



Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association

Meeting Minutes

Nov 14, 2021. Moxie's Red Deer

Call to order –10:03 AM. 10 Directors in attendance.

Motion to accept the Minutes as presented. **2nd. Carried**

1. Neil thanks the New directors for coming onboard and thanks the outgoing directors for all the hard work this year as it was a challenging year with the restrictions. He is optimistic on the upcoming year and reminds the committee representative that we will need to be mindful of the motion to consider Montana rodeo dates when approving Canadian rodeos.
2. Office reports: General account \$ 9188.99, Payout account \$ 1116.81, Raffle 1 account \$ 20560.20, Casino account \$ 29455.84, Raffle 2 account \$ 5258.11. Total \$ 65579.95 and Stabilize Grant is used so we when we are in a deficit in our general account, we should be able to use some AGLC funds. Director asked if we have heard anything about our casino. The office has only had a letter stating it will be 2023 and no other definite dates. Discussion on casino and how many workers we may need and if they need to be members to work. Discussion on Director who has stated that she is too busy with work to be able to be the Casino/ Raffle chairman. Barb Longmore agrees to be our new Casino/ Raffle chairman. **Motion** to accept the office report. **2nd. Carried.**
3. Barrel Racing Report: Nothing from old business to report, New Directors are working together and have sent a communication out to the members. It is questioned why the Barrel Racers all got up and left the meeting during the AGM. The discussion on how much time they need to get ready before their event, and how we can work our finals schedule to accommodate the contestants and their needs.
4. Neil asks that each event director go over their event rules to make sure there is no duplication and that the wording is clear. Noting we need to clarify the difference between a turn out and being turned out. Discussion on when they need to have the rules done. Neil states that they should have it in by Jan 31/2022, but that they have up to two weeks before the first rodeo to have any rule changes come into effect.
5. Neil reminds each director that their respective event is their priority and they should direct any questions or concerns about other events to the appropriate director.
6. Breakaway Roping: Director feels it was a good year with growth everywhere. She is confident that we will see more ladies entering. It is brought up about the bell collar catch and it is something to be discussed later. Director would like to look at the rule of where the flagger stands and perhaps revamp it.
7. Team Roping: The year went well, and Director is considering going back to 3 pen rodeo and he will discuss with the other director. Discussion on the pros and cons of each system. It has been discussed already with stock contractors and they feel it would be easier for them.
8. Tie Down Roping: Director states year was good but that we need to put out earlier for stock bids in perhaps June to give more contractors a chance to bid. He suggests that we should perhaps start having the conversation about having an open gate.
9. Ribbon Roping: Director is glad we have stayed within the rulebook anytime anything came up. Discussion on how changes to the rodeos should be posted for members. Discussion of what to use as a post and how it might affect the lining of the calves.
10. US Report: We will need to decide how far we will go with dual approvals. Discussion on how we need to promote all the rodeos. Discussion on some members not being able to go to the US and whether it potentially decides who wins year end and how every member can choose to go or not. Discussion on overlap of US and Alberta rodeos and how we need to encourage committees to get their dates in early.

11. Committee Report: Representative is ready to go and clarifies that existing rodeos will have priority. Questions if we need to encourage committees to have 2-day rodeos over 1-day rodeos or possibly suggest that we can group it with other rodeos to make a run. Discussion on how some rodeos might only have certain dates to be able to go and if they overlap other rodeos how we can make it work for everyone. Discussion on emergency services at rodeos and if we can rely on members to fill in. Representative will start to contact committee's in the new year. Neil suggests that he email committees to see if they are looking at their existing dates. High River has already tentatively booked June 3-5/2022.
12. Suggestion from director regarding rules changes that we have some more communication on the website as to the reasoning for why a rule was changed. Neil states that members need to learn to ask directors if they have any questions. Discussion on the concern of verbal communication perhaps getting changed while written communication will stay consistent. Office points out the suggestion from the AGM that we post on the website any rule changes that are before the committee in order to get members input.
13. The 5.25 % collected throughout the year from the entry fee goes into the general account and was approximately \$5500.00 roughly this year. Discussion on how it would affect the association if we discontinue this. Questions on other fees. Finals fee of \$ 2.50. Office fee of \$ 7.50 of which \$ 5.00 goes back to the committee. Admin fee of \$ 6.00. Neil states the association had implemented the office fee originally to help committee's pay their secretary but now we do a lot of the secretary work from our office. Discussion of the fees and how we could we eliminate some and how it would affect our associations operations. Discussion on how it would affect the committees if we eliminate the office fee. Director questions if we eliminate some of these fees would we be able to grow our membership and offset some of the lost revenue. Neil questions directors that are on rodeo committees about some of the other fees charged like self penning etc. Comments on committee's ability to collect the fees from the members. Neil would like the directors to brainstorm on this.
14. Members costs for rodeos Finals fee of \$ 2.50. Office fee of \$ 7.50 of which \$ 5.00 goes back to the committee. Admin fee of \$ 6.00 per contestant per rodeo. Event fee of \$5.00per contestant per event per rodeo all of which goes back to the committee. Entry fee of \$50.00 per contestant per event per rodeo. There is also a facility fee of \$ 10.00 per location charged to each contestant given back to the committee. Medical fee of \$ 2.00 per contestant per rodeo can be charged by committees. Director states that it is known that members have quit or not joined our association because of our fees. Discussion on if we could possibly push back on the committees on some of their fees. Discussion on fees we can control and the difference between office and administration fees. Director states we need to look at possibly taking the \$5.00 office fee from the committee and combining the office and administration fee. It is suggested we continue to give the committees the \$5.00 and renaming it as committee office fee. Discussion on the event fee.
15. **Motion** to have office donate left over T-Shirts to a charity. **2nd. Carried**
16. Office will need to have new firm to do the year end accounting. There is a possibility that along with that we will need to get a new QuickBooks program and a new laptop as the old one will not be able to support it. **Motion** for the office to obtain quotes on cell phones, laptop, accountant service, and additional office software and report back to the executive board as soon as possible. **2nd. Carried.**
17. Neil states that current coordinator would be willing to stay on as awards coordinator if we are willing. Discussion on getting the budget the her earlier and thoughts on all around and other prizes from this year. **Motion** to keep Marilyn Callaway as awards coordinator and have her report to Neil and Mike regarding awards. **2nd. Carried.**
18. Director presented photos from Trend Fotos as an option for thank you to our 2021 sponsors. Director will follow up with Trend Fotos to work on something to be done up from our association. Neil would like to have the 2021 sponsors still have recognition for 2022, possibly having 2021 champions announced and who sponsored buckles at 2022 rodeos. Discussion on having a weekly sponsor posted on our website and Facebook. Representative would like to have a thank you paper made up for committee's that hosted 2021 rodeos. Director will check to see if we could possibly do something for committee's as well.
19. The order of events for rodeo is determined by the committees as per our rules. Discussion on confusion with the order of events at some of the rodeos. Discussion on having a slack and performance designation to eliminate the confusion. Office can have slack and perf on the day sheets if committee's have the numbers in each to the office before the draw.

