



NSPRA Board Meeting
October 2, 2017
1:00 PM
Triple C Arena, Panguitch, UT

Unofficial Until Approved at a Future Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chuck Melin, President. The Invocation was offered by Butch Terrell.

Roll Call

Chuck Melin	--	President
Bob Stoddard	--	Vice President
Butch Terrell	--	Executive Board Member
Brad McReynolds	--	Executive Board Member
Jim Wales	--	Executive Board Member
Jimmy Nugent	--	Executive Board Member
Kyle Jumper (proxy)	--	Executive Board Member (Alan Johnson)
Mike Brewer	--	Team Roping Event Director
John Denson	--	Steer Wrestling Event Director
Jim Arnold	--	Bull Riding Director
Savvas Halikas	--	Tie Down Roping Director
Marlene McGaughey	--	Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director
Lance Miller	--	Bareback/Saddle Bronc Riding Director
Cindy Gruwell	--	Breakaway Event Director
Bill Reeder	--	Canadian Representative
Via Telephone:		
Elaine Lewis	--	Ribbon Roping Event Director

Minutes of Previous Meeting Approval

A motion was made by John Denson and seconded by Jim Wales to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2017 conference call, the board meeting held February 9, 2017 in Wickenburg, AZ, the July 19, 2017 conference call, and the board meeting held August 18, 2017 in Crawford, NE. Motion carried.

Bob Stoddard thanked the outgoing board members and directors and welcomed the new board members. A plaque was presented to Chuck Melin as outgoing president.

Agenda Items

- 1. 3D Barrel Race** – After a brief discussion where it was noted the Canadian members don't like the 3D format, *a motion was made by Marlene McGaughey and seconded by Cindy Gruwell to continue with the 3D format during the year with a straight race at the finals. Motion carried with 1 no vote.*
- 2. Ribbon Roping Added Money** – Rule 15.6.5 dictates if there are no contestants entered in an age group at a rodeo, the added money is divided among the remaining age groups. The board agreed that it was not fair to the committee. It was determined it required an amendment (clarification), not a rule change. *A motion was made by John Denson and seconded by Lance Miller to delete the first sentence of Rule 15.6.5, leaving the second*

sentence in place, “If there are no contestants in any of the age groups in a timed event, the added money will revert back to the rodeo committee.” Motion carried.

3. **Designated Age Groups** - Chuck expressed concern with the designation in Rule 27.1.1.2. It came up as an issue this year with Everett Morton and Bev Welsh. It was clarified that the rule is as it is written and would require a rule change. A form has been created by the office to be signed by the member when they designate their age category.
4. **Proposed Rule Changes** - Kyle Jumper presented the proposed rule changes that were approved by the rules committee to be presented to the full board.
 - NSPRA shall only “co-approve” an equal number of rodeos with the CSPRA as the CSPRA “co-approves” with NSPRA. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the differences between the rodeo numbers and contestants. *A motion was made by Brad McReynolds and seconded by Jim Arnold to only approve an equal number of Canada rodeos as they approve with us. Motion carried with 11 yes and 2 no votes.*
 - Bring back Section 8, adjusted points throughout the year will be carried into the finals and combined with any adjusted finals points to determine world champions. I propose to pick your region at the time you pay your membership dues. There was lengthy discussion on what this would accomplish and how to make it easily understood, as well as how it would accomplish the goal of a finals that rewarded those who supported the sanctioned rodeos the most, while still providing the possibility of winning a world title to many contestants regardless of whether they were able/willing to travel or not. Other comments included how the regions would fit in, the impact it would have specifically on the 40 age category, different possibilities for the required numbers of rodeos to qualify for the finals and/or a world title and reasons for why numbers are down. *A motion was made by Mike Brewer to bring back Section 8. Motion died for a lack of a second.* A committee was established to review the issue further. Members of the committee include Kay Boyles, Karen Duncan, Kyle Jumper, Bill Reeder, Jim Arnold, Chuck Melin
 - Any board member or event director who resigns before the end of their term will not be eligible to serve on the board of directors for 3 years. *A motion was made by John Denson and seconded by Bob Stoddard that any board member who resigns before the end of their term will not be eligible to serve on the board of directors for three years. Motion carried*
 - Do not co-sanction or co-approve rodeos held the same time as a NSPRA sanctioned rodeo. *A motion was made by Mike Brewer and seconded by Kyle Jumper to not co-sanction or co-approve any rodeos (from another association) held the same time as a NSPRA sanctioned rodeo. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - First run on all cattle must be completed before any second run can be drawn. *A motion was made by Kyle Jumper, seconded by Cindy Gruwell to complete the first run on all cattle before the second run can be drawn. Motion passed with 1 no vote.*
 - No drop down at the finals. *A motion was made by Bill Reeder and seconded by John Denson to have no drop down at the finals. Motion passed with 7 yes votes, 6 no votes and 3 abstains.*
 - Change 9.4.1 (pg 24). A \$20 office charge per contestant will be assessed as follows: \$1 judges fee, \$.50 secretary fee, \$5 to Gen Fund, \$6 Central Entry Fee, \$2.50 Association Fee, and \$5 Awards Fee. *A motion was made by Lance Miller and seconded by Jim Wales to change rule 9.4.1 to read “A \$20 office charge per contestant will be assessed as follows: \$1 judges fee, \$.50 secretary fee, \$5 to Gen Fund, \$6 Central Entry Fee, \$2.50 Association Fee, and \$5 Awards Fee. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - At a rodeo over a few days, if no times are made, the money from that rodeo rolls over to the next day’s rodeo purse. At the end of the rodeo series, if no times are

