



NSPRA Board Meeting Conference Call April 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chuck Melin, President.

Roll Call

Chuck Melin	--	President
Bob Stoddard	--	Vice President
Steve Grandov	--	Executive Board Member
Butch Terrell	--	Executive Board Member
Chuck Bowling	--	Executive Board Member
Billy Hoover	--	Executive Board Member
Jerry Martin	--	Tie Down Event Director
Cindy Gruwell	--	Breakaway Event Director
Christine Secheli	--	Ribbon Roping Event Director
Kenny Hienze	--	Bareback Event Director
Susan Hall	--	Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director
Open	--	Saddle Bronc Event Director
Rick Bowden	--	Steer Wrestling Event Director/ Executive Board Member

ABSENT

Russell Friend	--	Canadian Representative
Lyle Hogue	--	Bull Riding Event Director
Mike Brewer	--	Team Roping Event Director

Chuck Melin reviewed status of moving Hall of Fame to Wickenburg office. He spoke with Dan Stringari about how much inventory there is and Dan will be getting a list to him. He is going to go visit the museum in June during the Hamilton rodeo and figure a time this fall to get it moved. There was interest in moving it sooner. Chuck said that was fine if that is what the board wants and they can make a decision at the next board meeting however he wanted to look at it first.

Jim Nichols told the board that we were given \$50,000 from Las Vegas Events this year. We received the contract and signed and returned it with their invoice. Also invoiced this week was Ram Rodeo and Wrangler. Jim and Cory have met with several Las Vegas businesses including Sam's Town and Boyd Gaming who are reviewing and possibly increasing their sponsorship this year. Others include Boot Barn and Wells Fargo.

Billy Hoover is in charge of awards again this year. He told the board we don't what kind of income we'll have so we need to think about cutting back on awards. He asked what the Canadian Association gives as awards. Chuck Melin said they give watches and buckles. Someone mentioned that last year we had this same discussion to cut the saddles back and it was voted down.

Jim Nichols suggested that each of the event directors puts together a committee for their event and raise \$1500/age category. This would cover the cost of saddles and buckles. He recognized Susan Hall for already starting this with her barrel racers. She has sent out letters to all of them requesting help, donations, and suggestions on fund raisers.

Chuck Melin felt it was a good idea because the association cannot keep handing out that kind of money. It is not stated anywhere that the world champion gets a saddle and a buckle.

Christine Secheli asked if it would be a better idea if we just ask the event directors to come up with half. This is a big step by asking all or nothing.

Butch Terrell said that there were so many people out there that are willing to step in and help but they just need to be asked.

Rick Bowden thought it would be a good idea to charge each contestant at each rodeo an extra \$5/event that will go to finals awards.

Chuck Melin said that the CSPRA gave saddles on their 25th Anniversary year under the stipulation that they all had to be sponsored. They got it done, every event had a saddle.

More discussion on how awards should be distributed.

Chuck Melin said we need to vote on saddles or not. Someone suggested we need to decide how they will be paid for first.

Discussion on finances.

Jerry Martin asked the board if they wanted to jeopardize the association by spending too much on awards. The association was at a \$30K loss in 2012.

Bob Stoddard said he is not in favor of doing away with saddles because the world champion should win a saddle and buckle which has happened for years. He said it just takes work to go out and get the sponsors.

Chuck Bowling said we go through this year after year on what we are going to give for awards. If we continue spend \$50K+ on awards it will continue to sink the association. We need to make a decision on awards by next week.

Billy Hoover said he will review the budget that was prepared by Michaela and Jim and be ready with what can be spent on awards next week. The next conference call will be next Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Rick Bowden suggested making an emergency rule change to change the 5 rodeos to qualify for the finals to 4 because it takes 4 rodeos to make a circuit. Discussion. Rick made the motion to change the qualification for the finals to 4 rodeos. Second by Billy Hoover. Motion Declined. Yes-Bowden, Heinze. No-Hoover, Martin, Terrell, Bowling, Stoddard, Secheli, Grandov. Abstain-Hall.

Rick Bowden wants to make the steer wrestling 1 payout for the 40s and 50s all year at the finals. There are not enough steer wrestlers and it divides the money up too much when they do separate payoffs. Discussion.

Emergency Rule Change – Rick Bowden made the motion to make the steer wrestling event one payoff at all season rodeos and the SNFR regardless of the number of entries. Second by Bob Stoddard. Motion Approved. Yes-10.

Extra buckles that were order were returned to Tres Rios and will be used as demos. We were not charged for them.

Montana rodeos are in the works. It will tentatively be Augusta June 22-23, Darby June 25-26, and Hamilton 27-29. Hamilton will only be 2 rodeos if Augusta is a go.

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Bob Stoddard called to adjourn meeting at 8:50pm. Second by Susan Hall.