

KPRA Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022
7:00 PM (CT)

EXECUTIVE BOARD - Leon Winfrey, Austin Hawkins, Tim Gleason, Troy Boone, Melissa Wanger, Justin Russell, Heather Westbrook

Meeting called to order: 7:03 p.m. by Leon
Review of minutes from February meeting – posted to the website “Business” page

GUEST

Lucas Phillips, Tie Down Director

1. Enforcing Jerk Down Rule at KPRA Rodeos – Leon and David Craig have discussed at length the way our rule book reads in regards to the jerk down rule.

Tie Down Roping Rule 19. The “Jerk-Down Rule” can be assessed by the stock contractor and must be in the publication before entering the rodeo. The “Jerk-Down Rule” will be defined as over backwards with the calf landing on his back or head and all four feet in the air. The judge, at his discretion, can assess a \$100 fine for this infraction payable to the stock contractor. The contestant will NOT be disqualified.

Because we cannot make a rule book change in the middle of the season, we will post that the “jerk down rule will be enforced” on the information sheet. Leon talked to the judges’ reps, and they feel like we need to send a letter to the judges letting them know that we require this to be enforced at KPRA rodeos. Lucas agrees and stated that the judges are good about recognizing the size of the calves and enforcing the rule as needed. Justin inquired about the fine amount, Leon recited the rule stating the fine starts at \$100 and is payable to the stock contractor. Tim stated that due to the follow rule, we may need to visit with stock contractors so they are within weight parameters on the calves.

General Timed Event Rule 30: Cattle in the timed events will have a weight limit assessed to them as follows: TR-650 lbs., SW-600 lbs., TD-280 lbs. and BAW-400 lbs. If the Jerk Down Rule is in effect, tie-down roping calves cannot weigh more than 220 lbs.

We will work on putting together a jerk down rule during rule proposals for 2022, Tim feels it needs state “if it is a violent jerk down”. Austin mentioned that we need to make sure the rule is not only posted on the website and the information sheet but next to the draw as well. Leon thinks that we might be able to print it directly on the Tie Down Roping Judges Sheet prior to it going to the rodeo secretary. Following this discussion on the Jerk Down Rule, Lucas left the zoom meeting.

REPORTS

Secretary Reports – Heather Westbrook

McCook Rodeos – We split the 5% with NSRA and NSRA collected the 6% from the Mixed Team Roping. All in all it was a good rodeo and I will get it in the books for the next meeting. I also took 27 memberships at McCook.

OLD BUSINESS

1. KPRA rodeo in Guymon March 26th. – Leon stated that everything is put together for the most part. We are still looking for an announcer. We have Butch lined up for a chute boss and he will help where he is needed. Deke is giving us access to the arena for set up on Friday so Leon plans to get the barrier set up and possibly run some cattle and Tammy will be there to set up the barrel pattern. Justin is sending the electric eyes/timers with a gal that helps him and she will also time with Jamie Hawkins. Austin mentioned that Ken Stonecipher is from around Guymon and that he had announced several rodeos in the area including the college rodeos. Leon is going to try to get ahold of him and see if he would be available. Austin asked if you could build pens, Leon thinks that you can, Heather will verify and post so that contestants are aware. It will be up to directors to fill in and help as needed, Deke said that he has some help lined out. Tim thought Robert with Panhandle State would be around to help and may bring a couple kids to help. Leon will reach out to him.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Entry Line Procedure Updates – This is the third year with the online entry system. Everything seems to be working well. Troy and Tim both mentioned that buddy groups seem to draw up back to back or in a similar position for each rodeo that we need to address. We also have an issue with filling our performances before slack so we may have to get a little more strict with the entry line procedures including entry times, Leon thinks we need to fine for a late entry and they will be first out. Our rules state that there is an hour and 30 minutes grace period for changing preference or drawing out only, not for a late entry. Tim said that the information sheet is very clear so contestants really have no excuse to enter late. Leon mentioned that we could start pulling people out of slack to fill the performance and Troy agrees. Troy also thinks that if they are late, they are a late entry, they go where we can put them. Leon agrees, the rules clearly state that if you call in late you are a late entry. Tim thinks the problem will eliminate itself if we enforce the rules on late entries and filling the performance vs slack in priority if the performance is supposed to be filled first. Leon states that we have one rodeo committee that is going to a one night performance this year to try to fill the performance and will have a slack during the day. Do we need to add to the entry guidelines that performance needs to be full before slack is available? Austin feels it should be addressed with the stock contractor in case they want to reduce the performance entry requirement listed on the sanction agreement prior to pulling entries from the slack. Heather will add to the information sheet, that performances will be filled before slack. Regarding Sanction Agreements, Leon reached out to Zane Huffman, president of the Greensburg committee and they are moving their rodeo to the weekend before memorial day.

Leon and Troy are meeting with the Vici committee on Tuesday, that committee plans to have a rodeo on Memorial weekend, so Greensburg moving a weekend up with help those entries. Tim stated that Cimarron is having there rodeo the same weekend they did last year. Leon mentioned that Kingfisher is going with KPRA first approved and they will go on the same weekend as Seiling, OK. Wellington did go UPRA but Alan does have sanctions for McCracken and Seiling. Melissa is excited about putting on the information sheet that we will fill performances first, because it helps build the rodeo for the committee. Tim said that there is still an option to trade if you really can not go in the performance and he also feels that the committees will appreciate that we are trying to help them.

Next meeting will be April 11 at 8 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Austin and seconded by Justin at 8:45 p.m. cst.