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NSPRA Members

RE: Association update

I hope this letter finds you all safe from the Covid-19 and healthy. This has been and continues to be a stress on us all.

We as the association board has been active in the planning for the 2021 year and are excited about some new plans we are making for a fun year of rodeo.

To update you all on our office and staff, we received a letter of resignation from Susi Kaufman resigning her position with the NSPRA. Susi has taken a new job in Prescott with her last day being December 4, 2020. This was a hard decision for her to make. She has been a very dedicated employee to this association and will be sorely missed. We thank her for all she has done for this association.

Tori Wimberly heard she was leaving and reached out to me with interest in the job. Tori has worked part time for the Association since 2017, helping Susi with all day-to-day procedures associated with the association rodeo entries, etc. Tori lives in Wickenburg and has been officially hired to replace Susi.

The association will again have the member sponsorship program to help raise sponsorship money for the association. Last year 34 members stepped up and we raised over \$3,500 in this program which was used for our year end awards. This program will start in December of 2020. Memberships are \$160 if paid in December, so find a sponsor for \$300 and you get your membership included or \$500 for a family membership sponsor. The association needs your help. All our year end award winners need to thank last years members who made your awards possible with getting a sponsorship themselves. Let's grow this program.

In looking ahead for the rodeo season, we already have the February rodeos in AZ on the map. Gilbert will start the 8th of February with three timed event rodeos on the 8th, 9th and 10th. On the 11th there will be a full (membership) rodeo held at the same site. The board has approved it as a triple point rodeo, and we have added money for this rodeo already at \$3,500. The added money will hopefully increase with more sponsors. Wickenburg's Gold Rush Days rodeo will start with slack on Friday the 12th of February.

Our rodeo sanction committee made of Chairman Bill Sharber, Cindy Gruwell and Leisa Brug will be getting the ball rolling for other rodeos. Keep an eye on the website for all the tentative rodeo dates

and all approved rodeo information during the coming year. Please contact the committee with any locations that might have an interest in putting on an NSPRA rodeo.

The board has also approved a few rule changes this year. The 2021 rule book is on the website, www.nationalsenior.rodeo. The changes and new rules are in red.

- The rule designating the number of rodeos to be eligible to win a world championship has been increased from 7 rodeos to 10 rodeos.
- The rule requiring an ambulance any time a rodeo has rough stock events has been changed to only requiring EMTs or paramedics during single events such as bull ridings. An ambulance will still be required during full rodeos when there are rough stock events.
- A rule was added to allow walk up entries in the rough stock events with certain restrictions and fees.
- The team roping format used in 2020 (pick one/draw one or draw both partners) was made official for the team roping.

Last but certainly not least! The 2021 Senior National Finals Rodeo (SNFR) has been scheduled for October in Queen Creek, AZ at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre.

Let us all get involved and grow this membership!

Regards,

Curt Johnston

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President.