Berry
Chris Horton
Jim Whiting
Lynn Smith
Bill Ransom
Allan Jordan, Jr
Cliff Overstreet

Winner: Bill Ransom

Mildred Farris Secretary of the Year: Nominations

Irene Singer
Martha Martin
Amanda Corley
Debi Davis
Dottie Hayes
Eva Chadwick
Hailey Schneeberger

Winner: Irene Singer

Stock Contractor of the Year: Nominations

Hank Franzen
4F & Diamond S Rodeo

Winner: Hank Franzen

Small Rodeo of the Year: Nominations

Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo
Dacotah Stampede Rodeo
Thunder Mountain Pro Rodeo
Poway Rodeo
Santa Maria Elks Rodeo

Winner: Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo

Medium Rodeo of the Year: Nominations

Larimer County Fair & Rodeo
Summit County Fair & Rodeo
Grand National Rodeo
Badlands Circuit Final
Crooked River Roundup
Days of 47 Rodeo

Winner: Larimer County Fair & Rodeo

Large Rodeo of the Year: Nominations

Spanish Fork Fiesta Days & Rodeo
Cheyenne Frontier Days
Tri-State Rodeo
Pendleton Round Up
Red Bluff Round Up
Redding Rodeo
California Rodeo Salinas

Winner: Spanish Fork Fiesta Days & Rodeo

Sponsor of the Year

Cactus Saddlery
Flair

Winner: Cactus Saddlery

Media Award

Siri Stevens — Rodeo News
Barrel Racing Report
Julie Mankin
Ted Harbin

Winner: Siri Stevens- Rodeo News

Outstanding Individual Award

Doreen Wintermute
Jimmie Munroe
Winner: Doreen Wintermute

Lenora Reimers' Heritage Award

Jimmie Munroe

Kay Gay

Laura Lambert

Winner: Jimmie Munroe

Lifetime Family Heritage Award

Harris Family

Frank Beard

Gay Family

Parsons Family

Rosser Family

Winner: Harris Family

2. 2014 PRCA Rule Change

The PRCA informed the WPRA that they would be taking 6% of the purse up from 5%. The WPRA office dimensioned the impact this could have on the WPRA bottom. After discussion the Board asked that the Business Committee look into it and determine next steps.

Other PRCA changes include “.out if slack..” and “...replace me..”. Both were tabled until another time.

3. Champions Challenge Update

President Carolynn Vietor shared that it looks, as though there will be 9 events for 2014. General contestant feedback is that they don't being locked into where they must go.

4. Calgary Update

President Carolynn Vietor and Vice President Jerri Mann had a conference call with Calgary Stampede Committee members. The discussion centered on their pleasure with the 2013 event and their thoughts regarding an approval for 2014. The areas of discussion were: the amount of the bonus money counting towards world standings, possibly changing the mix of qualifications into the event, timing of drug testing results and their limit.

Ms. Vietor asked each of the officers & directors to share their thoughts on these topics.

Motion by Jerri Mann: I move that the Board table any decision regarding a Calgary approval at this time.

2nd by Jana Kent Isaac

No opposition

5. Discussion about the Upcoming Amarillo Champions

The Board discussed the need to have the judges make sure the markers for the Champion Challenge are not the same as for the rodeo. This Champions Challenge is taking place before the rodeo not after the rodeo.

6. Request by Doreen Wintermute

Southeastern Circuit Director Doreen Wintermute asked for volunteers to help with a committee to work on Divisional Circuit Event rules.

The following officers & directors volunteered to help: Margo Ramson, Tamra Musick, Melanie Luark, Julie Herman and Carolynn Vietor.

7. American Rodeo Update

President Carolynn Vietor explained that the producers of the American Rodeo did not approach the WPRA. The WPRA is not involved.

8. 2014 WPRA Tour Update

President Carolynn Vietor asked the Board to prepare their recommendation list for the circuit rodeos that should be part of the WPRA Tour.

9. Re-instating the Practice of Issuing Commemorative WPRA Gold Cards

The WPRA office identified that they have approximately 100 of the commemorative gold cards available. While the practice of issuing these cards was stopped a few years ago, some directors have asked that the practice be re-instated.

Motion by Patti McCutchen: I move that the Board re-instate the practice and start issuing the commemorative gold card to those who did not receive them.

2nd by Julie Herman

No objections.

The next meeting is set for October 12th.

The meeting adjourned.