

KPRA Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 15, 2024, 12:00 p.m. (CT)
Meade, KS

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Winfrey, Austin Hawkins, Jarek Van Petten, Peyton Freeman, Jennifer Baker, Megan Hendricks for Bud Jennings, Mike Greenleaf, Tim Gleason, Heather Westbrook

Meeting called to order: Leon called the meeting to order with a prayer at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes from the February 4, 2024 meeting. Minutes were e-mail to full board on February 5, 2024. Austin moves to approve, Mike seconds motion. Motion passes.

REPORTS

Secretary Reports

2023 Financials and Bank Statements available for review.
2024 Financial Report attached.

Heather explained the financial report is up to date through the May bank statement and some of the June deposits have been keyed into Quickbooks so they are included in this report. Not included are online deposits for memberships, entry fee payments, fines, etc.

General Account Balance - \$90,619.25
Finals Fund Balance - \$1,630.98
CD's – \$20,372.55

2024 Membership is at 483

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 Sponsorship – We currently have commitment and payment from Purple Wave, Invenergy and Midwest Mixer. Pending sponsors are Boothill Casino, Lewis Motors, Agco and Cavendars.
 - Purple Wave - \$3,500
 - Invenergy - \$3,500
 - Midwest Mixer - \$500
2. 2024 Finalist Jacket – Options are: Sterling Jacket is \$54, Eldon Jacket is \$73, Stone Jacket is \$64 prior to embroidery. It was moved by Jennifer to go with the Eldon jacket and seconded by Austin. Heather will work with Brady to see what we can do about getting names embroidered on them. He will have to have the order early to do this. Heather will put out a form online and updated the sizes next the contestants name on the standings page so we can track sizes of the top twelve. *UPDATE: The preliminary order for the Eldon jackets has been placed. Brady said if we can have the majority of the official order placed 6 weeks prior to finals they should be able to have the names embroidered within the two-week lead time from the last qualifying rodeo until finals.*

Heather will have the official order for finals personnel with full embroidery, rough stock and the top 6 in each event 6 weeks in advance.

3. Buckles – A Cut Above will do all our buckles for \$10,000 any style we want. Heather, Kashly and Austin are on the buckle committee. We will get our styles picked and sent to A Cut Above to have the design work started next week. *UPDATE: Styles have been sent and the order is placed*
4. 2024 Finals Information, Personnel, Big Screen, Activity, Sponsor/Committee Hospitality Tent.
 - a. 2- year contract for Announcers, Monty Stueve (\$2400) & Caleb Dorenkamp (\$1200) Heather e-mailed full board for an e-mail vote on hiring Monty and Caleb on a two year contract. 10 votes yes, Ashley, Alex, Tim, Kashly, Matt, Coleman, Austin, Jennifer, David, and Peyton.
 - b. Alex Phelps, 2024 Chute Boss (\$1500) Everyone feels Alex did a great job as chute boss during the 2023 finals and are happy to have him back for 2024.
 - c. Leon mentioned that he spoke with Steve Deges and Round-up does not want us to have a goat roping because it took away from their beer sales and they noticed a lot of beer that was not a brand sold in their beer garden in the trash cans when they cleaned up the next morning. This seems to be a problem every year and we are not sure what to do about it other than continue to tell contestants that they need to do better. Leon feels that the concert last year did not get much attendance last year either. Leon said Steve thought we could just get a small band to play in the beer garden following the awards ceremony and Roundup will cover the cost of that band.
 - d. Golf tournament. Tim will check on getting some tee times and maybe 20 carts reserved at Mariah Hills. Heather will get an announcement put out early so people that want to play can get their spot reserved. Jarek thinks it would be fun to have contestants' team up with committee members or sponsors.
 - e. Saddles – During our May Executive board meeting, it was decided that we have the All-Around saddles available at finals. Scott Fogg provides trophy saddles for the ACRA and quoted \$1900 per saddle. Tyler Hutchins won one of these saddles. Troy Boone reached out to Tyler regarding the saddle and was told it was just a trophy saddle and will just hang in the rafters of his barn. Heather got in touch with Anna at Teskey's after seeing what a nice job they did on Clay Cameron's 2023 SW saddle. Teskey's offers a trophy saddle with a roping tree for \$1895 and that includes ½ tooling and logo/lettering on the side jockey and fenders. Sponsor logos on the back housing are \$50 extra. Time frame is 3-4 months to build. Austin moves to go with Teskey's for our All-Around saddles. Jennifer seconds. Motion passes. Heather will order a 14.5" for women's and 15" for men's. Austin asked if we could check with Teskey's and see if they are willing to do certificates \$1800 for all events for this same saddle. Austin makes a motion to use Teskey's for the certificates and Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion passes.

UPDATE: Heather reached out to Anna and they can meet out final's deadline as long as the order is placed by June 30th for the two all around saddles. Cowboy Dentist has confirmed he will sponsor the Men's All Around, Heather is waiting to

hear back from Jennie of American AgCredit on sponsoring the Ladies All Around. Saddles will be ordered by the end of this week, June 28th. Anna also confirmed that they would be happy to offer \$1800 certificates for their basic trophy saddle as described above for our 2024 event champions. Champions will be able to make upgrades at their expense.

- f. Hotels - Jennifer suggested we ask personnel if they would bring their trailer if we provided a hookup instead of a hotel room. Tim mentioned that we do run out of spots for hook ups so we would have to check on availability for those as well.
- g. Nominations and Voting for the Board of Directors at Finals - Jennifer asked if there was a better way to vote on the board of directors at finals. It can become a popularity contest for just those in the room during the meeting and does not usually include the majority of the membership. Jarek suggested that we do the nominations for event directors at the meeting and then put a ballot online that expires in 30 days. It will shorten up the meeting and open it up to the full membership for voting. Tim moves to do nominations during the meeting and vote online, Mike seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- h. Cowboy Channel – Leon explained that things with the Cowboy Channel have been a little hectic with the passing of Patrick Gottsch but we look to have our finals livestreamed this year as well. Once that is confirmed with the Cowboy Channel, we will get our big screen booked.

Tim asked how everything is going on co-approvals. Heather explained that we have gone for 79 events to track in 2021 to currently over 110 with more to add for 2024. When we pick up a new rodeo and add a co-approval, we have to take a trade with the co-approving association so essentially, we are adding 2 to 3 more new rodeos for every new KPRA rodeo we add. We are currently trading with 7 association, and our trades with ACRA have really picked up which seems to have grown our membership to the east.

Jennifer asked if Mike was still interested in having a 4th of July rodeo in Kansas if the opportunity would present itself. Mike thinks it would benefit the KPRA to have a Kansas rodeo during the 4th of July run and Megan thinks it would be great for contestants going from TX to NE.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Austin, Mike seconds. 1:13 p.m. cst.