

**KPRA Meeting Minutes**  
**I Don't Care Restaurant – Dodge City, KS 67801**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2022**  
**10:00 AM (CT)**

In attendance– Leon Winfrey, Austin Hawkins, Coy Christian, Matt Dockendorf, Jarek Van Petten, Lucas Phillips, Kari Boone, DelRey Welsh, Jacob Benham, Peyton Freeman, Troy Boone, Joe Macoubrie, Burton James, Kashly Van Petten, Coleman Kirby, Klee Jones, Skyla Peters, Jennifer Baker, Mike Greenleaf, Bud Jennings, Justin Russell, Tim Gleason.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 10:15 a.m. with a pray from Leon. Leon likes to run the meeting following a parliamentary procedure. Please let whoever is talking have the floor so that we don't have several people talking at one.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Finals Meetings, please review attachments and notify secretary of any changes needed. Changes need to be made to the Team Roping director/co-director and Barrel Racing director/co-director in the Directors Meeting minutes and correct a few typos in the Contestants Meeting Minutes. Austin moves to approve the corrected minutes and Bud seconds the motion. Motion approved by majority.

Tim Gleason has been on our board for years as a director. He has stepped down as a director but is willing to stay on the board as a member at large. Leon read the definition of the member at large.

INTRODUCTIONS: Directors introduce themselves.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: Financial Report – Leon explained the financial report summary included in the board member packets and went through the line items to explain funds designated to that account. Heather went over a few items such as the income from the Goodwill Rodeo does not include the added money from the KPRA and the money for that rodeo that went into the event money is not shown individual in this report as it is lumped into the event funds totals. Heather also let directors know that the detailed report is available for review along with the bank statements. Austin makes a motion to approve the financial report and Kashly seconded the motion. Motion approved by all.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. President's Report – Leon is very proud of our association and were it is headed. Leon has spent a lot of time talking with presidents of other associations and feels that we are just as good or better. Leon also encouraged everyone to go to a committee meeting if there is one close to them. Our committees are a priority as well as our members. The entry system and our entry team are outstanding. There will always be some miscommunication or misinformation that travels through members and encouraged directors to please putting out fires as needed or direct concerns to some one that can assist them with their issue.
2. Secretary's Report – Heather reported our current account balance is \$45,065.72 and we still have about \$10,000 plus outstanding from finals sponsorship to collect. Leon

would like to start a savings account with about \$20,000 to draw some interest on the money that is carried over from year to year. We have carried over roughly the same amount for the last few years and it just sits in our account. Kashly suggested a CD, Justin suggested shopping for the best deal on interest. Troy moves to set up a CD for the additional funds. Justin seconded the motion, passes.

