

NSPRA Board Meeting – Crawford, Nebraska

August 23, 2014

Meeting was called to order at noon by President Chuck Melin. Roll call was taken. There were 15 board members present, 5 of which were proxy, with 1 absent.

Minutes to previous meeting were read. Motion to approve: Matt Zappatini, 2nd by Bob Stoddard.

Publication of news:

- Rodeo News (Lacy Stevens) was present to field questions about current publication policies and matters with the current agreement. There was discussion of some of the problems that have occurred with what is or isn't in the news. Lacy assured us that they can all be taken care of. We need to keep communicating. Chuck Melin is going to update Siri monthly as to what is going on with the Association to help keep members in the "know". It was discussed to use the "meet the member" segment to "meet the stock contractor, secretary, sponsors" also.
- Jim Nichols asked for clarification of the "finals ad". We are allowed 2 full page for free. After that we have to pay.
- Cindy Gruwell questioned the lack of being able to "proof" that last few publications. She is to be "cc" so that there are two people to help do this.

At this point Bud Clemons made motion to continue with Rodeo News as our publication. 2nd by Mike Brewer. Cindy Gruwell asked to present "Rodeo Times" offer. Chuck Melin read the letter that Matt Cramblet had sent to present their publication. Cindy was also going to put Matt on the phone to answer any questions. The question was asked for: 14 yes, 1 Abstain, Cindy G.. Rodeo News is the NSPRA publication for 2015 rodeo season.

Bonnie Terrell suggested putting the entire Ladies Barrel race in one draw to make position on the ground more equal for all girls. After discussion it was decided the current way works just fine.

NSPRA Finals Officials: Motion: Bud Clemons; 2nd Matt Zappatini 13 yes, 1 no: Bob Stoddard

- Secretary: Karen Kissel
- Timers : Suzi Kaufmann and Beverly Shoaf
- Judges: John Kissell and Randy Ternan

NSPRA Finals Photographer: Motion: Cindy Gruwell; 2nd Matt Zappatini Unanimous.

NSPRA Finals Stock Contractors:

1. Bud Clemons brought a bid from Josh Peek. Cindy brought up that the deadline for bids was August 15. Jim Nichols mentioned that deadline wasn't set until August 1st. (Deadline was set on

July 8 during conference call.) Point taken. The board then started looking at all the bids we had in hand.

2. Rough Stock: Dirt Broke – BB & SB horses w/ pick-up men

Bill Lyle – Bulls w/ 2 bull fighters

\$10,500 delivered

3. Calves : Josh Peek - \$10,000 delivered
4. Team Roping : Jim Nichols- \$ 3500 delivered
5. Steer Wrestling: ??? - \$2500 delivered

More discussion occurred trying to pull the rough stock into the \$10,500 using the two contractors. General conscientious of the group was to bring the best stock we could to Finals to make it good watching for the audience and good animals for the cowboys. Motion was made to let the RS event directors, Jim N. & Chuck M. work on the numbers with the maximum to be \$28,000 trying to work the numbers back to \$ 26,500. Motion made by Matt Z. 2nd Dusty Sagers. 14 yes.

Susan Hall barrel racing director left meeting.

New Business:

Guest, Pat Woods spoke to the group about the “Generation West” a women’s drill team. They would like to be a part of our finals. They have a really cool opening ceremony. Jim Nichols asked what their needs would be to come. She said they normally get \$350 a performance close to home. Jim was going to see what we might be able to do. They would have travel expenses etc. so wasn’t sure that we could have them this year.

Western Fair Association: Matt Z. gave us an update on the convention in Reno in January. It really looks like it could be an exciting time for us to grow. Butch Terrell thanked Matt getting this all started.

Deaths of passed members:

The question was asked what could be proper protocol upon the death of a past member. Matt Z. made the motion: That upon notification of the death of a past member the NSPRA send a card with a donation made to the NSPRA Crisis Fund or the Hall of Fame for \$50. 2nd Dusty Sager. 13 Yes. Board to help office.

Discussion of Mike Freeland letter: Tabled until finals.

Committees:

Grievance- Broke judges pencil: Richard Herrera. Motion by Cindy G. 2nd Matt Z. 13 yes.

Rule Changes- Matt presented the rule changes and ideas that he has been presented with which are several. Matt read rule changes he had in hand. This will be sent out to be looked at and discussed with members at finals. It has been suggested that we add a line to the approval forms asking about

advertising to be done for said rodeo with the hope of letting more people at the local level have a chance to enter.

Guest Cindy Reynolds asked about the possibility of buying the ticker tape that can be added to the Farm Tek eyes to alleviate the mistakes made on recording barrel times. She will check on cost of this.

Crisis Fund: We had one request from Loydd Rennaker. Dale Rising made motion to give Loydd \$500 to help offset travel expenses to appointments. 2nd Matt Z. 13 yes.

Guest, Pepe Tomeu spoke to board about the fact that we have lost 50% of the membership east of the Mississippi. He has found that Boyd Gaming is in Mississippi and is hoping to pull together more rodeos east using the fact that Boyd Gaming is such a big part of our finals. Jim is going to try to help contact some people on this.

Discussion was had as to how the points would go at finals. There will be no triple points. Kyle Jumper made a motion that points be 60-10 / go and 60-10 in avg. 2nd Bud C. 13 yes.

Discussion of dropping the age on the Men's breakaway back to 65 instead of 70+.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Cindy Gruwell

- WT Photo will be photographer

