



# WPRA

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Women's Professional Rodeo Association  
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## Rapid City Member Meeting Minutes 2/2/2022

### Rapid City Member Meeting February 2, 2022

#### Meeting 1 @ 9:00 AM MT

**WPRA Representatives present for meeting:** Jimmie Munroe, Heidi Schmidt, Darla Lindt and Kaylee Gallino.

Jimmie Munroe opens meeting with introductions.

Heidi Schmidt shares updates about the newly formed Ground Committee and the 3 main objectives of the Committee for 2022:

- 1) Compile a list of ground experts across the country to assist committees with ground concerns.
- 2) Update the Rodeo Application to allow for Ground Contact Info., a ground questionnaire to assist Directors in facilitating conversations with committees, third page with new rules for quick reference.
- 3) The search for National Sponsors for the ground program.

Heidi Schmidt, "The goal is to have a drag after 5 across the country"

The condensed drag rule was explained in greater detail to the members by Kaylee Gallino.

Jimmie opened the meeting for member questions.

First question was if WPRA was going to approve Calgary Stampede and Canadian rodeos. Multiple members shared that they want to have the choice to enter or not enter and if the Board chooses to not approve then their choice is taken away. Many shared that they would get the vaccine so they can rodeo. "You're taking away money from the members who want to go", was one quote. "I got a vaccine last year just to go to Calgary," was another quote.

Jimmie Munroe iterated that the WPRA is committed to making an informed decision about Calgary Stampede and Canadian rodeos as this is a business decision as well as it effects the members that rodeo in Canada and would like to go to Calgary.

Question was raised about Limited Entry Rodeos.

Jimmie explained that the Board of Directors is dedicated to collaborating with committees to remove the limits. Question was asked about buddying in breakaway in ProCom.

Jimmie shared the limitations with the ProCom system's ability to manage the buddy program as breakaway still must be programmed as a second rodeo in the ProCom system and therefore cannot accommodate buddying. PRCA will be creating a modern technology system and software but that will take 2 years to complete. The forecast is to have the capability to buddy in breakaway at that point.

#### Meeting 2 at 11:00 AM MT

Jimmie made introductions as members warmed up and asked if there were any questions by the members. NFR Playoff Series updates were shared and that the updated rodeo list is posted on the website.

Heidi Schmidt shared about the newly formed Ground Committee exactly as in the first meeting.

Kaylee Gallino explained the new condensed drag rule as well and asked if anyone had any questions.



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Kaylee Gallino also shared the proposed rule that Limited Entry Rodeos must give a 1-year notice to the office when wanting to change the qualifications so WPRA can notify members at the beginning of the rodeo season.

Heidi Schmidt shared the new communications with Judges and attending the JAC meetings as a WPRA representative to further facilitate open communication and asked if anyone had any questions.

There were no member questions asked as ladies were busy warming up horses.

**Meeting ended 11:34**