3. Directors' Reports – Kari Boone stated that the year went really well. The only complaint she received was regarding some uneven stock. Troy Boone stated he plans to just keep moving forward and try to get more money for finals next year. He thinks raising the entry fees last year was a big win. Justin reported that it has been a tough year for committees. Gathering money to put on the rodeos is getting tough and it looks like that will just be the way it is for the next few years. Jarek feels most of the feedback he has received is good. He felt the cattle were good throughout the season and numbers were up from 2021. Kashly is representing the 40/40 Team Roping and felt numbers were down in the 40/40 this year. Burton feels like they need to get more people involved in the 40/40. Lucas stated tie down ropers are hard to come by and numbers in the tie down are low. Joe stated we need to work on the cross fire rule with the judges. But he does feel like they got ahead of the barrier issue that was at Waynoka. Coleman has not received much feedback, no complaints. DelRey feels that we lost contestants over the ground rule in the ranch bronc this year but we have gained better contestants. Coy stated Bareback is the same as every year, just trying to find more contestants and work on sponsorship. Austin feels like steer wrestling was good in 2022, numbers were up and that is with 2 semi retired contestants and 2 that were hurt. Bud deferred comments to Mike. Mike stated it is the same old thing as far as stock contracting is concerned, increases financially place a large burden on the contractors as well as their committees. He also pointed out that as far as committees go, his crew usually leaves on Sunday morning and there is trash everywhere. The committees are working hard to get things prepped for the rodeo and then they have clean up to do on Sunday morning because people leave their trash everywhere. Clean up after yourself and if you see a committee guy, tell him thank you for everything he has done. Klee would like to get a list of bulls from the stock contractors at the finals and have the stock of the year vote there. He would also like to work on getting jersey's for the bullfighters at the finals instead of the cinch shirts. He would also like to work on increasing the pay of the bullfighters and get some sponsorship to get the bull riding year-end saddle back. Jacob stated he kind of got thrown into the director position at finals but has not heard much complaining. Jennifer – Ground preparation, making sure the ground is the same Friday as it is Saturday and staking the pattern more consistently. Skyla got some feedback on barrels at finals, KPRA did not drag the ground prior to barrels at finals and she would like to see that changed for next year. Also, she thinks the rule proposal for the day money would be great. She also received a lot of positive feedback on most of the committees dragging in the middle of the barrels.
4. Finals Report – Leon quickly went over the finals budget. Heather explained the \$100 added by TR, that is the Team Ropers adding from their \$1 fund. Other events could utilize those funds for that but they usually dump it into the added money. Leon read through the contract for 2023-2024 for the Round-up. Leon stated it is basically the same as it has been in the past. He will get it printed off, signed and turned back in. Round-up is disappointed in our association as far as beer is concerned. People walking around with personal beer which could impede the Round-ups liquor license. It could cause a large fine for the Round up. Otherwise, they love our association because they are able to make money on our event.

5. Committee Awards 2022, upcoming 2023 Committee Awards – Discussed during livestock awards.
6. Buckles, Jackets, Saddles – Buckles - We have bids from Bob Berg, Shae Michelle and A Cut Above. Prices could change before we are ready to order. Does anyone want to be on the buckle committee? Jackets are based on what we are getting for sponsorship. Saddles – Jarek mentioned just giving the champion a KPRA saddle certificate so the champion could pick out their own saddle maker. Then KPRA would issue funds for the saddle the contestant chose to use. The KPRA would stipulate the logos that go on the saddle. Kashly suggested doing the same for the All Around Saddle. Austin moves that KPRA gives \$1400 certificate to the event champion so they can purchase any brand saddle they would like. Coleman seconds the motion. Motion passes.
7. Livestock Awards – Everyone agrees that the contractors nominated the animals for the rough stock of the year by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>., Heather will set up online voting for Livestock and Rodeos of the year and they will close Saturday morning of finals. Directors will contract the stock contractors and report the nominated stock to Heather.
8. Entry Program - Leon has talked with Jamie and she is willing to stay on as the entry line secretary. Leon plans to meet with Sang on a few adjustments on the program. Leon asked for feedback. There has been some confusion on the priority number, so Leon explained the process for priority numbers. Lucas suggested making the priority number for the performance so you would draw for performance and then for position. After much discussion, it was decided to leave the priority number as it is.
9. Rule Proposals – See Exhibit 1.
10. Executive Board – Nominations for the executive board. Troy nominates Tim Gleason, Coy seconds. Austin nominates Troy, Coy seconds. Austin is automatically on being the Vice President. Matt nominates Klee, Coleman seconds. Kari nominates Justin, Coy seconds. Austin nominates Kashly. Skyla nominates Jennifer. Delrey was nominated. All nominations will serve on the executive board.
11. Secretary/Entry Line – Heather dismissed herself for the discussion. Heather and Jamie return.

Austin asked about co-approving the Cross jackpot. Jarek feels the payout at that jackpot will be good enough to win the year end finals. Austin and Jarek are in agreement that it should not be KPRA approved.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Austin and seconded by Troy at 4:12 p.m. cst.