- made, the money rolls over to that year's finals. A motion was made by Bob Stoddard and seconded by Jim Wales that at a rodeo over a few days, if no times are made the money from that rodeo rolls over to the next day's rodeo purse. At the end of the rodeo series, if no times are made, the money rolls over to that year's finals. Motion carried.
- If the ground is deemed unacceptable by the event director and/or judges, the contestant will have the option to compete or to draw out. If they draw out they are still liable for their \$20 office and the rodeo will count for the finals. A motion was made by Kyle Jumper and seconded by Mike Brewer that if the ground is deemed unacceptable by the event director and/or judges, the contestant will have the option to compete or to draw out. If they draw out they are still liable for their \$20 office and the rodeo will count for the finals.
 - Hazer must be at least 40 years old AND hold an active membership in the NSPRA. It was noted that it should be a working card and there was discussion of whether they should be 40 or not. *A motion was made by John Denson and seconded by Savvas Halikas that a hazer must be at least 40 years old and hold an active membership, or a working card, in the NSPRA. The motion also included an amendment to add the words, "or a working card."*
 - Policy and Procedures (modify) #27. Any contestant entered in a rodeo that is cancelled can count that rodeo as one of their five qualifying rodeos, subject to paying the NSPRA fee. A motion was made by Jim Wales and seconded by Bob Stoddard to amend Policy and Procedures #27 by adding the following, "...subject to paying the NSPRA fee." Motion carried.
 - Policy and Procedures (New) #28. Any contestant entered in an event where they are the only contestant entered in that event when the books close and therefore cannot compete per Rule 15.6.4 may count that rodeo as one of their five qualifying rodeos, subject to paying the NSPRA fee for that rodeo. This policy only applies to the specific event and does not allow contestant to draw out of any other events with at least one other contest. A motion was made by Lance Miller and seconded by Kyle Jumper to add #28 as a new Policy and Procedures. "Any contestant entered in an event where they are the only contestant entered in that event when the books close and therefore cannot compete per Rule 15.6.4 may count that rodeo as one of their five qualifying rodeos, subject to paying the NSPRA fee for that rodeo. This policy only applies to the specific event and does not allow contestant to draw out of any other events with at least one other contest." Motion carried.

John Basset spoke from the audience regarding the 40-59 Team Roping. He proposed allowing them to go twice in that division. The 60's can rope down but the 40-59s have nowhere to go. It was clarified that a 60s could still rope down, but they could not rope twice in the 40-59 age group. In the 40-59 age category, the first run would be the run that counted for points. After discussion on the proper way to amend the rule 25.1.0 to allow the same team to enter twice with the same partner, *A motion was made by Mike Brewer and seconded by Jim Arnold to amend Rule 25.1.0 to allow the same team in the 40-59 team roping to enter twice. Their first run would be the time counted for points. Motion carried.*

5. **40-Year-Old Age Category** - Kyle said the 40 age group is not working and he talked about different ways to combine the 40s and the 50s. He proposed combining the 40s and the 50s, as they are currently in the team roping. Chuck said he had been approached with something similar except it was in the event there were only one or two entries in the 40s age category, to automatically combine them with the 50s. It was noted that in the rough stock and the steer wrestling the two age categories competed together for the money but the points were separate.

