



## NSPRA Board Meeting Conference Call May 21, 2012

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chuck Bowling, President.

### Roll Call

Chuck Bowling	--	President
Bob Stoddard	--	Vice President
Christine Secheli	--	Ribbon Roping Event Director
Kenny Heinze	--	Bareback Event Director
Lyle Hogue	--	Bull Riding Event Director
Felicia Miller	--	Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director
Spikes Davis	--	Saddle Bronc Event Director
Jann Potter	--	Executive Board Member
Butch Terrell	--	Executive Board Member
Mike Brewer	--	Team Roping Event Director
Rick Bowden	--	Steer Wrestling Event Director
Karen Goemmer	--	Executive Board Member

### Absent:

Steve Grandov	--	Executive Board Member & Calf Roping Event Director
Linda Grandov	--	Breakaway Event Director
Marty Miller	--	Executive Board Member
Chuck Melin	--	Canadian Representative

Chuck Bowling started the call with a discussion on awards at the 2012 SNFR.

If there are saddles added money may not increase. We have to run this association like a business or we won't survive. We have to perform in Vegas this year or we are looking for a new home again and more importantly we sent out a survey and members asked for us to reform our awards program. I understand the importance of winning a saddle and or buckle; I also understand the economy and fuel prices. We can always work back to a full awards program when membership allows it. I have had a good response so far on where we are headed with our finals. I'm ready for comments.

Michaela was asked to go down the roll call list so everyone gets to comment and not talk over one another.

Jann Potter – we need to run like a business, we need to cut back on awards.

Jim Nichols – Mentioned that we are not broke; it is a matter of cutting our cost to produce a better finals. We have increased our price money to entice members to come which will help us in the eyes of Las Vegas. While awards are still very important, it is one area to decreasing from spending \$60,000 as has been done in the previous years. Jim has talked to Cactus Saddlery and they are willing to work out a deal with us, they are asking what we want.

Bob- Buckles last a lifetime, we got 2 saddle sponsors last week in Douglas, don't cut back we need to work harder to get all the buckles and saddles sponsored.

Butch- Everyone wears a championship buckle. Prizes are important but understand the need to cut back.

Billy- We don't want to go cheaper, just less expensive. Top choice buckle for \$400. Need to have all board see cactus contract. Feels we need to get away from saddles if we can.

Rick- Quality needs to stay. I would like to keep the saddle but less expensive is fine.

Mike- would like to see saddles but understands we need to cut back on awards.

Christine- Cut back – saddles to all around only, go back to all awards when membership is back up.

Karen- Questions, Will we lose contestants if no saddles?

Kenny- Wants Saddles and buckles

Spikes- Wants Saddle and buckle- tradition

Lyle- He is going for points wants to win a saddle and buckle.

Steve & Linda Grandov were not able to make the call. They told the office they feel we should cut back on saddles this year.

Billy- feels that an event needs to have 20 competing contestants all year to get a saddle.

Lyle and Rick- You will loose contestants.

Chuck- We need to make a decision to have the saddles or not, same program or run a business, we need to make a decision today so Jim can know what awards we are giving, get a cost cost and can start getting sponsors for awards. Jim suggests that all directors get 1 saddle and buckle sponsor and we need to have all awards sponsored before the go-round buckles are given.

Chuck Bowling has been told there is a rule that if a member goes and gets a sponsor, that member is entitled to 10% commission. This cannot be found in the policies and procedures or rule book. Chuck would like to add this to the policies and procedures.

Any NSPRA member who gets new sponsorships will receive 10% onetime commission of the total dollar amount brought in. If sponsor continues the following year, no commission is paid on that sponsor. That member is to report to the sponsorship chairman to make sure the agreement is understood and both parties meet agreement. A copy of agreement, terms, and contacts must be in office and approved by NSPRA President. That member is to communicate all interaction with that sponsor to the sponsorship chairman.

All agreed to add.

Michaela will call each board member to get their vote on giving saddles or not.

Adjourned -10:30 a.m.

### **Do you want to give saddles at the 2012 SNFR?**

Bob Stoddard- Yes

Steve Grandov- No

Butch Terrell- abstain

Karen Goemmer- Yes

Marty Miller- No

Chuck Melin- Yes

Billy Hoover- No

Jan Potter- No

Rick Bowden- Yes

Mike Brewer- Yes

Kenny Heinze- Yes

Linda Grandov- No

Spikes Davis- Yes

Christine Secheli- No

Lyle Hogue- Yes

8-yes. 6-no. 1-abstain. We will be giving saddles to each event at the SNFR.