*“Exhibit 1”*

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS OF KPRA pg. 7**

5. There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Board of Directors, one director and one alternate, for each of the following categories: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Ranch Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Dally Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, Ladies Breakaway Roping, 40/40 Mixed Team Roping, Stock Contractor Representative, Judges Representative, Rodeo Committee Representative, and **an optional Member at Large**. Only the event directors, alternate directors, Stock Contractor Representatives, Judge Representatives, Rodeo Committee Representatives, and Vice-President will have voting privileges. The President will vote only in the case of a tie.

**Do we want one or two members at large? Austin feels that we should just have one member at large. Lucas suggested adding “optional Member at Large”. Tim does not feel that the member at large needs voting privileges, but Leon and Coleman think it would be cleaner if they have voting rights. Troy moves to add the Member at Large director, Kashly seconded the motion. Motion passes. Austin moves to appoint Tim Gleason as the Member at Large and Troy seconds the motion. Motion approved.**

**STANDINGS, PRIZES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS pg. 22**

All rodeos for the current rodeo season must begin no later than 10 days prior to the first performance of the KPRA Finals. All rodeos beginning less than 10 days prior to the first performance of the KPRA Finals will count for the following competition year only.

**Leon feels that it would affect the entries for those last two rodeos. Kashly stated that she put this proposal in. She feels that the KPRA was designed for the working man and it is tough for contestants to schedule that rodeo prior the to the weekend of finals. Bud moves as proposed above, Justin seconds the motion. Motion approved by majority**

The cut-off date for rodeos counting for the finals to be before the finals entry deadline. Example: Perry and Sayre would count for 2024, but not 2023.

**No discussion.**

**KPRA APPROVED RODEOS AND COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY pg. 24**

- 1. In order for a rodeo committee to hold a 1st approved KPRA sanctioned rodeo, **they must have at least 9 events including; BB, SW, TD, BAW, SB, OPEN TR, 40/40 TR, LBR, BR.** If it is a timed event only rodeo, it must have all the timed events. **If it is a rough stock only rodeo, it must have BB, SB, BR, optional RB.** These rodeos must abide by all KPRA rules.*

**Leon feels that our rulebook with Ranch Bronc being a non-sanctioned event for several years was incorrect. We have a couple committees that do not like that Ranch Bronc is a**

**required event. Instead of removing Ranch Bronc as a sanctioned event, this proposal list that 9 of the 10 sanctioned events are required to have a KPRA rodeo. Austin moves to approval the rule as written above. Bud seconds the motion. Motion approved.**

*NEW RULE*

*Rodeo Committees requesting special competition Ground Rules must submit a copy of the proposed Ground Rules and a written explanation of the reason for the requested change along with the application for approval at least 30 calendar days prior to the first scheduled competition of the rodeo, and must be approved in writing by the appropriate Event Directors and the KPRA Executive Board. Any approved Ground Rules for an individual rodeo must be posted in the Arena Secretary's office prior to the draw. At the rodeo, KPRA judges should become familiar with any special approved ground rules for the rodeo, and check to see if Ground Rules are posted correctly. Any special Ground Rules/Committee Requests approved by the KPRA will be enforced by the KPRA, and corresponding fines will be assessed and collected by the KPRA.*

**Jennifer and Skyla asked what happens if they do not approve a ground rule and they do it anyway. Klee suggest that we table discussion on the rule proposal until the end.**

**Mike doesn't feel the directors should have the final say in the ground rule. Heather suggested changing it is approved by Directors and Executive Board. Motion made to accept that change.**

**Coy moves that we adopted the rule as written above. Coleman seconds. Motion passes.**

*All first approved KPRA rodeos must add a minimum of \$250 per event per performance offered (e.g., a two-performance rodeo must add \$500 per event.)*

**Bud feels that the committees are having trouble offering added money so he does not feel we should set a requirement for added money with agreement from several other board members. Jarek stated that he put in this rule with the thought that some of the smaller rodeos might move to a one day rodeo is this was a requirement but understand it would be hard to implement. No motion made.**

**ENTRIES, ENTRY FEES & PRIZE MONEY pg. 30**

**New Rule**

*If an entry is entered prior to books closing and drawn out, then placed back into the draw, the entry should be allowed to draw a position not placed at the beginning of the draw, and no late fee assessed.*

**Board does not feel there needs to be discussion on the proposal. No motioned made.**

*Weekends with multiple KPRA 1st approved rodeos. Entries for the rodeo with the most added money for the weekend will either close before or on the same day as other rodeos. Will not be last entries to close.*

**Leon mentioned that Jamie usually does this anyway. Troy does not think it needs to be a rule. No motion made.**

## **RODEO JUDGES, JUDGING, & TIMEKEEPERS pg. 39**

Rule #5 b.

Change b. to read:

A KPRA Judge is required to attend an approved judges clinic once every three years, before judging a KPRA rodeo, as of January 1, 2017.

Add New:

All KPRA Rodeos must use registered and approved Judges. Judges shall be paid a minimum of \$200 per performance up to a maximum of \$300 per performance (per Judge), plus \$1.00 per run per Judge in the slack. Judges pay shall be the burden of the rodeo committee, rodeo management, producer and/or stock contractor. The \$3.00 Judges fee (paid by contestants) will be split \$1.00 per Judge and \$1.00 to the Judges Finals Fund. Judges Finals Fund will be used to pay Judges at the KPRA Finals.

Add New:

KPRA Finals Section

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Judges will be paid from Judges Finals Fund and pay scale set by KPRA Board of Directors as per Judges Representatives.

**Board members read through proposal but made no discussion, no motion made.**

## **RANCH BRONC PROPOSALS pg. 53**

1. Bronc riders are allowed to use a night latch - but must mark out in front of the front cinch for either the first jump/stride out of the chute.

- A blown stirrup is not a disqualification.

2. Bronc riders get to use a night latch as long as they neck rope their horses. If rider would rather put a halter on their horse they must push horn.

- A blown stirrup is not a disqualification

3. Bronc rider must push horn only.

- Ride as ride can. No disqualification for a blown stirrup.

Remove disqualification for blown stirrup rule. Ride as ride can, means just that. If anything the score should go up when you loose a stirrup as does the level of difficulty.

*Remove night latch rule all together. Contestant is not allowed to use night latch.*

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 the rider chooses to use a rope, it can only be tied to the saddle the way it would be for everyday use. Remove this rule and replace with "Ride as Ride can" meaning contestant can use neck rope or hack rein. Free hand may use saddle horn, no night latch or rope tied to saddle.

Remove 6. a. A loose rope night latch is defined as no leather handhold. Loose is at the judges discretion. Remove 8. e. Losing a stirrup.

**DelRey mentioned again that we lost some contestants regarding the night latch ground rule but gained a better-quality contestant. Bud moves that we accept rule 6 as written above "removing night latch as an option and removing the disqualification for losing a stirrup, Klee seconded the motion. Motion passes.**

### **GENERAL TIMED EVENT RULES pg. 55**

All changes in list of timed events in order to split horses, etc. must be made **1 hour** before the performance/slack begins.

The rodeo secretary will be obligated to do splits as long as they have been notified **1 hour** prior to the beginning of the performance / slack.

**Leon proposed this to lengthen the time limit because the rodeo secretary is swamped 30 minutes prior to the start of the rodeo. Austin moves to approve the rule as written, Jarek seconds. Motion passes.**

In circumstances where the box is unusually long or short, the stock contractor, after communication with both the judges and director of the event, will have the final say in length of barrier.

**Bud feels like this proposal really just needs to be a line of communication. No motion made.**

Honor doctor/vet releases from co-approved rodeos. If someone releases out of a CEPRA rodeo they must release out of KPRA as well.

**No motion made.**

Drag at the start of the barrel racing during the finals.

**No motion made but the KPRA will address this at finals next year without it being a rule. Klee asked that when they drag to hit the hole in front of the bucking chutes.**

Add day money to the pot. An extra \$6 in the entry fee with \$5 going to the pot for day money and \$1 going to the rodeo secretary for handling it all.

