



NSPRA Board Meeting Conference Call July 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chuck Melin, President.

Roll Call

Chuck Melin	--	President
Butch Terrell	--	Executive Board Member
Bud Clemons	--	Executive Board Member
Matt Zappitini	--	Executive Board Member
Mike Freeland	--	Tie Down Event Director
Cindy Gruwell	--	Breakaway Event Director
Kenny Heinze	--	Bareback Event Director
Eddie Jacques	--	Saddle Bronc Director
Susan Hall	--	Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director
Mike Brewer	--	Team Roping Event Director
Dale Rising	--	Steer Wrestling Event Director
Russell Friend	--	Canadian Representative
Jim Nichol	--	Promotion Agent
ABSENT		
Bob Stoddard	--	Vice President
Jimmy Moon	--	Bull Riding Event Director
Cheryl Cole	--	Ribbon Roping Event Director

Michaela Ward- the NSPRA Hall of Fame saddle bronc rider blew over in the storm on 7-6-14. The head of the horse broke off and was stolen Sunday night. I did a police report and put an ad in the Wickenburg Sun in hopes that it will be returned. The landlord is putting up a reward.

Chuck Melin - Reminded all board members that if they cannot make it to a meeting you need to have a proxy. There was only 5 board member at the Hamilton meeting so they could not have it.

Bud Clemons - Made motion for directors to appoint a secondary director in each region to be there when head director is not available for meetings and rodeos. Second by Mike Brewer.

Discussion - That this is already in rule book and they need to follow it. Motion withdrawn.

Approval of minutes from previous meetings - Motion to approve by Mike Freeland, second Dale Rising. Pass unanimous.

Agenda Items:

1. Steer Wrestling draw will be drawn manually by the judges at each rodeo because the program will not draw 40s and 50s together. Judges never draw stock for an event that they are entered in. Motion Made by Mike Freeland to add to policies and procedures: Steer Wrestling draw is to be done at the rodeos by judges because the program will not draw age groups together. Motion Passed unanimous.

2. Positioning at SNFR. You will only take points you earn in your region. No one will fill points left by an open position. Teamed event position for SNFR. Chuck Melin talked about doing a random draw for the first round. Mike Freeland, take the partner with the highest points in region standings. One team from each region (highest points) will go in perf.
3. Facility Charge at rodeos. Discussion of adding to policies and procedures a max that a committee can charge at their rodeo. \$10/day on a 5 day rodeo gets expensive for contestants. Possibly add a max of \$20 or \$5/rodeo. Motion made by Mike Freeland to add a onetime facility fee of \$20. no second. Review at Las Vegas meeting.
4. Year end saddles: agreement to buy all saddles from the same maker. Susan Hall has tried to get help for finding sponsors, she has had meetings, wrote letters, emails and phone calls. Very few have tried to help. She had one saddle so far. Discussion. Mike Freeland there was a sponsor for the 50s saddles which gives her 2. She will keep working to get her 3rd saddle sponsored. Bids for saddles are coming in, certificate and trophy saddles. Will make decision after all bids are in.
5. Western Fairs Association. Matt Zappetini explained about their association. He met with them and they felt they could really help us with a booth at their January convention to gain new rodeos and new members. Membership for WFA is \$125. Deposit on booth is \$300. Final payment in October of \$550. Susan Hall made the motion to move forward with WFA. Second by Dale Rising. Passed Unanimous.
6. Colorado Springs rodeos will count toward 5 rodeos for the finals as stated in policies and procedures #33. Address this topic at SNFR.
7. Combining some age groups in 2015. Discussion on 40-55 and 55+ age groups and keeping 68CR and 70MBRK as is. Discussion of roping down in younger age groups. Table until Las Vegas meeting.
8. Rodeo Publication - Open for bids. Let office know if you have any suggestions.
9. Stock Bids for SNFR. Discussion of having 1 contractor or each event getting stock. Discussion. Take all bids deadline is August 15. Meeting August 23rd at Crawford to make final decision.

Grievance - None

Finance - Cindy Gruwell has been reviewing statements and reports monthly and everything looks good. Let us know if anyone has questions.

Judging - One complaint at Grants and the situation has been taken care of.

Sanctions - No changes

Rule Changes - #1- Ribbon Ropers have 30 seconds to catch the calf and touch it. One loop during regular season rodeos. Two loops in the average rodeos and finals with a 30 second time limit. Discussion. All approved effective in 2015.

Other rules discussion and will be reviewed at Las Vegas Meeting.

Bud Clemons - Maybe Gold Cards should be given to family of deceased members as condolence.

Mike Freeland - Buckles. Discussion of overall world all around, finals all around, jackets- possible sponsors. Discussion on how many buckles need to be orders. Chuck Melin - we need clarification as to what were giving.

Hall of Fame - Banquet on Wednesday night. They had 5 nomination.

Membership - Butch thinks we should recognize new members who make it to the SNFR during the Hall of Fame banquet.

Next meeting in Crawford, NE August 23. Meeting at 1:00pm - Dales Bar.

Motion to adjourn Cindy Gruwell. Second Russell Friend.