

KPRA Meeting Minutes
Cowtown Club – 503 E. Trail Street – Dodge City, KS 67801
Saturday, November 13, 2021
10:00 AM (CT)

AGENDA – FULL BOARD – Leon Winfrey, Cody Hessman, Spencer Scott, Brandon Volker, Kari Boone, Joe Macoubrie, Troy Boone, Tim Gleason, Tammy Peterson, Melissa Wanger, David Craig, Bud Jennings, Mike Greenleaf. Secretary – Heather Westbrook Jeremy Miller, via phone.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Leon called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. with a prayer.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Finals Meetings, please review attachments and notify secretary of any changes needed. Needed to make changes to the director and co-directors. David moves, Bud seconds, motion passes.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: Leon explained the Financial Report - \$100 free membership to from finals sponsorship. We did make a change this year to the structure of the category's listing the breakdown of categories for each event. KPRA added money for the finals was higher in the rough stock versus the timed event added money for the 2021 finals. Leon explained the central entry income pays the entry line of \$4.50 per entry and the remaining balances what we paid Sang for online entry maintenance. Sponsorship mainly from Drive to Zero and Agco in separate category from event sponsors. Leon would like to have Casey's on board as a finals sponsor for 2022. Expenses explained with use of the 2021 Budget in comparison with the profit and loss on the final's personnel. KPRA does purchase liability insurance for the board members at \$2 million dollar policy. The policy is purchased through Jessica Koppitz. Leon also clarified that we carry money forward as a non-profit, but we cannot make money off of an item. Bud moves to approve the financial report. Troy seconds. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 501(C) 3 Update – Leon is working with an attorney on setting up the Kansas Professional Rodeo Foundation. So that the KPRA can apply for grant money. We have to be set up as a (3) instead of a (6) in order to be charitable. Does anyone know who set up the KPRA from the KSRA? Mike thinks maybe Joyce. Tammy said it was when she was in high school. David thinks that there should be a date on the form filed with the state that list the date. Possibly check with the bank, because you have to have the articles to open the account.
2. Sponsorship Update – Drive to Zero – 2022 goal is to get committees involved. Heather explained where we incorporated the Drive to Zero funds for 2021 and how we plan to expand on that for 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. President's Report – Leon would like to thank the directors. The association would not be what it is without the directors. Our directors do a great job of being involved with their position. We had a great year. Wellington, TX provided a challenge when we filled the slack before the performances but we did our best to work through that issue. Hopefully we will be able to keep them, the UPRA has reached out to them regarding changing their first approved. Brandon mentioned that Amarillo causes a problem with the area rodeos that weekend, everyone agreed. Leon applauded the executive board that was created last year. We had zoom meetings every month and they went well and we were able to handle several things that way. Leon also addressed the new rodeos for 2021; Syracuse was a hit, Butler, OK was a good rodeo, Phil reported that we triple the entries. Odin was a rough weekend as far as number and the committee was happy. We had a great finals this year, it flowed really well this year and being our fourth year at Round Up, the committee is working well with us. Final's stock was really even this year, judging by the times in each event. Tammy thought the ground was good and times were close there as well.

Committee Awards – We put a lot more out there this year as well as the small and the large and north and south committee awards. Changed the Rodeo of the Year to top rodeo that goes above and beyond.

Vote on the Committee's – Tammy had a call from the Seiling, OK contact regarding how can we get all members to be able to vote. Use a program like Survey Monkey, Direct Survey.net, set up the survey and email out to all members. Tim thinks it may be a good way to vote in our finals personnel (judges) in the same way. David thinks we should vote earlier in the year, because a lot of personnel have their schedules out several months. David suggested using the members from 2021 to vote on the 2022 finals personnel. Brandon suggested changing the rule in the rule book to say the board will pick the personnel instead of being voted on by contestants.

2. Secretary's Report – Heather reported that everything ran smooth for the most part. Sanction Forms being sent in complete really helps since the information goes out to all the co-approved associations. If it goes to the correctly the first time, we don't have to worry about incorrect information being on co approved associations website. Brandon ran into a problem with the IPRA rodeo secretary not having our membership list and trying to charge a non-member fee for the rodeo or saying that the rodeo was not KPRA approved. Heather had addressed some of these issues with Shelby at the IPRA office a few times this year and hopefully we have it all worked out for the future.