A motion was made by Lance Miller and seconded by Kyle Jumper to combine the 40s and 50s in ribbon roping and tie down roping as it currently is in the team roping. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Regions** - discussed earlier. No further action taken.
7. **501c3/Sponsorships/Marketing** – Jim Wales asked if Liz Denson could explain how the charitable foundation worked to the membership at the Friday meeting.
8. **Canadian Representative** – Bill Reeder expressed concern with some of the rule changes and their compatibility with the Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association.
9. **New Member Bounty** - Jim Arnold spoke about a new membership incentive. If a member brought in a new member, or brought back a former member who had been gone for more than a year, they would receive a bonus of \$10. He also spoke on board unity and positive attitudes.
10. **Co-Approvals/Co-Sanctions**- Jim Arnold asked for clarification of the two words. It was clarified that co-sanction means we split the 7% money. Co-approval means we would not. There was discussion on the fee we currently charge Canada and it was noted that although CSPRA pays us to co-sanction their rodeos, the Montana rodeo committees pay CSPRA to co-sanction the Montana rodeos. Neither association gets part of the other associations 7%. *A motion was made by John Denson and seconded by Savvas Halikas to drop the \$150 co-sanction fee with other associations for a one-year trial. Motion carried with one abstaining.*
11. **Bareback/Saddle Bronc Director** – Lance wanted to go back to the two directors. It was noted it is a rule change.
Jim Wales proposed Bob Stoddard be appointed Arena Director for the duration of the finals. There was also discussion regarding labor. It was agreed to pay the two men that came with the calves \$150 per day, and for that they would also take care of all the timed event cattle. Lance said that he had some kids lined up for \$10-\$15 per hour. The board was in agreement with both.
12. **Panguitch Proposal of 2018 SNFR** - Lance presented the \$30,000 sponsorship check and said that they understood that this may not be the perfect time to negotiate for 2018, but they asked that a decision be made in a timely fashion. The Board of Directors requested 45 days before they made a decision.

COMMITTEES

Grievance - Jim Wales said he had received a grievance from a Panguitch business, Cowboy Smokehouse, regarding the bids for the banquets. He said he would go and visit with the owner, and assure them if we come back next year all local businesses will be contacted for bids. There were no rodeo grievances.

Finance - Jimmy Nugent asked Susi to update. She gave updates on bank accounts and rodeo income. Jim Wales also reminded everyone about the Tough Enough to Wear Pink program.

Judging - Chuck Melin said nothing new to report but they would try to get some new judges next year.

Sanctions – Butch Terrell reported he had paperwork on three rodeos. Wickenburg will be February 9-11, 2018. McCook, NE is three new timed event rodeos on May 18-19, 2017. John Denson said they are going to have three in Florence, CO the last weekend in June, right after the Montana run. Grants is only having three rodeos this year over the 4th. Butch asked everyone to encourage committees to get their paperwork in as soon as possible. Paula Heil spoke from the audience. She has approached the town of Mountainair, NM about having rodeos in that same run, which could end up being Grants, Socorro, Mountainair, and Ruidoso, NM. It was also noted there were posters out for Buckeye (a new venue) and Butch Terrell has talked to them, but we have not seen paperwork. Cindy Gruwell read a report from Kathy Clemons on behalf of the Sanction Committee (attached). There was discussion regarding Fernley dates. Chuck Melin said they had told him their dates were sent in last year when they sent in their information for this year's rodeo. Susi had not received them. She reminded the board their faxes had not come through and the meeting in Wickenburg had been stopped for a few minutes to allow them to

refax it and it still never came through. Chuck had told them to send the information indicating when it was sent. Butch Terrell said he had also received Estes Park's sanction agreement, requesting the same days.

Rules - there was nothing further to discuss.

Finals – there was nothing further to discuss.

Awards – Marlene McGaughey presented the jackets and explained the process to distribute them. Jim Arnold said a bull rider, Jackson Stoney, had donated a Cowboy's Choice Award for each event. He asked each director to go to their contestants and decide who they thought should get this award. The criteria was somebody who is always helpful, and always supportive. The awards would be presented at the awards banquet on Saturday.

Crisis Fund - There is no applicants but we have approximately \$15,000 in the bank.

Membership - Butch said there was not a lot to be said. We need members.

Hall of Fame – Cindy invited everyone to the banquet and said the inductees were Vern Goodman and Dick Burge.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bob Stoddard and seconded by Lance Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried.