



**NSPRA Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
August 20, 2020  
6:00 PM Colorado Time**

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**Roll Call**

Curt Johnston, President  
Kyle Jumper, Vice President and Executive Board Member  
Shannon Boyles, Executive Board Member  
Mike Atwell, Executive Board Member  
Ricky Lambert, Executive Board Member  
Willy Kelton, Team Roping Event Director  
Cindy Gruwell, Breakaway Event Director  
Kay Boyles, Ribbon Roping Event Director  
Ronnie Ward, Bareback & Saddle Bronc Event Director  
Ryan Robrahn, Bull Riding Event Director  
John Denson, Steer Wrestling Event Director

**Absent**

Brad McReynolds, Tie Down Roping Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Curt Johnston, President.

**Correction to June 24, 2020 Conference Call Minutes.**

After discussion, it was determined the minutes were incorrect as to the motion regarding the bull riding finals. It was noted that Ronnie Ward had made the original motion and Kyle Jumper had seconded to allow the bull riders to have a finals and the association would give them the ground money from Wickenburg, three world champion buckles and \$1,000 cash.

Kyle Jumper had a correction to the discussion regarding the office contract. He said it was worded that if we could get the office vacated prior to that, the way that the lease read was that we would be out within 45 days of signing the agreement.

*A motion was made by Mike Atwell and seconded by Ronnie Ward to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 conference call as corrected. Motion carried with 8 yes votes and 2 no votes.*

**Reconsider Motion to Not Have a Finals and Roll Points and Memberships into 2021.**

President Curt Johnston had previously emailed the board some concerns he had heard regarding the board decision to not have a finals rodeo and to roll 2020 points and memberships into 2021.

There was a lengthy discussion with the follow points made:

- COVID 19 had made 2020 an exceptional year and rodeo associations were feeling the effects.
- Cindy Gruwell had sent an email with different scenarios of a minimal finals, but several board members could not see how it made sense financially.
- There was a lot of interest from the membership to have a year-end rodeo of some type to finish the year and start fresh in 2021.
  - A potential location was Buckeye, AZ. There was also discussion on Corsicana, TX.

- There needed to be a small committee to research locations and get proposals or costs for the different locations. The committee will be Willy Kelton, Mike Atwell and Shannon Boyles. They will get information back to the full board in a couple of weeks.
- The board would be clear to the membership that it would be a year-end rodeo, not a finals rodeo. The board also was aware that some members were going to be upset either way.
- There is approximately \$3,500 in membership sponsorships that could go towards prizes or other costs.
- Anyone could enter the year-end rodeo whether they were a member or not. Non-members could enter on a permit like any other rodeo.
- There was discussion on combining the first membership rodeo in the spring with the year end points instead of having a year-end rodeo, but the end of the year rodeo was felt to be more important.
- Ronnie Ward noted that at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, it was discussed to hold two or three membership rodeos in the spring with \$5,000 added to draw more members and to get more memberships.
- There should be some concession made to 2020 card holders who were not able to use their membership due to COVID 19 and the reduced number of rodeos.
- The financial committee will meet and work with the committee looking for locations for the year-end rodeo
- Kay Boyles noted that current information to the members would go a long way towards mending fences.
- Ronnie Ward asked the board to keep in consideration that there had been 18 bull ridings and the bull riders deserved and were expecting a finals rodeo.

### **Triple Point Distribution and Rodeo Results**

Susi Kaufman said all of the rodeo results were up to date. However, there is a problem with the triple points in Grants. It would be fixed as soon as possible.

### **Status of Ballots and Election**

Curt Johnston said the ballots had gone out in the mail the previous Friday. It was noted that some people still had not received their ballots and there was concern that the short window of time would prevent members from getting their votes back in time, and that they should have been allowed four weeks. It was decided to accept any ballots postmarked by the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

### **Status of Office Closure, Hall of Fame, and Bids for Secretary Position.**

Curt Johnston gave an update. He had been in contact with the landlord and arranged to sign the agreement after the first of September so that we would be able to meet the 45 day requirement. We will also step up efforts to get rid of the Hall of Fame items during September also. Kay Boyles asked about the bid for the secretary job. It will be put on the website and in the Rodeo News with resumes going to each member of the Executive Board. The process will take 30 to 45 days.

### **2021 Finals Date**

Curt Johnston said the dates were tentative.

### **Adjourn**

*A motion was made by Willy Kelton and seconded by Cindy Gruwell to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.  
Motion passed unanimously.*