

**KPRA Meeting Minutes**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Monday, June 19, 2021**  
**8:00 PM (CT)**

EXECUTIVE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE - Leon Winfrey, Heather Westbrook, Tim Gleason, Troy Boone, Austin Hawkins, Melissa Wanger, Justin Russell

Meeting called to order: 8:03 p.m. by Leon Winfrey

Heather read the minutes from May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting; no changes were made to the minutes. Leon stated that we did not need to approve the full board minutes, at an executive board meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Heather screen shared the KPRA funds report, this report tracks the final income from rodeos, the report listed all rodeos through July 13-14. She also shared the QuickBooks P & L report through July 19, 2021 – this report shows the changes in the chart of accounts that separates the final funds for each event. A journal entry still needs to be done to transfer the funds into the correct chart of accounts from anything coded prior to Jan. 1, 2021. Heather also reported that the balance sheets and workbooks coming in from the rodeos have had very few discrepancies.

OLD BUSINESS

Awards Update – Buckles (A Cut Above), & Cool Horse – Leon said that Andy Anderson contacted him regarding the email that Heather sent regarding final buckles. Leon clarified that Heather, Austin and Melissa would be working on final buckles and Andy would be receiving an order from us soon. Tim mentioned that they received the Year End Saddle Bronc Buckle, this will be a memorial buckle from the Jennings, Gleason & Peterson families.

Cowhide Custom photo frames – Justin feels like the frame and picture is more meaningful for the rough stock of the year awards. Leon said to move forward with the picture frames for the horse or the year and pickup men. Heather will place an order for 7 frames, 4 frames for the rough stock and 3 frames for pickup men.

Leon would like to do a “Gold Buckle Member” of the year award at finals for members that are starting to slow down on traveling to the rodeos but have made a meaningful impact on the KPRA. Austin feels like we could tie this to Garrett Nokes and possibly have Laura pick up that individual. Tim thinks it is a great idea to incorporate the Nokes Family Award and the Gold Buckle Member of the year. Leon feels like a frame and picture would be a nice award for this member(s) and suggested giving David a heads up on getting a picture. Justin thinks a frame is a great idea to honor someone that has given so much to the association. Troy feels we should narrow it down to a few for the Nokes award and let Laura pick the recipient. “GARRETT NOKES MEMBER OF THE YEAR” was suggested by Troy. Justin and Austin would like to combine the Garrett Nokes award and the member of the year but Austin feels like we need to decide if we want this to be a 20-year memorial. Troy mentioned what a great role model Garrett always was and feels like he should be honored by the association. Leon feels the board or executive board should pick the member of the year, instead of voting on it at finals because some of the meaning of the award is lost in a large member vote when members are unsure of

who to vote for. Austin agreed saying it meaning can be overlooked. Leon feels that these awards can award them at any point of the finals. Austin moves to have two separate awards, the "Garrett Nokes Member of the Year" with a buckle awarded and the "Gold Buckle Member(s) of the Year" with picture frame awarded. Troy seconds, all approve. Leon will get the buckle ordered. Heather will now order 9 frames for the stock of the year, pick up men of the year, 2 for Gold Buckle member.

Committees of the year awards. Leon moves to table a discussion on the committee awards to August but wants everyone to be thinking about what we can do for our committees and possible awards for them...Fan Favorite Rodeo, etc.

Drive to Zero update - Heather updated on the meeting with Doug from Drive to Zero on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Doug is very impressed with the KPRA including the committees in the Drive to Zero mission by sending the wrist bands for free water for designed drivers to committees offering beer gardens at their rodeos. In the future Doug would like to see more committee involvement and Heather feels that Doug would be willing to put additional funds towards the KPRA and Drive to Zero sponsoring an event for KPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved rodeos in Kansas. Heather also reported that Doug was very excited about the Shenandoah concert at finals and felt that it would be a great opportunity for the State Troopers in the area to reach out to the rodeo fans at finals.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Update on Rodeo's / Entry line –

Leon reported that the Kingfisher committee is going to Fairview to view a KPRA rodeo and Justin confirmed that they have been in contact with him.

Entry Line Report – Leon reported on a few struggles Jamie has found this year with the entry line versus last year. Last year with several rodeos being cancelled the entry line did not have such an issue with OUTS. This year with everything opening up there are a lot of "OUT"s because they are up in another rodeo. Sang has worked out some of these problems to resolve the conflicts in the conflicts report. Leon felt like our numbers were down a little bit so he pulled the numbers from 2019 rodeos versus 2021 rodeos and actually found that we are up on entries this year. 1,449 contestants in 8 performances/slacks using numbers from Ulysses, Scott City, Bladen, Fairview, Hoxie and Dighton. Troy mentioned that he has been approached by several contestants that are entering as 1st or OUT thinking that they will get 1<sup>st</sup> if they enter that way. We also had discussion on buddy groups with the original intention to create a buddy group being to get 4 contestants in the same event to the same rodeo, a true buddy group should stay together but we seem to have too many buddy groups with many different events.

### 2. New Co-Approval – Randy Schmutz with Rodeo Super Series reached out to Leon regarding co-approving. Randy has put together 8 rodeos, KPRA will co-approve Winfield with Mid States. KPRA will get 2% of the sanction money. Leon explained to Randy that we prefer trades over sharing the sanction fee. Leon agreed to co-approve this on short notice because it is a Monday – Tuesday rodeo.

### 3. Concerns from board – Austin said the only thing that he heard anything negative about is the splits in the steer wrestling, to give the horse a break and keep the rodeo moving. It was an issue in McCracken with the contractor. Leon thinks we can cross

this at our rules meeting and see if we need to establish a rule at that time. Troy reported on an issue with a Team Roper that entered twice at an IPRA 1<sup>st</sup> approved rodeo and won two holes. KPRA counted the top check to standings because we are an enter once rodeo. The first rule under Dally Team Roping states in the KPRA rule book, that each contestant is only allowed to enter once, everyone agreed that only the top check should count towards standings.

#### 4. Finals – Judges, Announcer, Timers

Leon reported that he talked with a judge regarding a set of judges for the rough stock and a set for timed events at finals. The judge felt that would be a great idea so Leon feels we should come up with a few names, 2 timed event judges and 2 rough stock judges. Do we pick so many names and then send to the directors? Tim suggested to take the top 15 in the current standings and ask them to present 4 names of judges and then put those names in the hat. Justin feels that the executive board knows who the good judges are and it would give the KPRA the chance to hold judges accountable and gives us the opportunity to get good quality judges for finals if we pick them. Austin mentioned that the Steer Wrestling is pretty cut and dry, so he does not receive a lot of feedback on the judges calls. Melissa agreed barrel racing is similar to the steer wrestling in that way. Leon has a few names picked that we could send out to the directors and have them pick two timed event and 2 rough stocks. Discussion regarding stipulations on how many rodeos have been judged or if they just need have to have their card. Discussion on possible judges David Craig, Garrett Panzer, Jerry Lynn, Guy Forell very liked by Austin & Troy. Austin moves to present the following, seconded by Justin, passes.

Timed Event – David Craig & Guy Forell  
Rough Stock – Garrett Panzer & Jerry Lynn

Announcer – Leon has talked to Brandan Wren, Monty Williams (bid for \$1200 with sound man), Scott Fry and Remington Fry, Troy Goodrich. Austin felt that Scott Fry did a nice job at Ulysses. Leon will request a bid from Scott.

Timers – Leon mentioned that Bud & Mike both have timers that we could look at. Troy suggested Heather list the rodeo personnel on the results so we get used to seeing the names and contestants can recognize who they feel does a good job. Heather will list rodeo personnel on the results going forward. After Leon receive a few more bid for announcer we will communicate through e-mail or text on the announcer and timers for finals.

#### 5. Finals Concert info – Leon met with Albert and Dodge City Roundup. Albert has set up a concert with Shenandoah, a beer garden, and has sponsors lined up and the contract has been signed. Albert is every excited and would like to continue promoting our finals in the future. Albert would also like to continue to have the buckle presentation on Friday night but reported a few problems with people not paying for food and not tipping. Saturday night presentation will be on stage at the finals/concert. Finals ticket price will be \$15 for Saturday, the Round Up gives KPRA 50% of anything over 10k. Leon is working with Boot Hill Casino on promoting our concert and finals that weekend.

6. Series with Seiling, Perryton, Freedom, Waynoka, Cherokee – “Fantastic 5 Series” need name. – Leon talked with Coolhorse about doing awards for the series, buckles are \$110 and trophy spurs are a little more at \$165. Heather will work up a flyer and announcement as well as contact the committees. Troy mentioned that when he visited the Seiling board meeting, they really wanted to do a series. Contestants would have to compete at all 5, with awards to the high money winner in each event. Leon would like to do a \$250 fuel card to the overall high money winner. We agreed that we would not charge the committee to be involved in the series but if they want to contribute some funding towards the awards it would be accepted. Heather asked for name requested to be text to her. The Fab 5 Series, Panhandle 5.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Austin and seconded by Troy at 11.18 p.m. cst.