



Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association

2021 Meeting Minutes

Feb 23, 2021 at 7:20pm

Call to order at 7:20pm

1. Minutes from the Jan 12th Conference Call were emailed out – **MOTION** to accept as is, **Accepted**.
2. Sponsorship Report: Busy sending out social media blasts along with sponsorship packages but it is very tough out there. Getting good feedback but just no commitments as people are hesitant with the current restrictions. Vantage Trailers is on board for \$250.
3. Reporting from CSPRA Office: Bank balances totaling 60k.
 - Online Raffle: After much discussion on the pros and cons of our usual cash raffle, it was suggested that we try a 50/50 raffle instead as they are virtually no risk and since our #1 seller is in lockdown what if we don't raise enough to even cover the \$12,000 cash prizes for our usual raffle?
MOTION to do two 50/50 Online Raffles this year with the first starting immediately and going until June 22 and the second starting after that and going until Oct 17 at our finals. **2 Opposed, 1 Abstained, 9 For, Passed**.
 - 2021 Finals Dates: As of today, the only other date available at Claresholm is the weekend before (ie: Thanksgiving wknd) our usual dates. If other groups decide they cannot run their events as the year goes on then other weekends might be available. Asks if we should look around for another location? Directors will ask within their events what people would like to see in the future. An important note when looking into alternative locations is to have a place where our members won't have to drive too far (ie: for accommodation, banquet, etc).
MOTION to run our 2021 Finals the same as last year: 4 perms in 3 days, in Claresholm AB, during our usual dates that being October 15-17, 2021. **11 For, 1 Against, Passed**. We will confirm costs & bookings.
 - Stabilize Program Grant application has been submitted. We applied for \$123,452.00 and so could possibly get 25% of that. Should know by April.
 - Equipment Coordinator: Carol Crawford is our new coordinator and we will contact her to arrange flags/banners.

3. NEW BUSINESS / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barrel Racing Report – we had polled the barrel racers and the majority wanted to try running in one group but withdrew the request and instead will make a few minor changes to help the flow and ease confusion. Could we maybe do a trial run at one of the rodeos? All rodeos will now run in the order of 40s/50s/60s/68+s. We feel that the rules already say that the Barrel Director can determine the number of rakes depending on condition of ground at each rodeo. We will talk to rules committee regarding when the raking takes place, on ground vs by program, and make clear in rulebook.
Recommendation that the proposal of raking on ground vs by program go to the rules committee to discuss and present back with any necessary rule changes needed. All in favor. **Carried**.

Breakaway Roping – In talking to BAW contestants, they seemed to like a time limit idea.

MOTION that we implement a 30-second time limit in all breakaway events at all season rodeos (not at finals), All in favor. **Carried**.

Discussion on implementing a bell-collar catch rule for the Men's 40-64 group. Should it be on all groups or no groups? It is decided not to make any changes at this time.

Steer Wrestling Report– After polling members, only 4 people were interested in a steer undecorating event being added. Perhaps committees can do it themselves?

MOTION that we allow committees to host optional steer undecorating events to be run during our 2021 rodeos this year to gauge interest. No points will be awarded and the event will not run at the finals. **12 For, 1 Abstained. Carried**.

MOTION to implement a 30-second time limit to get "hands on the steer" at all season rodeos but not the finals., all in favor. **Carried**.

Team Roping Report– Discussion on how to bring more money to the team roping event. Perhaps have all team ropers pay an extra \$100 or perhaps increasing the entry fee. Might this scare off new people and how would it be managed? Let's put something on website to poll the contestants, then we can finalize the details.

We ask them to bring back their findings for discussion at the April 6th meeting.

More discussion on the "spares" at the finals. Perhaps have a draw to see who gets to rope them? Maybe a non-member? Also, what about entering two times idea? Did not work for NSPRA so we will not do at our rodeos.

Discussions: Has a new write up for Distressed Events Entries (following) that will cover all instances where these issues might come up in the future.

RULE CHANGE – DISTRESSED EVENTS:

b. CONTESTS: *two (2) or more contestants are required in an event to make a contest. No ground money will be paid if no contest in an event.*

1) Distressed Event Rules:

a) *If rodeo entries result in only one competitor/team in an event age category, the contestant/team moves into the age category directly below/above the distressed event. (68, 60 or 50s move down and 40 move up). If there is 1 - 40 and 1 - 50 the 40 (lower) event is held.*

- *The competitor/team takes earned points back into their actual age category.*

b) *If turn out's, draw out's, vet and medicals result in one competitor (all ages combined) at the time of the event it is considered a no contest and the event will not be held. The contestant will be refunded his event entry fee. Any added money and stock charge in that event will return to the rodeo committee. The competitor has the option of an exhibition run/ride.*

c) *Finals Qualification - If only one competitor/team qualifies in an age category for the finals, the competitor/team can attend the finals in the category above/below the distressed event (40s moves up, 68+s, 60s or 50s move down) as an 11th competitor. Their finals position will be based on points earned in the age group they are competing in at the finals.*

- *The competitor will be awarded the season leader prize in their actual age category.*
- *The competitor will be awarded the championship in their actual age category if any points are earned at the finals.*

Note: I believe it is best for the health of the association to give out prizes in distressed events if one competitor is qualified. This should bring more competitors into the event.

MOTION to accept the above Distressed Events rule proposal, all in favor. **Carried.**

Discussions:

- Called 2019 stock contractor to discuss the non-payment of his services from the 2019 Cardston Rodeos. They have settled now.

- Asks committee rep if any of the indoor rodeos can move outdoors should restrictions not lift in time? yes.

- Re: Ribbon Roping barrier judge: he should still be watching what's happening in field too to possibly confirm field judge calls if something comes up as questionable. We should add this to the Judge's Quick Rule Card, that is to be printed along with a new rulebook.

- Discussion on if we should have something consistent at the Ribbon Running finish line? I.e: barrel, flag pole, cone, instead of a person. **Tabled.**

- Discussion on the stock/equipment responsibilities of event directors.

- What about our co-approving the US Rodeos? We'll wait until border opens.

- Finals Awards Coordinator: we should look for someone else to take it over.

- Lifetime Memberships / Gold Cards: In April 2019 it was brought in for members 80 and over, moving it to 75+ might mean a \$3000 loss in membership revenue.

MOTION that we make the "Lifetime Membership / Gold Card" be 75 years and older plus having 10 or more years of membership with the Association, all in favor. **Carried**

- Finals Coordinator: we need to hire someone for this position. **Tabled**

- Reminder to all directors: that anything said at Board meetings is strictly confidential and for all to be mindful of that.

-We would like to revisit the "Locals" rule at the next meeting.

-Reminder that our next meeting is Tuesday, April 6, 2021 via Zoom.

MOTION to adjourn 10:50pm.