3. Directors' Reports –

Tim – As a director, he tries to keep in contact with all the 40/40 members. Tim and Troy were trying to come up with a way to get people to want to be involved and become a director or set up and help. Maybe use the \$1 fund money to pay directors fees at finals. Keep communication lines open.

Mike Greenleaf – Tries to keep the communication lines open with contractors. He reported that Alan would like to see a random draw in the performance instead of the non-members always being first. On the contractor end, it is harder

and harder working with committees that are getting older and putting on the rodeo with limited help.

Bud Jennings – One thing that Bud heard, people asked why he was announcing placings at just certain rodeos and not all. Joe thinks that it would be good for the contestants to know the committee members and have them announce. Maybe we can have contestants fill out a form for the announcer. Non-member issues, how to fix. We need to find a fix.

Cody – The only issue Cody had we already talked about with the personnel vote.

Spencer – RB members are pretty concerned about the rule proposals today. Spencer also mentioned that he is local to the Dodge City area and that he would not know about the finals if he wasn't a KPRA member. Heather can have flyers printed in Dodge City and board members can pick them up and put them out.

Brandon – Entry fees – paying a \$85 fee and losing \$30 of it. IPRA takes a straight 8% with the added money. \$10 stock charge, \$5 office fee, \$3 Central Entry. How to cut what we withhold, without hurting the finals, stock contractors, association? NSRA list the payout breakdown on the schedule. UPRA is a \$20 stock charge so they end up withholding \$41. But they payoff on the number of entries. Maybe list the breakdown of the fees on the schedule. Entry fees, office fee, finals fund, do not list the 5%. Heather will put the payoff breakdown on the 2022 schedules.

David – Talked about having a better structured clinic. Seems like the finals is the best place to do it, but there is not time. IPRA does their clinic the day before. David feels that they do need to put something together, just trying to find the right time to do it. Send a list of new rules to the judges that have cards, so they are aware of the new rules instead of having to look it up. Bud said that one of Margie's pet peeves, the people that got fined did not know they were fined until the next rodeo. Judges need to explained to them that the fine to contestant. Memo in the judge's notes, if possible the judge needs to let the contestant know they are fined without slowing the rodeo down.

Troy – Team Roping – Finals went over well with fresh stock. Team Ropers and Breakaway Ropers are drawing up the same every time. Shuffle the draw a few more times.

Kari – Nothing for Breakaway concerns other than the position draw.

Joe – Would like a way of being able to recognized committee members to be able to thank those that are putting on the rodeos.

Tammy & Melissa - Will address concerns with rule proposals, they talked with the barrel races at finals regarding a few issues but understand the committees are doing what they can.

4. Finals Report – Round-up Report – Leon read the report from the Round-up. We made money on our finals this year. Essentially, we were able to keep all of the stall and hook-up money. Our contract with Round-up states that we split with Round-up anything over \$10,000 in profit.
5. Committee Awards 2021, upcoming 2022 Committee Awards –Heather can e-mail out a ballot or survey and ask they it be returned Monday prior to finals. Horse of the Year, etc.
6. Buckles - Bids from Bob Berg, A Cut Above and Shae Michelle Buckles. David moves that we make a switch to Bob Berg for 2022 and push him to add two more sponsor buckles and put Tammy in charge of picking out designs. Bud seconds –motion passes.
7. Jackets – Jackets have been hard to get. Troy said that he has been approached about vest. We will have to table discussion until we can get contact with Tom on what will be available.
8. Saddles – Infinity saddles seem to be like. Joe said that he really likes their saddles, they seem to fit better than the Sloan.
9. Livestock Awards, Protocol for voting on stock – Mike suggested have either stock of the year or stock of finals or both. Stock of the year can be voted for before hand and stock of the finals can be voted for at finals. Tammy thinks it should be for the year instead of finals. Heather can send a livestock survey to rough stock event contestants for that event, Horse of the year to barrel racing members one week before finals. Cody thinks that directors for the rough stock events should designate the stock that will be listed on the ballot. Add to rule book, under 9 a. page 39 Year end Finals – Troy moves to approve the new rule on Livestock and Committee Awards, Tim seconded, motion approved.
10. Entry Program – Leon talked to Sang about setting up payment online. If we took online payment, the money would come to us and then we would have to transfer. It may work with non-members. We are still looking into ways to take non-member fees prior to entries or call-backs.

11. Rule Proposals

GENERAL TIMED EVENT RULES: Pg. 27

RULE 19: The first three contestants must remain in order and run in order.

Proposal 1:

The current rule on splits in the timed events in the KPRA rule book states that the first three competitors cannot be split with the rest of the field. I would like to propose that the rule states that only the first competitor cannot be moved or split.

RULE 18: All changes in lists of timed events in order to split horses, etc.; must be made

before any stock for that event is loaded in chutes. After stock is loaded, contestants must compete in order listed.

Proposal 2:

Obligate the secretaries to do splits in Steer Wrestling no later than an hour before the performance and/or slack starts. If not addressed an hour prior to the performance or slack, it would be at the secretary's discretion to do splits.

Brandon moves to change to the following, Tim seconds – motion passes.

18. All changes in lists of timed events in order to split horses, etc.; must be made **30 minutes before the performance/slack begins.**

A. Rodeo secretary is obligated to do splits if notified 30 minutes prior to beginning of performance/slack.

19. The **first** contestant must remain in order and run in order. (Removed first three contestants)

TEAM ROPING PROPOSALS: Pg. 32-33

NEW RULES

Proposal 1:

In the case of a rodeo allowing two runs in the team roping and the contestant wins two checks, only the highest check will count towards the standings. – **Troy moves, Joe seconds – motion passes.**

Proposal 2: Anything over 2 feet of the length of the box needs to be approved by the director. – **Troy moves, Mike seconds – motion passes.**

RULE 16. B. Front leg is illegal. As soon as a front leg goes into head loop, it will be considered a no time. Header should release stock immediately.

Proposal 3: Reword 16b. to read: If a front leg is roped when the flagger drops the flag and leg is still in the loop, it will be a no time. If it is out of the loop, team will be given a official time.

Proposal 4: Re-word Proposal 3 to read: If any leg is in the head loop when the flagger drops the flag, it will be a no time. **Troy moves, Tim seconds – motion passes.**

NEW RULE

Proposal 5: Stock contractors are not allowed to use a breakaway honda for the neck rope for team roping (or other timed events if they want to enforce it too). A traditional string and ties for the neck ropes should be the standard. Breakaway hondas have too many inconsistencies and it can vary on how far they push the end of the honda through the eyelet and that can determine how much pressure it pulls or doesn't pull on the pin holding the barrier rope. So the same breakaway honda can have inconsistencies just based on how it is used. On top of that the barrier rope's pigtail is string tied so you have 2 different things that take 2 different amounts of pressure to break. With the string tied neck rope and string tied pigtail, they are the same and consistent.

Discussion by board – no motion made on Proposal 5.

RANCH BRONC PROPOSALS: Pg. 25-26

RULE 6. "Ride as ride can" meaning rider can use a night latch or a rope from within the chute through the 8 second whistle. If the rider chooses to use a rope, it can only be tied to the saddle the way it would be for everyday use. ~~No re~~**No re-rides are awarded unless stock falls down.**

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Proposal 1: Omit the last sentence from this rule. (highlighted in bold) – **David moves to remove the last sentence from Rule 6, Spencer seconds this motion – motion passes.**

RULE 8.b. Any of the following offenses will disqualify rider: b. Rider with locked rowels.

Proposal 2: Omit line (b. Riding with locked rowel ~~Rider with lo~~.) and replace b with the following bolded wording:

b. Rider with locked rowel Riding with locked rowels or rowels that are determined to be too sharp by a judge. – David moves to add "rowels that are determined to be too sharp by a judge" to Rule 8.b. – Spencer seconds the motion – motion passes.

KPRA Approved Rodeos and committee responsibility: RULE 2 Pg. 13

2. KPRA standard events are bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, dally team roping, 40/40 mixed team roping, cowgirls barrel racing, ~~an~~ and cowgirls breakaway roping. An optional event of ranch bronc riding is a KPRA event. ~~An optional event of ranch bronc riding is a KPRA event.~~ For more information see page 25.

