



Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association

Wrap Up Meeting Minutes for Website

Nov 30, 2019 at 11:00am

Call to order at 11:00am. Welcome new Board members: Duane (VP), Greg (TD), Blaine (TR), Lorne (RR), Tom (RS) and much thanks to our outgoing ones: Tim, Neil, Vince, Bob, Lynn.

1. Minutes from the 2019 AGM were emailed out to read – **MOTION** to accept as is. **Accepted**
2. **FINALS REPORTS** – finals notes and finals income vs expenses reports attached
 - Bank Balances: General - \$13.9k Raffle - \$8.8k Casino - \$2.3k for a post-finals total of \$25k
 - Raffle Report: 2019 take was \$27,400 less prizes of \$12,000 for a profit of \$15,400. Another expense is the refund money which totaled \$1225. The idea of making members sell all their tickets as part of qualification for finals was discussed but decided it would be too tough to enforce; we will continue to advertise our \$25 incentive.
 - Sponsorship Report: We are going to try 2020 without hiring a sponsorship person, and promote the “25%” commission incentive to anyone who brings in new sponsors; the office will send out letters to existing sponsors over the winter; maybe we could put sponsor logos out more (ie: on social media), it is decided that we will give all \$1,000+ sponsors 2 free raffle tickets for every thousand dollars donated.
 - Finals question: How can we get more people in the stands... perhaps contact schools and seniors
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - NSPRA Report** – Since 2015 they have had leadership problems, made some questionable decisions made along with the move of the finals to Oklahoma, their numbers have been declining. So NSPRA’s new president is hoping to move finals back to Vegas in 2020 to try to attract more members, including Canadians. Proposed finals dates are Sept 27-Oct 3.
 - Committee Representative Report** – We are losing Val Leibel’s Bowden Rodeo in 2020 (due to lack of committee help) but we hope to pick up rodeos in Vauxhall, Claresholm. The discussion of moving finals to an earlier date has been dropped as it just doesn’t pencil out for many reasons, ie: getting awards in time and conflicts with farming and other rodeo events (ie: kids & NSPRA).
 - Tie Down Report** – Sent the rule change re: length of score, to the rules committee (to be put in rulebook pg 35 #4.b.) and will be the same for all timed events.
 - Ribbon Roping Report** – A judge missed some calls but because there is one judge in the field and one on the barrier they can’t see everything going on everywhere so cannot override the calls made by other. Would be handy to print a “quick reference card” for the judges with most important rules for rodeo judges to have in pocket while in arena. Will do at same time as new rulebook printing.
4. **BUSINESS from 2019 AGM - starting at item 5:**
 - 5) **Moving Finals date** – leave as is
 - 6) **Co-approval fees** – leave as is
 - 7) **Men’s Breakaway Roping** – **MOTION** to make the new age group of MBAW 40-64 a full event in 2020 for a one-year trial. **Unanimous.**
 - 8) **Dress Code** – At AGM, a new definition of “cowboy attire” for the rulebook was submitted by the rules committee with a majority voting to pass it as written below. It is pointed out that the new rule does not contain the word zipper for shirts, some directors thought it was in when they voted; it is agreed that we cannot put it back in at this point.

A contestant’s appearance must be neat, clean, professional and not consist of any gear/item(s) deemed unsafe by a judge. Dress code is to be followed one hour prior to a performance or slack, while in arena or performance area, whether competing or not. A contestant must wear a cowboy hat or approved riding helmet, and western boots; collared, cuffed, long-sleeve shirts with buttons or snaps and pants that follow the “western attire” appearance, with the exception of the Ribbon Runners as per Rule #C.2.a.1).a) on page 12.
 - 9) **Random Riding in Arena** – leave as is, there will always be those people who try to do it regardless of rules

- 10) **Limit of contestants allowed in arena** - leave as is, there will always be exceptions
- 12) **Judges not being allowed to compete** – leave as is
- 14) **Charging of extra committee fees** – ie: “clean up fee”, is an additional fee required by the location of a rodeo (Ag Society), fee is indicated on the “Rodeo Info” page for members, prior to rodeos.
- 15) **Medical Services Fee** – leave as is
- 16) **Committee Draw** – leave as is
- 17) **Roughstock mandatory at all rodeos** – this cannot be mandatory as costs will and have killed rodeos in the past which is why we made it an option a few years ago.
- 18) **Barrel Racing Gates rule** – A rule change is being submitted to rules committee for this. The director can also inform contestants at rodeos of unusual set ups and contestants need to take some responsibility and confirm too.
- 20) **Second electronic timer for barrels** – We will not be purchasing a second electronic timer. As per rules on page 42, the two manual stop watches are the back up for any electronic timer failure and we will make sure all rodeo committees understand this. We will also stress to committees that the manual times must be written on the individual timers sheets as individual times and not as an averaged time in case of such failure. Some girls travel with an electronic timer so we could use/rent theirs for a rodeo but the problem is if it breaks how do we determine the value of replacing an older unit?
- 22) **Approved judges/timers** – Go over rodeo responsibilities with each committee.
- 23) **Reconfigure the age groups** – A member is wondering about possible age changes to our existing groups, so she will be doing a study on this and let us know her findings.

5. **OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- 1) Re: BAW - **MOTION** that Breakaway Roping be timed to the hundredths. **Unanimous.**
- 2) All 2020 Memberships will remain the same as 2019
- 3) Yes we will continue to do our College Scholarships
- 4) Re: Finals – need to hire a new chairperson, need ideas on how can we reduce overall costs
- 5) Re: Rulebook – yes we will do a reprint for 2020 and also a quick reference card for judges
- 6) It is agreed that we need to have pre-scheduled conf call meetings every 6 weeks; will be on Tuesdays: Jan 14, Feb 25, Apr 7, May 19, Jun 30, Aug 11 and Sep22.
- 7) **MOTION** that CSPRA gives secretary/treasurer Michelle Atwood, the authority to work on all AGLC items in 2020 on behalf of CSPRA. **Passed.**

6. **MOTION to adjourn, 3:20pm**