



NSPRA Board Meeting Conference Call September 30, 2020

Roll Call

Curt Johnston, President
Mike Brewer, Vice President
Lex Hubbard, Executive Board Member
Bill Sharber, 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
Ryan Robrahn, Bull Riding Event Director
John Denson, Steer Wrestling Event Director
Dirt Terrell, Tie Down Roping Director
Jasen Olsen, Bareback & Saddle Bronc Event Director

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

Seat the Newly Elected Board Members

Curt Johnston welcomed the new board members to the board. He said that thank you letters had been sent out to the membership sponsors, the out-going board members, the new board members, and a membership letter was sent to approximate 300 members from 2019 and 2020.

A question was brought up by the Bull Riding Director as to how the tie down roping director was eligible to be voted into the directorship. The tie down roping director was not able to compete in 2020 due to a knee injury he sustained in the 2019 NSPRA finals, thus he could not compete this year in the tie down roping. He is a paid member of the association and did compete in the team roping. It was also noted that the director had many years of experience in the tie down event which does qualify him for the director position.

The steer wrestling seat had a nominee who had not competed in the steer wrestling prior to the nominations closing, but he did have a write-in vote. Although there was discussion, there was no action taken.

Bull riding director, Ryan Robrahn, resigned.

Discussion and Set Up a Fall Agenda Regarding Preparations for the 2021 Season, Including but Not Limited to Sanctions, Sponsorships and Memberships Committees Needed, Etc.

2021 SNFR Location

Curt Johnston said that if it was the board's intent to hold the 2021 finals in Las Vegas, the dates needed to be reserved and the required deposit needed to be sent to Horseman's Park. It was noted holding the finals in Las Vegas is expensive and might not be the best location. The question was asked if a deposit was made, would the association be able to get it back if they chose a different location. Curt said he did get the money back from last year's contract due to the COVID problem and that would be the case this year if we signed another contract. Kay Boyles suggest reserving the facility to be safe, if we were sure we could get our deposit back.

A motion was made by Dirt Terrell and seconded by Cindy Gruwell to hold the 2021 SNFR on October 5 – 10, 2021 at a location to be determined. Motion passed unanimously.

Lex Hubbard said he had talked to the JC Trujillo, General Manager of the Prescott Rodeo Grounds, and had also talked to stock contractors in the area regarding the possibility of having the SNFR in Prescott. He said JC was excited about the possibility of having the finals in Prescott. The facility would cost \$1,000 per day. There were lots of stalls, but he was not sure how many hook-ups were available. There was some concern because it is not a covered arena, but generally Prescott's weather is nice the first of October.

It was noted the SNFR should be in a central location as much as was possible, and other locations should also be considered. A committee was established consisting of Shannon Boyles, Lex Hubbard and Mike Brewer to look into locations for the finals.

Sanction Committee

Curt Johnston asked for volunteers to serve on the Sanction Committee to bring in new rodeos and work with the existing rodeo. Cindy Gruwell and Leisa Brug volunteered. It was noted everyone should be involved with getting good rodeos and helping the committees.

Arizona locations to consider included Prescott (as a regular season rodeo), Payson and a new facility in Camp Verde.

Membership Rodeo

Willy Kelton said there would be three timed event rodeos on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and one full rodeo on Thursday at Welcome Home Ranch in Gilbert before the Wickenburg rodeo. Kay Boyles said that during the 9/16/2020 conference call the board had discussed having two full memberships rodeos. She was also concerned with the difficulties for the bull riders having a rodeo in the middle of the week. Willy explained that the issue is during the winter months availability of sites or arenas are very limited, especially on the weekends and neither Welcome Home Ranch or Horseshoe Park in Queen Creek are available the weekend before Wickenburg.

Mike Atwell said he would check with RS Rodeo and Dillon's in Morristown to see if the rodeos could be held there as they had bull ridings there and they also had a roping arena. It was noted that although they do not have chutes to buck horses, Jasen Olsen has portable ones. It was also noted that the roping arena is leased during the winter and may not be available.

No action was taken but the membership rodeo or rodeos will need to be discussed later.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Willy Kelton and seconded by Dirt Terrell to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion passed unanimously.