Proposal 3: Sanction Ranch Bronc Riding, add Ranch Bronc Riding as a standard event. Omit "For more information see page 25." And add the following:

1. Ranch Bronc Riding will be an ~~optional~~ sanctioned event at all 1st approved KPRA rodeos. Ranch Bronc Riding will be at the KPRA Finals. A contestant must have a current KPRA membership and compete at 3 1st approved KPRA rodeos in the Ranch Bronc Riding to

compete at the finals. A contestant will be allowed to enter both the Saddle Bronc Riding and the Ranch Bronc Riding at all 1st approved KRPA rodeos and the KPRA finals. All Around points will be given for the Ranch Bronc Riding. – David moves to add Ranch Bronc Riding as a KPRA sanctioned event. Troy seconds the motion – motion passes.

RULE 6. "Ride as ride can" meaning rider can use a night latch or ~~a night latch or~~ a rope from within the chute through the 8 second whistle. If the rider chooses to use a rope, it can only be tied to the saddle the way it would be for everyday use. *No mark out is required for Ranch Bronc Riding.* No re-rides are awarded if stock falls down.

Proposal 4: Omit use of Night Latch, add "no mark out is required".

Much discussion regarding Proposal 4 in the Ranch Bronc Riding. Spencer moves to reword Rule 6 as follows, Brandon seconds the motion – motion passes. Bud Jennings and Mike Greenleaf voted against this motion.

6. "Ride as ride can" meaning rider can use a **loose rope** night latch or a rope from within the chute through the 8 second whistle. If rider chooses to use a rope, it can only be tied to the saddle the way it would be for everyday use. (Removed "No re-rides are awarded unless stock falls down.")

A. A "loose rope" night latch is defined as no leather handhold. "Loose" is at the judges discretion.

GENERAL RIDING EVENT RULES Pg. 20-21

NEW RULE

Proposal 1:

14. If any equipment is damaged by the animal in the chute and found unusable by the judges, the contestant has two options; borrow equipment or find a replacement. Contestant will have to compete by the end of the performance. Mike moves to approve this proposal, Troy seconds – motion passes.

BARREL RACING PROPOSALS Pg. 33-35

Proposal 1: The KPRA rules on turnouts/med. releases and vet releases be simplified/modified in the KPRA rule book and placed in one area of the rulebook.

Note - I do believe the board needs to look closely at these rules because of the high number that we encountered in 2021.

Tim moves to add section D. to rule 1 of the Medical and Vet Releases as follows, Troy seconds – motion passes.

D. KPRA will only allow two (2) medical and/or vet releases during our summer rodeo season. All off-season rodeos from Oct. 1st - April 31st will be excluded from this rule.

Proposal 2: Barrel Pattern

Old Rule Page - Only Pattern - Page 33 & 35 Rule 2, 3, 5

New Rule to replace 2, 3, 5

A standard pattern is always preferred. The standard pattern for Barrel Race is:

- ninety (90) feet between barrel one (1) and two (2);
- one hundred five (105) feet between barrel one (1) and three (3) and between barrel two (2) and three (3);
- sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to the score line.
- Score line should be no less than seventy (70) feet from end of arena.

No barrel pattern is to be set with larger than the standard pattern dimensions, unless approved by the KPRA barrel directors.

Barrels will be set at least 18 feet from the fence or wall, except the 3rd barrel and it should be at least 25 feet from the fence or wall.

In small arenas, it is recommended the pattern be reduced proportionately to a standard barrel pattern.

Proposal 3: Ground preparation and dragging

Page 33 - Rule #13 - Change to the wording.

Old Wording - 13. A number less than 12 barrel racers can be approved by rodeo committee or stock contractor; however ground must be raked after the same amount in the entire rodeo and slack if a lower number of barrel racers is chosen.

New Wording - A number less than 10 or 12 barrel racers (whichever # has been requested on the approval form by the committee), can be approved by the rodeo committee to drag the ground, however *gound must be raked after the same amount in the entire rodeo and slack if a lower number of barrel racers is chosen by the committee. Dragging at a lower number is highly recommended to reduce the risk of injury to horses and contestants.*

This is being proposed because the WPRA is looking at putting a drag rule into their rulebook.

Tammy moves to make the following bold highlighted changes to the Cowgirls Barrel Racing, David seconds – motion passes.

