



NSPRA Board Meeting

Hamilton, MT June 27, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Melin, President.

Roll Call

Chuck Melin	--	President
Bob Stoddard	--	Vice President
Butch Terrell	--	Executive Board Member
Chuck Bowling	--	Executive Board Member
Jerry Martin	--	Tie Down Event Director
Cindy Gruwell	--	Breakaway Event Director
Christine Secheli	--	Ribbon Roping Event Director
Lyle Hogue	--	Bull Riding Event Director
Susan Hall	--	Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director
Mike Brewer	--	Team Roping Event Director
Rick Bowden	--	Steer Wrestling Event Director/ Executive Board Member
Russell Friend	--	Canadian Representative
ABSENT		
Steve Grandov	--	Executive Board Member
Billy Hoover	--	Executive Board Member
Kenny Hienze	--	Bareback Event Director

Presentation by Montana Silversmith-Amy (Lloyd Rennekker's sister-Lloyd from Darby, MT rodeo). She showed us the buckles and spurs, provided some print. Passed them around. Prices included on sheet.

Susan Hall discussed Ladies Barrel Racing-she was unsure why folks thought they had to refer back to the WPRA rule book, and there has been some judging issues related to this in the past. Some would refer back others didn't. Susan indicated we should be following our rule book as written (and it does NOT refer back to the WPRA). If we have problems in the future, we can look at amending the rules next year. For Finals however, there will be ground rules to be more restrictive (like no circling) but otherwise, just follow rule book.

Minutes of previous meetings 1/24 (meeting), 2/19 (call), 4/2 (call), 4/11 (call) and 5/14 (call)-motion by Cindy to approve 5/14, Lyle second. All approve, no oppose.

Mike Brewer-Team Roping Pick/Draw discussed and they will be trying it at Wheatland. It will be \$100 to go twice. Draw will go at end of slack. Points only count for pick partner. No points for draw. Details to be worked out, additional \$5 for stock discussed. Trial basis rest of this year this is allowed if the rodeos choose to do so, if it works they will try to put it in place for next year. Mandatory for team ropers, if you enter, you WILL get a draw.

Jerry Martin-those he talked to are high on the idea. They support it.

Bob S. -asked who will do the draw-and other questions. Agreed there are a lot of holes and questions that need to be worked out.

Cindy G. said she can get a computer program that will do a draw.

Diversion in conversation: Butch Terrell-discussion on need for lower fees, Jerry Martin said of the 30 calls he made, all but 8 wanted the higher fees. 8 Wanted lower. Mike Brewer said team ropers want higher fees too. Rick Bowden wants lower fees.

Back to subject: Try it at Wheatland. There will be 2 spots in the performance for each age group/event.

Motion by Mike Brewer: To allow any committee to have Pick 1 Draw 1 the rest of this year. Second by Jerry Martin. No: Chuck B. Abstain: Russell and Christine. Yes all others.

Donation Drawing-being mailed out in July. If we want anything else in that mail out we need to decide soon and get it to Michaela. Ideas: The information about the Wheatland Pick/Draw.

World and Finals Buckles: Already heard from Amy. Cindy presented Skyline Buckles. World Champion \$500, Average \$250. Committee Cindy, Billy H. and Rick B to work with them and other buckle companies to get most sponsorships and best price. Gold Buckle for world buckle was the general consensus. Nice average buckle. Cindy can also contact Red Bluff and Gist.

Contract Jim Nichols and Corey Fegan: Chuck Melin said Jims reduced his negotiated salary to pay for Corey plus an additional \$500 total). She can do more in Vegas than Jim can without making trips back and forth, Jim felt he needed to contribute from his salary to cover most of her costs to benefit the association most.

Hall of Fame. Chuck Melin met with the Director in Hamilton (Tamara) and she gave chuck copies of the inventory. She is ok to keep it there or ok to move it. Issues: (1) contract signed indicates we will do the HOF induction there, however now we do it at Finals, and there is no \$ coming in from that event. That makes it hard for museum; they rely on that type of income. (2) they are paying for storage on all our excess HOF items and insurance, which comes to ~\$600/year we have not been paying and the Museum board is asking why. Bottom line-what do we do? Idea, put what we can in Wickenburg and return what we can to owners. Have Michaela go through and make phone calls as she can and figure it out (keep rest in storage in Wickenburg until we get through it all). It will not cost us to leave Hamilton (the museum will not charge us and won't enforce the contract for 60 days notification). Jerry Martin made motion to move it all to Wickenburg, Second by Butch Terrell Unanimous except Russell Friend who abstained.

Rodeo of the Year-how should we do it? When do we vote? Do we pick one or recognize all? Discussion of pros and cons. Some feel if one wins it's like a slap in face to all others. Suggestion by Russell-use web page w/ defined set of criteria (for example, 3-5 specific issues that are rated on a scale of 1-5 and keep the data and analyze results). Suggestion by Chuck Bowling to leave as is for this year and work on a systematic process for next year. Jerry Martin said we need to have an official Thank You letter to each committee mailed as well. Russell suggested exit survey to each committee-agreed we need to work on that for next year. Michaela is to check on cost for appreciation plaques for all committees.

Contracts for Livestock. We have 3 months to get bids and award contract. One Contractor for all or separate? SW separate? Work together? Discussion. No decision made. Directors are to make calls to see who has interest and who is available. Get ball rolling and get ideas and numbers to Jerry Martin.

Committees:

- Grievance-sent in-need conference call to discuss. Discussion on FW Lynch. If he turned in a medical slip to office he is not liable for fees (like it or not).
- Finance. None.

- Judging for Finals. Rick Bowden wants to put in judges, not have board pick. Rick would prefer John Kissell and Jim Cutler.
- Sanctions-Jerry Martin went to Dillon and Twin Bridges to try to get those rodeos back. Chuck Bowling sent packets to Susanville. Timed events in California that may co-sanction. Few others for next year.
- Finals Committee-Jim and Chuck Melin talked. Email from Corey Fegan. Will get the email to Michaela. Some confirmed sponsors, some in the works. Corey is the NSPRA face in Vegas.
- Circuit-Nancy Tatum said she would do it again, but the amount of \$ available is unknown at this time and won't be firmed up until the Wyoming/Colorado run is over. We will give her a budget then.
- Crisis Fund-Jerry Schuster-Discussion-Move to pay him \$500. Vote unanimous.
- Membership-Butch-"why should I join", tell people GREAT finals and more added money. Discussed the possibility of an alumni association for those members not participating, have meetings, newsletter, group events, etc. Have exhibition runs for older members -they don't pay a fee-they just do the run for fun and to be out in the events again.
- HOF, Bob Stoddard updated. Meeting next Friday at Grants.

New Business.

Jerry Martin said we need to reconsider men's breakaway to 65. Other discussion on dropping 40's and add them into 50's and add another age group at the top. What can we do for our older members?

Russell Friend- thanked the Board for letting him be on the Board and thanked Bob Stoddard for being on Canadian board-said we need to try to capture common threads, mostly positive. CSPRA is considering committees/locations that want Rodeos that can't have rough stock component and they do not allow timed event only. CSPRA considering timed in one location and rough stock in another where they can get on 2 head OR get on 2 head at one rodeo to save on costs.

Move to adjourn by Mike Brewer, second by Cindy Gruwell. Adjourned at 6:46PM