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Women's Professional Rodeo Association
World Championship Barrel Racing®

Cheyenne Member Meeting Minutes 7/21/2021

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July 21, 2021

8:30 AM MT and 10:00 AM MT

Location: Cheyenne Frontier Days Bistro Pavilion

WPRA Officers and Directors present: Jimmie Munroe, President; Darla Lindt, COO; Lois Ferguson, Texas Circuit Director; Lacy Wilson, Turquoise Circuit Director; Carla Beckett, Mountain States Circuit Director.

8:30 Meeting had about 25 barrel racing athletes in attendance.

Introductions made by Jimmie Munroe followed by a brief report, questions and discussion: Jimmie welcomed the members and let them know this would be more of a member driven agenda. With Covid-19 behind us, 2021 is moving along. Jimmie reported that membership is growing with our association hitting a record of over 3118 members. This is partly due to rodeo approvals in areas which give athletes opportunity to contest.

Jimmie announced that the WPRA World Finals is scheduled for November 11-14 in Waco, TX again and that an official Press Release will go out soon this week. The World Finals committee is planning a final full performance at the end of the finals.

ProTour Finale count is still 35 per meeting with PRCA. The Tour Finale is scheduled to be in Salinas, CA September 23-26th. Questions were asked about how they would fill the 24 spots if girls can't make the 35 rodeos required due to overlapping rodeos, schedules and logistics. PRCA has not confirmed that they will fill from other qualifications if the 24 spots do not fill. The WPRA website standings for the Tour are in production and will be released within the next week. The standings will still lag a week behind due to the need to process rodeos each week.

Ground concerns across the country were discussed. Jimmie updated the members about the Ground Committee efforts and the plans moving forward to create education, awareness and common sense ground standards. Recommendations were made by many members to use official ground consultants.

Paying Day Money when equipment can't be brought in to work ground was brought up.

A request was made to extend trades deadline. A walk up replacement policy was also recommended when multiple athletes turn out of performances; it would be better to have positions filled than empty performances and Estes Park was used as an example. Jimmie will bring recommendations back to WPRA Board of Directors for discussion.

10:00 meeting had over 100 breakaway athletes in attendance.

Open discussion on breakaway at Circuit Finals and RNCFR. NFR prize money is guaranteed to be equal to 2020. PRCA and WPRA are still hoping for the NFR breakaway to be held in the Thomas and Mack for 2021.

A rule recommendation was made regarding number of judges and where they need to be positioned for breakaway. Also a recommendation for a spotter was made. This rule recommendation was submitted to the WPRA COO and forwarded to the Rules Committee for review.

Member asked for recommendations on reaching out to committees to add breakaway at their rodeos. A presentation format would be helpful for member to express advantages of breakaway for committees.

A rule proposal was discussed to allow walk up replacements after turnouts to prevent having a shortage of contestants in the performance.



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Breakaway ropers would like equal representation on the Board of Directors as their event grows.

There were questions about the breakaway buddy system in Procom. Jimmie explained that breakaway ropers can buddy together up to 4 but cannot buddy with themselves in barrels or with husbands.

Data on how many barrel racers vs breakaway ropers was discussed. The WPRA office will have an automated report available once tech team has completed production process.