

October 26, 2015

Sam's Town – Ponderosa Rm - Las Vegas, NV

NSPRA Annual Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Chuck Melin.

Absent: Bill Reeder

Proxy: Brad Mc Reynolds for Alan Johnson, Mark Nelson for Jimmy Moon, Gary Lee Alger Jr. for Eddie Jacques.

Quests present: Kat Raye: Miss Sr. USA and Karen Duncan.

Butch Terrell gave an Invocation.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Motion Jimmy Nugent. 2nd Mike Brewer.

New Executive Member Jim Wales was introduced as were new event directors Christi Fullen: Ribbon Roping, Ricky Phillips: Bull Riding and Gary Lee Alger: Saddle Bronc.

Retiring Board members Kathy Clemons, Eddie Jacques, Jimmy Moon were thanked for their time to the Association and Board. We invited them to sit in on the entire meeting to do issues that were being discussed as we felt their input and knowledge could be helpful with decisions to be made.

Dave Eastlake gave an update of events for the Hall of Fame and a financial report. Discussion was had about the Hall of Fame helping to pay for the office in Wickenburg and possibly some of the secretary's salary due to the fact that she helps with numerous things pertaining to the HOF. Christi Fullen suggested that possibly the HOF could pay ½ of the office building rent. This is all going to be looked into as we as rental agreement is up at the end of the year.

Bud Clemons asked Dave Eastlake if he would help with the sanctions committee. Chuck Melin thanked Dave Eastlake for all his work on putting the Banquets and inductions festivities together.

We discussed options of moving the Finals to a different location to possibly help with the production costs. Jimmy Nugent has talked to Panquitch, Utah. They have a group coming to visit with the Board on Friday after slack. We have had some conversation with Laughlin, NV, Kyle Jumper has spoken to Tulsa, OK but has since found they have no interest at this time. Also showing interest was Ironwood at Reno, NV. Sue Davis came and did a presentation on their facility located approximately 20 miles north of Reno. Sue expressed to us that the Gold Nugget would play a part in helping back the event as well as the Nevada Visitors Bureau. Bud Clemons suggest that possibly Ironwood put on a couple of regular season rodeos this year so the membership could see the facility. Sue was going to look into the possibility. Chuck Melin has also had some conversation with Lincoln, NE. As a Board we are hoping to stay in Las Vegas but are looking at the costs we incur coming to Las Vegas. Jim Wales spoke to the fact that if we can just get more rodeos and memberships that will take a lot of the pressure off financially.

Karen Duncan was next given the floor to discuss the findings of her survey that she presented to 112 members this summer.

- Drop down rule – not too many favored
- Pick/Draw in the Team Roping – No
- Wanted all points to count – carry all season points into Finals.

- No to regions.

Jim Wales mentioned that he had been told by a 40 yr. old member that they did not like the rope down rule.

Jim Nichols asked that we take to the General Membership meeting on Friday this idea:

- Do away with circuits.
- NSPRA points stay the same
- No awards for Season Leaders
- Amount of points X 10 per contestant, take max. of 24 per event to Finals.

Jim Wales made Motion. Mike Brewer 2nd. Passed unanimous.

Do away with all regions. Take maximum of 24 contestants per event to Finals. Take 10 times the number of contestant entered for Finals points. Most you could have going into finals would be 240. At finals points would only go through 6th place being 60, 50, 40 etc.

Mike Brewer made Motion. Bob Stoddard 2nd. 12 Yes. 2 No, Bud Clemons & Cindy Gruwell

All age groups in timed events would be as follows: 40-54, 55 and over. Steer Wrestling, Ladies & Men's Breakaway, and the Rough Stock events would stay the same.

Brad McReynolds mentioned adding a 75+ calf roping.

Kyle Jumper made Motion. Bob Stoddard 2nd. 12 yes. 2 No, Jim Wales & Cindy Gruwell

Change the minimum number of rodeos from 5 to 8.

Christi Fullen made Motion. Bob Stoddard 2nd. 1 yes, Christi Fullen. 12 No.

Remove the drop down rule. Rope, Run or Ride only in age appropriate group.

Discussion then began on the office and hiring a new Executive Secretary. Christi spoke in favor of keeping the office. Bud Clemons thinks this should just be an executive board decision. Christi also questioned having a General Manager in place.

More discussion was had with putting all the awards being put back onto the Directors in each event. Bud Clemons feels the burden is too much for event directors. Jim Wales mentioned he would be for adding \$5 awards fee to entry fees.

Bud Clemon made Motion. Butch Terrell 2nd. 10 yes. 4 No, Jim Wales, Cindy Gruwell, Christi Fullen, & Kyle Jumper.

Raise office charge from \$22 to \$30.

Further discussion was held with a lot of ideas being tossed out as to what we can do to keep the Association headed in a positive direction. Christi had some great ideas about goals, HOF ie: invite people who could help us financially, have fun in general, find sponsors outside rodeo, Directors focus more on whole Association not just event you represent, call 5-10 members each week just to hear what's on their mind. Butch Terrell mentioned, "if everybody would just do something", it would help all of us.

Discussion was had to have the Canadian members help pay more for coats, awards, etc. As it is now they only pay \$100 per rodeo sanction fee and no 7% monies. Kyle Jumper presented a rule that would add as a line item on their entry at

Canadian rodeos. He proposed we ask each Canadian member to pay \$15 sanction fee at each co-approved rodeo if they have an NSPRA card. The idea will be presented at the General meeting on Friday. At this time the Board voted in favor of the change.

Kyle Jumper presented the Rule changes that the Rules Committee had voted on during a conference call.

- In roping a horse cannot be hit or struck at any time with anything (rope, hand or foreign object). Steer Wrestlers can use a bat but only behind the front cinch to encourage forward motion. \$25 Fine.
- In the Ribbon Roping the roper must make effort to hold/control the calf until the untie personnel arrive. Judge will give verbal warning.
- Reconstruct our office charge to a flat \$20. \$2.00 awards, \$2.50 Assoc. fee, \$6.50 Central entry, \$9.00 office. It will be one line for a cleaner receipt.
- If barrier malfunctions it will be a rerun providing the contestant declares self at the line or makes a qualified run in the field.
- Steer Wrestling- In the steer wrestling both age groups compete for the same purse as long as there are 1 contestant in 1 age group and 1 or more in the other age group. It will be considered a contest for both age groups and earned points will be awarded in each age group.
- In the rough stock the time will be 6 seconds. This rule change will be for a 2 year test.

All of the above rule changes were voted on unanimously.

We will have a general membership meeting on Friday October 30, 2015 after slack.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Gruwell

Ladies Breakaway Dir.