

**KPRA Meeting Minutes**  
**I Don't Care Restaurant – Dodge City, KS 67801**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**10:00 AM (CT)**

**AGENDA – FULL BOARD**

In attendance: Leon Winfrey, Austin Hawkins, Coy Christian, Jarek Van Petten, Laine Herl, Kari Boone, Peyton Freeman, Joe Macoubrie, Troy Boone, Kashly Van Petten, K Lee Jones, Jennifer Baker, David Craig, Garrett Panzer, Bud Jennings, Mike Greenleaf, Alex Phelps, Tim Gleason, Heather Westbrook

Tyler Garten, not able to attend, asked that Jarek vote proxy for him.

Not in attendance: Ashley Macoubrie, Kyle Hampton, Del Rey Welsh, Burton James, Coleman Kirby, Skyla Peters, Justin Russell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:06 a.m. started by Leon with a prayer.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Finals Meetings, please review attachments and notify secretary of any changes needed. Austin moves that we approve the minutes from the finals meetings, Troy seconds, meeting minutes from both finals meetings are approved.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: Financial Report**

Operating \$11,798.88 still outstanding is \$5000 from Pride Ag and \$1500 from Winter Livestock Finals Fund \$11,865.98 includes \$10,000 from the CD plus the interest accrued from the six month CD. The remaining \$10,000 reinvested in the CD.

Guest – Brad Ross, Dodge City Expo Center. He just wanted to meet with the KPRA board and see if there was anything the Expo could do for us. Mike asked if everything is in place to have a rodeo. Brad mentioned the bucking chutes have been removed, but they are still there and can be put back in. Brad also stated that pricing is in the works (approx. \$550 a weekend) and he is currently working with the county commissioners. The dirt side has been upgraded, pens need to be upgraded but there is plenty of room for steers. Might have a few dates open in February and March.

Steve was going to be here to represent Round-up but he is unable to make it so Leon gave the numbers for this year. Leon received information on a committee representative organization that looks beneficial and thinks it would be a helpful organization for the KPRA and possibly our committees to be involved in. Alex mentioned that the KPRA used to have a committee banquet/meeting with committee representatives and update them on ideas and dates. This is something we need to look into doing in the future.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. President's Report – Leon feels that our finals was outstanding. The stock was very consistent. Alex did a great job as chute boss and Leon received a lot of compliments. He also feels that our production being bumped up to the Cowboy Channel was a big compliment. Leon went through the process of getting the finals livestreamed on the Cowboy Channel app and thinks it will be continued in the future.
2. Secretary's Report – Heather explained the transfer for the finals fund from the events. There is also a spreadsheet for each event detailing where the money for that event was designated. Leon did a brief overview of the QuickBooks P & L. Turn out fines, Central Entries, Mixed Tie Down (there is still money in there and we need to decide what to do with it). If anyone has any questions, please let Heather or Leon know. Bud moves to approve the financial statement for 2023, Kashly seconds. Financial statements are approved.

### 3. Directors' Reports –

Jarek feels like everything in the steer wrestling was really well, only thing to work on would be to have a few more steers.

Troy feels like things in the TR went well especially at finals.

Kari said that BAW was great and everyone felt like calves were good throughout the year.

Kashly said 40/40 steers were great at the finals, numbers are up this year. She feels like the stock does need split between the Open and 40/40 at all rodeos.

David thinks there is always room to improve and we just need to continue to work to make things better for everyone on the judges side. He asked that Heather send out rule changes to judges in the beginning of the season. Leon asked David why judges stopped putting out a leather strap? Heather needs to clarify with Leon on this. David gave an explanation.

Laine feels like we need to get more contestants in the steer wrestling.

K Lee feels like we had the best numbers in the bull riding that we have had in several years. Mike mentioned there are several guys, Klee & JR Stratford included, that are helping bull riders and offering practices.

Coy feels like we had a decent finals and things are continuing to move forward.

Jennifer feels like there are two main things that need work, first is consistent ground. If it is extremely overwatered on Friday night it needs to be overwatered on Saturday night and vice versa. Second issue is how the patterns are staked. If it is a big arena, use the arena. Bud feels like the committees are all well aware of what is going on and they are trying. Mike stated that not every committee has the means, either personnel or equipment, to make sure the ground is perfect.

Leon read an email regarding entitlement from a Texas school regarding unsportsmanlike conduct. He feels like this could play into rodeo with the complaining. David said that Oklahoma implemented the same thing.

4. Finals Report – Leon went over the finals expense report. Detailing the personnel cost, stock charge was increased in the timed event from \$25 per run to \$30 per run along with the additional expenses associated with finals.

5. Committee Awards – We have seven awards that go out split between north and south regions. We are getting some kick back on the fan favorite. Bud said we should probably just get rid of the fan favorite award because it causes hard feelings. Heather would like to create a text voting system for the fans. A number would be assigned and the announcer could ask the fans to text “name of the rodeo” to the number to be counted as fan favorite. This would also give the KPRA input on attendance for sponsors. Kari likes that idea.
6. Buckles, Jackets, Saddles – We have used Bob Berg the past couple years but we are running out of styles without repeating styles that we have already used. Saddles, last year we voted on giving a certificate and that seems to be working well. Leon got a few bids from Martin, Sloan and Jeff Smith. They are all 12-18 months out. Jackets, Coy said the last couple of years he has not received his size. Heather stated that we have to order them so early we don’t always know the sized that we are going to need but this is something we can work on. Buckle committee Austin & Kashly.
7. Entry Program, Sanction Agreement – Changes to sanction agreement and entry system. Leon said that Jamie feels that the entry system has worked the best this year as it has in previous years. Sang did make a few changes that keep track of who enters which rodeo. Leon explained the priority number again to clarify how the system works for buddy group. Sanction Agreement list a max for perf., Leon would like to add a minimum so that when Jamie sets up the entry system for that rodeo she can input the minimum that would be acceptable to the committee. It would solve the issue with the rodeos on multiple weekends. Bud feels like his committees are already accepting a lower number and that won’t be a problem. But the scheduling is an issue and will be a big issue this year because we have a couple months that the 1<sup>st</sup> is a Sunday and the committee does not look at that as the first weekend. Mike thinks the minimum would work fine and the issue they have was a slack that was full and nothing in the perfs. Alex feels like we need to also stick to our maximum. Mike mentioned that maybe we need to look at having less rodeo’s. Mike feels like if we have two rodeos apply for approval we should pick the better added money rodeo and decline the other rodeo.
8. Rule Proposals – See Exhibit 1
9. Executive Board – Nominated David Craig, Alex Phelps, Tim Gleason, K Lee Jones, Troy Boone, Austin Hawkins, Jennifer Baker, Kashly Van Petten. All accept.
10. Secretary/Entry Line – Heather stepped out for this discussion. Leon report that Kashly motioned to renew Heather’s contract as Association secretary and Bud seconded the motion, motion carried; and Austin moved to renew Jamie Schweer’s contract for the Entry Line, Kari seconded the motion, motion carried.

## ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Laine and seconded by Jarek at 5:08 p.m. cst.