**Heather asked for clarification on whether it was for all events or just barrels. Austin and Troy are not interested in adding it in their events but are fine with it being for barrel racing. Jennifer does not feel comfortable making that call for everyone. No motion made.**

No more youth membership discounts - as they run in the open/for the same amount of money as everyone else.

**No motion made.**

### **TIE-DOWN ROPING pg. 62**

19. *The "Jerk Down Rule" will be enforced unless otherwise stated.* 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.

**JL asked if we implement this rule are we going to enforce the weight limit rule on the calves.**

### **GENERAL RULES PG. 60**

**#30 CHANGE TD WEIGHT FROM TD-280 to 250. Remove last sentence.**

**Klee moves to use that rule as listed above. Kashly seconded the motion. Passes.**

Modify the jerk down rule to read - Jerk down shall be a disqualification and could result in a fine at the judges discretion.

**No discussion. No motion.**

### **NEW EVENT; JR. / SR. WOMENS TIE DOWN ROPING**

Junior Tie Down Roping will be classified as 16 and under as of Jan. 1st. Senior Tie Down Roping will be classified as 45 years old before entries open for that particular rodeo and women of any age. This event will be ran with the open Tie Down and use the same calves. Entries will be taken through central entry and members will have priority over non-members (same as open Tie Down Roping).

**Jarek asked if you can rope in the open and in the 45 and over. Jennifer asked if it would be at the finals. Leon stated that it will not be a sanction event. Kashly asked what it would cost to put it in the entry program. Tim asked if the draw and preference are the same as the other events. Tim suggested that it be call in only but Kashly said Jamie will still have to add them to the event in the system. Bud mentioned that with the rule proposal for the 40/40 stock we will run into the same issue with the 45 and over tie down. JL asked if their were not 2 entries in the 45 and over would he be able to move to the open. Troy asked if women could enter the 45 and over and JL said he thought it would be great if they wanted to enter.**



**Cole moves to approve as written above, Austin seconded the motion. Motion is approved.**

**GENERAL TIMED EVENT RULES; 40/40 MIXED TEAM ROPING pg. 82**

1. To be eligible for the 40/40 mixed team roping, your team must consist of: two men over 40 years old or **two women of any age** or a woman of any age with a man over 40 or a woman over 40 and a man of any age.
2. As long as the man or woman are 40 years old **before entries open for that particular rodeo**, they are eligible to rope in the 40/40 team roping.

**Austin moves the motion as above. Klee seconds the motion. Motion approves.**

The 40/40 team roping and the open team roping stock should be two separate pens as they are two different events.

**Kashly explained that they can still bring the same cattle but the cattle drawn in the 40/40 stay in the 40/40 for that rodeo. Bud predicts that they will have to bring more cattle if they have more entries in the 40/40 than the open for a performance. Mike mentioned that is going to be more work on the contractor's end. Justin agreed but he tries to bring separate cattle for the TR and 40/40 anyway.**

**Burton moves to adopted the rule proposed above, Kari seconds. 8 for the motion, 12 against. Motion does not pass.**

All stock for all timed events are to be drawn, no chute run cattle.

**Troy said we are making a rule for one rodeo. No motion made.**

**YEAR END FINALS pg. 83**

22. A fee of \$150 per rough stock out will be paid to the stock contractors at the KPRA Year End Finals.

- a. *Stock brought as a re-ride option will be paid \$75, even if they are not used.*

23. *If during any performance of the KPRA Year-End Finals a re-ride is given, the re-ride stock receives the allotted money out.*

**Klee moves to accept the rule as proposed above. Coy seconds the motion. Motion passes.**

*New Rule*

*All timed event cattle should be ran as an actual competition run, prior to the 1st performance of the KPRA Finals, at the venue of the KPRA Finals, no more than 24 hours prior to the 1st performance.*

**Board does not feel this proposal needs discussion. No motion made.**