COWGIRL'S BARREL RACING: PG 33-34

13. A number less than **10 or** 12 barrel racers can be approved by the rodeo committee or stock contractor; however ground must be raked after the same amount in the entire rodeo and slack if a lower number of barrel racers is chosen. ***Dragging at a lower number is highly recommended to reduce the risk of injury to horses and contestants.***

Mike moves to make the following bold highlighted changes to the Barrel Pattern, Tammy seconds – motion passes.

BARREL PATTERN - LBR: PG 35-36

2. ***A standard pattern is always preferred.*** The standard course for barrel racing is:
Ninety (90) feet between barrel one (1) and two (2);
One hundred five (105) feet between barrel one (1) and three (3);
One hundred five (105) feet between barrel two (2) and three (3);
Sixty (60) feet from barrels one (1) and two (2) to score line, ***unless this score line needs to be reduced to keep seventy (70) foot stopping distance.***
Score line should be at least ***seventy (70)*** feet from the end of the arena.
BARREL PATTERNS CANNOT BE LARGER THAN THE STANDARD COURSE, ***UNLESS APPROVED BY KPRA BARREL RACING DIRECTOR.***

3. Barrels will be set at least ***eighteen (18) feet*** from the fence or wall, except the 3rd barrel and it should be at least twenty-five (25) feet from the fence or wall.

ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES & PRIZE MONEY Pg. 15-17

RULE 6. Slack will not be available until performance minimums are met. Minimums and maximums will be set by the stock contractors and/or committee. Tammy moves to add “and/or committee” to Rule 6, Kari seconds – motion passes.

Proposal 1: Add (a.) & (b.) to rule 6 as follows -

(Proposal- add the following wordage to current rule)

a. Minimums. All rodeo secretaries must accept a minimum of 7 contestants in each event, except rough stock events- bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding, a minimum of 3 contestants must be accepted, before calling a performance full.

b. Slack Preference. A contestant is allowed to enter slack as a preference when a slack time is designated. Slack will only be run if the maximums are met in all performances. Stock Contractors and Committees have the right to accept a slack if performance maximums are not met.

RULE 2. No entry shall be taken before the books are officially open. Any Rodeo secretary accepting entries before or during the time the books are open will be subject to fine or suspension. Non-members of the KPRA, or any association co-approved for that rodeo, will be charged a \$10 non-member fee.

Proposal 2: Increase Non-Member fee from \$10 to \$15 with additional \$5 going towards finals fund in that event.

Change to: Non-members of the KPRA, or any association co-approved for that rodeo, will be charged a \$15 non-member fee with \$10 of that fee going to the KPRA General Fund and the remaining \$5 going to the finals fund for that event.

RULE 11. ALL entry fees for one head of stock will be a minimum of \$85 (including stock charge, finals fund, judges, and central entry). Open Team Roping will be a minimum of ~~\$170 a team\~~~~\$85 per man~~ \$85 per team\~~\$170 per man~~ (including all fees). 40/40 Team Roping will be a minimum of \$250 a team\~~\$125 a man~~ (including all fees).

Proposal 3: Increase Open Team Roping Fees to a minimum of \$250 a team\~~\$125 per man~~. – Troy moves, Joe seconds – motion passes.

RODEO JUDGES, JUDGING AND TIMEKEEPERS Pg. 18-20

RULE 9. Once judges' sheets are handed in to the rodeo secretary when the event is finished, the contestant's score or time is final.

Proposal 1: Re-word rule as follows:

Change to: Judges' sheets will be turned into the secretary after each event. The entire rodeo will not be official until the judges have signed off on all judges sheets no later than 30 minutes after the performance is over. – Board discussion on this proposal. – No motion was made.

12. Executive Board – Nominations for the executive board, Tim Gleason (Troy), Troy Boone (Tim), Melissa Wanger (Kari), Spencer Scott (Joe), Austin Hawkins, Justin Russell (Spencer). Bud moves, Tammy seconds, motion passes.
13. Secretary/Entry Line – Troy moves to keep our current Secretary/Treasurer as Heather Westbrook and Jamie Schweer for the entry line. Spencor seconds, motion passes.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Bud moves to adjourn and Brandon seconds 5:43 p.m. cst.