20. Code of conduct must be signed by all new directors.
21. Office brings up the possibility of spring member meeting perhaps called Spring Fling to be held on site at first rodeo of the year. It would be informational to introduce Directors to members, inform members of any rule changes that have happened over the winter, thanking sponsors, get members input on future fundraising, and possible sponsorship options, and any other concerns. Discussion of possibly making it a social event to attract more member participation. Discussion on possibly making it an AGM.
22. Discussion on Membership pricing. We are at \$183.75 currently including GST for early membership. Office Reports other association pricing, Chinook \$175.00, Canadian Girls \$ 100.00, FCA \$ 150.00, Wildrose \$ 175.00, LRA \$ 170.00. Discussion on possibility of changing fees. **Motion** to keep the membership price at its current price. **2nd. Carried.**
23. Discussion on changes to the committee approval form. The office questions the CSPRA involvement in the extra charges e.g., stalls, dinner etc. Discussion on how committee's will be able to collect these charges. Discussion on the inconvenience to our members to have to pay two entities for the fees. **Motion** to have committees responsible for the collection of their own fees. **2nd. 8 in favor 1 opposed. Carried.** Discussion on having added money optional. **Motion** to keep the added money as optional for this year. **2nd. Carried.** **Motion** to change the early approval draw to March 1st and the winning committee will win reimbursement of their approval fees up to \$ 300.00. **2nd. Carried.** Discussion on committee of the year. Possibility of using marketing materials to give to committee e.g. hats, t-shirts, or a thank you banner to each committee. Table Committee of the year award.
24. Budget for 2022 discussion. \$20,000.00 awards budget and \$20,000.00 added money from 2021. Discussion on fiscal status of the association. Discussion on having amount added to finals posted for members to see at beginning of the year. It is suggested we should be able to have minimum \$20,000.00 in cash and awards. **Motion** to have a minimum of \$20,000.00 in cash and awards. **2nd. Carried.**
25. Discussion on how to engage members in sponsorship and fundraising. Director talks of other association having directors responsible for raising a reasonable amount of money. Discussion on how that might possibly work and how that might add a lot of extra work for directors. **Motion** to have anyone who brings in sponsorship be eligible for a 10 % commission on the sponsored funds. **2nd. Carried.**
26. Discussion of raffles and how to raise funds. With the new AGLC rules we do not have to pay out minimum of \$2000.00 anymore so possibility of having better results from the online 50/50. Discussion on how members having to sell could feel like adding more fees to them.
27. Director presents the Rimbey Agriplex as an option for the finals. Discussion on possible date change and how we could make it work. Discussion on how to make the banquet work. Director presents the numbers from Rimbey's quote. Discussion on putting it out to bid instead of us having to look. Neil presents that it is tough to put it out to bid as we may then lose the dates from Claresholm.
28. Neil presents the rule changes submitted; Discussion on Late entries deletion submitted. Discussion on rule change regarding membership purchases being allowed up to the last day of entries. Discussion if it should be before phone in entries start or before entries open. **Motion** to have membership purchased by the Thursday prior to the opening of entries. **2nd. 7 in favor, 2 abstained. Carried.**
29. Reminder for the directors to have memberships purchased before Jan 1/2022 as to be a director they need to be a member in good standing.
30. Discussion on frequency between meetings. 6 weeks is agreed upon with the exception being the next meeting being moved to Jan 11/2022

Adjourn meeting: 3:40