



**NSPRA Board Meeting
Wickenburg, AZ
February 13, 2020
4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Curt Johnston, President, at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

Curt Johnston, President
Kyle Jumper, Vice President and Executive Board Member
Ann Bassett, Executive Board Member
Shannon Boyles, Executive Board Member
Ricky Lambert, Executive Board Member
Cindy Gruwell, Breakaway Event Director
Kay Boyles, Ribbon Roping Event Director
Willy Kelton, Team Roping Event Director
Brad McReynolds, Tie Down Director
Ryan Robrahn, Bull Riding Director
Marty Howard, Proxy for Ronnie Ward, Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding Event Director
Jim Persinger, Proxy for John Denson, Steer Wrestling Event Director

Absent

Mike Atwell, Executive Board Member
Marlene McGaughey, Ladies Barrel Racing Event Director

Update on Finals

A contract was included with the agenda. Curt Johnston explained there is another event prior to our finals. The facility will clean up Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning which prohibits us from being on the grounds before Tuesday at noon (October 27). It will affect the jackpots typically held on Tuesday and the board meeting which is typically held on Monday. Options were discussed.

Sponsorship Committee Report

There was not a report. A list of all the membership sponsors to date was passed out and Kay Boyles gave everyone a copy of the 2020 Sponsorship Package, in case they needed one. Everyone was encouraged to at least contact a couple of potential sponsors.

Awards Committee Report (Kay Boyles)

Kay Boyles said that she is talking to Kimes Ranch to possibly sponsor our jackets this year. She said Molly's Custom Silver was running a contest where we could send pictures of our association (members) in action to be put on their website. The group with the most likes will get 20 buckles donated to their association. Kay asked everyone to get her some pictures.

Kay also said she had gotten six hat certificates from Resistol Hats. Since the certificates must be used by September 30th, they will give them away at the Texas rodeos.

Report on Gilbert Team Roping (Willy Kelton)

Willy Kelton said the team ropers had met during the Gilbert rodeo. It was the consensus that the team roping format (with the pick on draw one or draw two and the drop down) will continue the rest of the season with any permanent rule changes made during the normal rule change process. It was also noted there was a substantial increase in teams.

Susi asked for clarification on the drop down, in the event there was less than three teams in either age group, in which case the age groups would be combined. It was decided to make a decision at the time of entries.

Membership Report to Include Memberships/Sponsorships

Susi said as of today there were 145 regular members and 14 board members, with lots of new members and members who had not bought their cards in several years. It was also noted that Gilbert and Wickenburg entries were up by about 10 contestants from last year.

Website Report Including Brayden Lambert Proposal and Funding the Proposal

There was discussion regarding the proposals received, the need for the social media assistance, and the different options for payment.

A motion was made by Ann Bassett and seconded by Ryan Robrahn to contract with Chaz Media for website and social media for 18 months at \$900 per month. Motion passed unanimously.

Sanction Report Including Grants, NM Request to be a Triple Point Rodeo

The Grants Rodeo Committee has requested a triple point rodeo during their rodeo held the week of 4th of July. They will have three full rodeos. There was discussion whether the association would approve triple point rodeos on a case-by-case basis, or if they would only allow one rodeo per region to be a triple point rodeo.

Ryan Robrahn said the rough stock contestants would not support the rodeo in Grants if they did not change the stock contractor. The timed event directors concurred that the timed event stock needed to be improved also. The event directors should be working with the committee or the stock contractor to get the best stock they could in all events.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to give the Grants rodeo another chance, however, the triple points would be based on their willingness to discuss the stock issues and the date of their rodeo with the event directors.

A motion was made by Ryan Robrahn and seconded by Willy Kelton to give Grants triple points, if they are willing to discuss with the directors about bringing different stock on both ends of the arena. Motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the possibility of some Montana rodeos and discussed the dates for Florence and Grants. Curt Johnston will make some more calls to potential committees in Montana and he will draft a letter to the Grants committee with the board recommendations.

Budget Report. 2019 Year End

A profit and loss statement from 2019 was presented, along with a comparison of 2018. It was noted that numbers are down, and income is down. Although the association lost money last year, there was a \$10,000 reduction in the Ram Rodeo sponsorship, and our numbers at the finals were the lowest ever. Curt Johnston said that after comparing several years, it was clear we needed more members and we needed more sponsors.

There was discussion on the Hall of Fame. Kay Boyles asked what would happen if the Board of Directors voted to do away with the museum or to do something different. Cindy Gruwell gave a history. She also suggested having the board of directors assume the responsibility. Cindy will talk to Dave Eastlake and see if he could give answers to some of the questions and then the board would likely move forward with taking over the Hall of Fame.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the expense of having the office, including the salary and job performance of the National Secretary/Office Manager. At the end of the discussion, no action was taken.

Other

Ann Bassett suggested a letter of apology be sent to Lance Miller in an attempt to mend fences and possibly have some rodeos in the future in Panguitch. Ronnie Ward explained why Lance did not get a year end saddle and expressed his opposition to a letter being sent. There was also the email or text message sent to Lance by the president of the association at the time, which was very unprofessional. No action was taken.

Curt Johnston said Marlene McGaughey had resigned as Barrel Racing Director. Unless there is someone who volunteered to fill in for this year, Kay Boyles, Ann Bassett and Cindy Gruwell will take over the responsibilities.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Willy Kelton and seconded by Ricky Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. Motion passed unanimously.