



## NSPRA Board Meeting Wickenburg, AZ February 13, 2014

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The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Chuck Melin, President.

### Roll Call

Chuck Melin	--	President
Bob Stoddard	--	Vice 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
Dan Bohan		Proxy for Kenny Hienze --Bareback Event Director
Cindy Reynolds		Proxy for Susan Hall-- Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director
Mike Brewer	--	Team Roping Event Director
Dale Rising	--	Steer Wrestling Event Director/ Executive Board Member
Russell Friend	--	Canadian Representative
ABSENT		
Cheryl Cole	--	Ribbon Roping Event Director
Jimmy Moon	--	Bull Riding Event Director
Eddie Jacques	--	Saddle Bronc Event Director

Chuck Melin announced the resignation of Rick Bowden's position of Steer Wrestling director and executive board. He would like Dale Rising to fill the remaining term as Steer Wrestling director executive position will remain open. Matt Zappetini made the motion to have Dale Rising fill Rick Bowden's position as Steer Wrestling director. Second by Cindy Gruwell. Passed, unanimous.

Sandy Schara read her letter to the board regarding emergency rule changes that have been passed in 2013. She asked the board to slow down in make Emergency rule change.

**Decision:** for emergency rule changes we must make sure we have 4/5 majority of full board. We need to add an explanation when an emergency rule is passed.

Minutes read- Conference call 11/21/2013

Conference call 12/5/2013

Conference call 1/31/2014

Las Vegas, NV 10/29/2013

Bud Clemons made a motion to accept minutes as read. Cindy Gruwell second. Passed, unanimous.

Cindy Reynolds- Read letter regarding barrel racers requesting lower entry fees. The problem could be in rule 9.5.0.-All fees must be the same cannot due to rule 9.5.0. They do not want to change fees for other events, however they would like \$40 fees. Decision was to keep fees the same across all events and it is the committees decision.

Timer eyes need to be worked on. Approximate cost is \$100. Board approved to get them sent in and fixed.

Cindy Reynolds asked if we have barrel covers? No, they will look in to getting covers in case committee doesn't have them. Jim Nichols will look into getting a sponsor for them. So they are available if needed.

Clarification to Judge Pay- The judges pay was increase to \$200/day/rodeo. All approved

Discussion to extend \$1000 added money rule thru 2014. Committees have the option to add \$1000 to the rough stock events at one of their rodeos. Discussion. Dale Rising made the motion to extend the \$1000 added money option through 2014. Second by Mike Freeland. Passed, unanimous.

#### Late Entries-

Discussion- The rule is that Late entries will close at 12:00noon on Wednesday after the entry date. Multiple calls for entries have been coming in beyond this time and getting board approval to get in. Decision: There will be no approval of entries that come in after 12:00noon on Wednesday.

#### Timed Events

Discussion: all around, year end champion, finals, world champion. Motion made by Dan Bohan – Directors are responsible for \$1200 per event donation. \$1000 to go towards event saddle and \$200 to be put towards AA Saddles. Second by Bob Stoddard. Passed Unanimous.

Motion made by Dan Bohan – Year end all around starts with first rodeo ends with last rodeo of season. World Champion all around will count like an event for finals to decide world champion all around. Anyone who has won points in more than 2 events will qualify to be eligible for world champion all around. Second by Mike Freeland. Passed Unanimous.

#### Central Entry, buddy groups.

Discussion on buddy groups working with performances that only allows 4 in a performance. Motion made by Dan Bohan to remove the buddy group system. Seconded by Matt Zappetini. TABLED until next meeting.

Fernley dates- discussion that August dates for Fernley will not work well with other rodeos scheduled.

Work on moving dates, table will talk to RC Herrera. Other confirmed and possible rodeos:

3@crawford

3@Douglas

3@Wheatland

2@Estes Park

2-West Cliff Castle

When a committee chooses to have a pick 1 and draw 1 team roping the entry fee is not to exceed \$50/man. (Pick 1 draw 1 for \$100)

#### Grievance

Dan Bohan talked about concern with the rough stock that has been brought to Estes Park. Many cowboys have been injured by them. Decision - write letter to Estes Park expressing dislike of rough stock.

#### Jim Nichols

Motion was made by Butch Terrell to give Jim Nichols permission to move forward with finals dates being October 1-4, 2014. Second by Mike Freeland. Passed 12 yes, 0 no.

Motion was made by Butch Terrell to have the same added money as last year. Second by Dan Bohan. Motion Passed. 11 yes, 0 no.

### Judging

Rick Bowden is still the coordinator, Chuck Melin is working with him.

### Finance

Mike Freeland is looking into getting bids for an audit.

Brenda Hershkowitz, current NSPRA Bookkeeper, was introduced to the board. She explained to the board that her firm has reviewed the NSPRA books, and have found that things are in order and being accounted for correctly. We have a good set of checks and balances, meaning that Michaela receives a bill and contacts the President for approval before the bills are paid. At the size of our business she did not recommend an audit because they are so costly. She has been an auditor in the past for a large firm in Phoenix and one in Wyoming, she estimated an audit on our set of books would be about \$15-\$25K.

### Rules

Discussion on making a rule to load 1st 3 in order then a chute run.

Motion was made by Bud Clemons to strike Rule B.7.1 on page 10, for Emergency Rule change. Second by Mike Freeland. Passed Unanimous.

### Hall of Fame

Please bring nominations to Bob Stoddard or Mike Brewer as soon as possible. Deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### New Business

May 24th- Jimmy Moon is having a Colorado Springs rodeo, NSPRA membership drive/awareness rodeo, Assoc membership packages, wants to sell raffle tickets, and have a member in booth to be an informant.

### Point to Ponder

Take points from both region points to finals

### What does director insurance cover?

Russell recommend to add liability of accusation and theft.

### Bud Clemons

Thank you card to every committee asking what we can do to help you with your rodeo/jackpot next year. Cindy Gruwell will help get information to Siri for Rodeo News about the new regional concept.

Meeting was Adjourned 5:30pm.