



UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT FUTURE MEETING

**NSPRA Board Meeting
Triple C Arena, Panguitch, UT
October 3, 2016 @ 1:00 pm**

Roll Call

Chuck Melin	--	President
Bob Stoddard	--	Vice President
Butch Terrell	--	Executive Board Member
Kyle Jumper	--	Tie Down Event Director
Cindy Gruwell	--	Breakaway Event Director
Marlene McGaughey	--	Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director
Mike Brewer	--	Team Roping Event Director
Dale Rising	--	Steer Wrestling Event Director
Bill Reeder	--	Canadian Representative
Jim Wales	--	Executive Board Member
Bud Clemons	--	Executive Board Member

Proxy

Brad McReynolds for Alan Johnson

Lance Miller for Gary Algers

Absent:

Jimmy Nugent	--	Bareback Event Director
Jimmy Moon	--	Bull Riding Event Director

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chuck Melin, President and the invocation was offered by Butch Terrell.

Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting

Chuck read the minutes from the previous board meeting held on August 24, 2016.

Motion by Bob Stoddard and seconded by Butch Terrell to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2016 board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Canada Rodeos – There was discussion regarding the low number of NSPRA members that competed in co-sanctioned Canadian rodeos considering it is a part of a region. No action was taken.
2. Year End Awards – Cindy Gruwell reported the buckles were delivered. The coat company would be on site to take orders. Any funds left in the Awards Fund will be used to lower the cost of the jackets to the contestants. Marlene noted there was a possible sponsor for the rough stock contestant's jackets. Marlene said that her son-in-law worked for a company that makes jackets for Cripple Creek. The owner of the company has offered coats at cost next year, if we got a hold of them early.
3. 2017 Sanction Forms – There are three sanction forms already submitted. The Board elected to not take any action until after the rules are finalized. Butch gave an update from the Sanction Committee. There was also discussion regarding the number of rodeos in 2016 and pros and cons since many of them were timed event only rodeos with no added money.

4. Australian Rodeos – Chuck recapped how the agreement with Australian was supposed to work and what actually transpired. It hadn't worked well this year, but there was definitely enough interest. It was decided to leave it in place with some fine tuning.
5. Combining Age Categories (40s & 50s / 60 & Over) – Mike Brewer said it is the same thing as previous years where there were not enough teams. This will be discussed later under rule proposals.
6. Publication Issues – Several Canadian members have not received their magazines plus they are charging us \$75 per subscriptions. Other options for publications were discussed.

Chuck noted that there should have been an item on the agenda regarding the rough stock directors. There was discussion in Greeley about combining them under one director. Someone had felt like the horses could be combined but the bull riding was different but Chuck disagreed.

The motion was made by Bud and seconded by Bob that there be one director for the two horse events and one for the bull riding. There was discussion on other events that could be directed in the same fashion, such as tie down and breakaway. This will be considered at a later date. Bob Stoddard called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Committees

- Grievance – Bud read a letter from Jerry Martin asking for a refund on fees since he was injured and could not compete. It was noted the rodeo secretary had paid out on his fees.

A motion was made by Jim that Jerry Martin would be required to pay the fees but the fine would be waived and if Bud wanted to get with him regarding the Crisis Fund he could. Second by Butch. It was noted by the board that Jerry Martin does a lot for the organization and it was greatly appreciated. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- Finance – Documents were passed out and Cindy gave a brief update on the financial information.
- Judging – Chuck said we need judges. He will have a judging clinic this year in Arizona. There was also some discussion on regarding timers.
- Sanctions - There was discussion on the need for better communication with the committees.
- Rule Changes – There was lengthy discussion on how to provide the members with an opportunity to review the proposals prior to their adoption and to balance the time factor to get a new rule book finalized and printed. It was decided the process was to recommend and then the membership would have the opportunity to review the ones that passed. Kyle presented the following proposed rule changes:
 - Additional stock charges by committee shall not exceed \$20 per run in the roping and the steer wrestling events. **Recommended by the Board.**
 - Change 5 7% sanctioned rodeos to at least 8 rodeos to qualify for the finals. Modify to 5 rodeos to qualify for the finals, and the world in the rough stock events, and 10 rodeos in the timed events to qualify for a world championship. **Recommended by the Board.**
 - 68 Tie Down. Change the 3 second reduction to 2 seconds for 75-78, 3 second reduction for 78 and over. Kyle suggested changing it to, if you were over 75 you would have a 3 second handicap but only if you were not going to place in the money otherwise. **Amendment recommended by the Board.**
 - Points only awarded to members. If non-member places, the next highest member shall receive non-members points. Points start when you buy your card. You cannot count points retroactively if competing on a permit and then decide to buy your card. **Recommended by the Board.**
 - All fees to be set at \$75. **Not recommended by the Board.**

- In the tie down roping, there needs to be 1 calf for everybody, or half enough. Kyle noted this is not in the current rules.
- Change office charge from \$20 to \$15. **Not recommended by the Board.**
- Jim Nichols had some suggestions. Let the event directors determine the best division of age groups in their event, change the all-around to just an all-around cowboy and an all-around cowgirl. Throw the regions out and you start counting your points. Take the points into the finals from the top down. It would save a ton of money at the finals. It would make a big different. In response to concerns that changing age groups would affect bylaws, Karen Duncan advised that it was actually part of the rules and therefore much easier to change. **Board recommendation to allow Team Roping Director to change age groups to two age groups in the team roping.**

There was discussion regarding the drop down rule with no action taken.

- Crisis Fund – Cindy reported that a check for \$1,000 was sent to Roy Sutherland.
- Membership – Butch gave a report.
- Hall of Fame - Dale Rising reported on the Hall of Fame banquet.

New Business

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the 3d barrel racing format.

A motion was made by Bud Clemons and seconded by Butch Terrell to put the 3d issue in ballot form to go to the accountant. Motion passed.

Cindy said she would like an amendment to include a vote on the drop down. Chuck said also the regions. The entire membership should have a right to vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.