



**NSPRA Board Meeting
Wickenburg, Arizona
February 9, 2017**

Unofficial Until Approved at a Future Board of Directors Meeting!

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chuck Melin, President.

Roll Call

Chuck Melin	--	President
Bob Stoddard	--	Vice President
Butch Terrell	--	Executive Board Member
Brad McReynolds	--	Executive Board Member
Jim Wales	--	Executive Board Member
Kyle Jumper	--	Proxy for Executive Board Member Alan Johnson
Jimmy Nugent	--	Executive Board Member
Lance Miller	--	Bareback/Saddle Bronc Riding Director
Cindy Gruwell	--	Breakaway Event Director
Elaine Lewis	--	Ribbon Roping Event Director
Marlene McGaughey	--	Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director
Mike Brewer	--	Team Roping Event Director
John Denson	--	Steer Wrestling Event Director
Bill Reeder	--	Canadian Representative

Via Telephone:

Savvas Halikas	--	Tie Down Roping Director
Jim Arnold	--	Bull Riding Director

Minutes: A motion was made by Butch Terrell and seconded by Jim Wales to approve the following minutes: conference call of October 26, 2016, conference call of November 21, 2016 and conference call of November 28, 2016. Motion carried.

Hall of Fame– Dave Eastlake said he had met with Chuck Melin and Hall of Fame give the NSPRA \$100 a month for rent beginning in 2017. He also requested nominations for the Hall of Fame.

A motion was made by Bob Stoddard and seconded by Butch Terrell to make a memorial donation in Gay Holliday's name to the Hall of Fame. Motion carried.

NSPRA Charitable Foundation – There was discussion on the newly established NSPRA Charitable Foundation and how it would be operated. John Denson said his wife would oversee the foundation

Canadian Rodeo News – Chuck Melin said that the Rodeo News currently charged \$75 for a Canadian subscription, which seemed really high, however, after further research it is not totally out of line. Rodeo News has agreed to lower the cost to \$60 per Canadian subscription.

Sponsorships – Chuck met with Kimber Solberg who had worked with Little Britches Rodeo Association. She was supposed to put together some figures for us as a sponsorship agent but he has not

been able to contact here. She was making \$2,500 and 25% when she left Little Britches. Chuck said he would keep the board informed as to what was happening, but at this time no action was taken.

There was further discussion on sponsors and sponsorships. We have several members who have connections with "The Ride" which is in competition with RFD TV. They are interested in organizations such as ours.

Montana Run – Bill Reeder expressed concern with contention within the association. He asked if there wasn't a way to allow committees a little more discretion in how their rodeos ran especially with issues like the 3D barrels.

After lengthy discussion, it was determined this was an issue that needed to be presented as a new rule or rules for the 2018 year by submitting a rule change by August 1st.

Arena Secretaries - Susi asked the board to consider two things. The first item was to require field secretaries to use the standard NSPRA forms to submit their rodeos to the office. The second item was to pay the field secretaries \$.50 per entry just like the judges. The board agreed that the standard forms should be used and if they were not, the \$100 bond would not be returned. The board was also receptive to the \$.50 but it needs to be presented a rule change since it will be paid from the \$20 office charge.

Review and Approve Rodeos –

- Canada Rodeos – not on our website yet.
- Panguitch April rodeos will be changed to May and have two full and two timed event only rodeos.
- Darby is a go in June (the 20th, 21st, and 22nd). He would prefer to only have two but will do three if necessary for a 5 rodeo run. Twin Bridges is still hesitating because they don't want to be out there on their own. Butch is also talking to Rod Lyman to possibly do some at Whitehall.
- Grants, NM has two timed events on the 29th and 30th of June and 3 full rodeos for July 1, 2, 3.
- Magdalena, NM will be July 8 and 9.
- Amarillo, TX will be two timed events July 11 and 12.
- Grandfield, OK will be two full rodeos July 14 and 15
- Panguitch, UT will have 3 timed event rodeos and 2 full rodeos, August 3, 4, 5, 7, 8.
- Fernley and Estes Park – both rodeos have requested the same dates. There was lengthy discussion regarding the value of both rodeos to the organization. It was noted the Fernley has not sent in their paperwork yet.
 - *A motion was made by John Denson and seconded by Brad McReynolds to approve Estes Park for the dates requested. There was further discussion on how to avoid the issue in the future. A roll call vote was taken with 8 yes votes, 5 no votes and 1 abstaining.*

A brief break was taken for Chuck Melin to contact Fernley and get them to fax in their paper work. It was never received.

- *A motion was made by Jim Wales and seconded by Bob Stoddard to approve Fernley for the dates requested contingent upon receiving their paperwork. Motion carried with 13 yes votes and 1 abstain.*
- Crawford has 3 full rodeos scheduled for August 18-20
 - *A motion was made by John Denson and seconded by Mike Brewer to approve Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.*
- John Lemons is working to put on 2 rodeos in Valentine, NE and the Bloomfield, NE at the same time as Crawford.
- Greeley –

- *A motion was made by John Denson and seconded by Lance Miller to approve Greeley. Motion passed unanimously.*

Committees-

- Grievance – nothing to report
- Finance – Jimmy was not available but Susi gave an update on what was in the bank.
- Judging – Nothing to report.
- Sanctions – Already been covered.
- Rule Changes – Nothing to report
- Finals – Jim Nichols does not want to stay involved with the finals but will if we need him to. The board feels comfortable without him in Panguitch. Lance needs help with labor and has requested the stock contractors provide their own help. Chuck noted that next year Maynard Bird will bid all the rough stock cattle.
- Awards – Marlene is working with several jacket companies to get the best jackets for the money. We will go out to bid for buckles, etc. It was noted that Tres Rios has stood by us during the lean times and should be given a little preference for it. They are also working on some fund raisers.
 - Discussion regarding the saddles.
 - *A motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Bob to remain the same as last year. If the director gets the saddle donation, a gift certificate will be given.*
 - Discussion regarding whether the awards have to be saddle or a lesser award.
- Crisis Fund – Cindy said she would like to have a check sent to Gary Johnson and Lance suggested a check be sent to Barry Shepard.
 - *A motion was made by Bill Reeder and seconded by Kyle Jumper to send a check to both Barry Shepard and Gary Johnson in the amount of \$500. Motion carried.*
- Membership – Approximately 30 new members in the first month. There are 190 regular members and that does not include the board members or the gold card members.

New Business-

Bill Reeder asked how to distribute points in the team roping with the new age categories.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM