

# **NORTH DAKOTA RODEO ASSOCIATION**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2021, Comfort Inn Mandan  
2pm CT

- I. Call to order – clarify the voting in Proxy. Rule reads Event directors can send an alternate. BOD will need to address rule at next annual meeting. Chuck suggested that if we had proxy vote at January 16<sup>th</sup> annual meeting then we do so again at this meeting. Tim said in past all board members have had someone vote in proxy so we should continue as is. No one disagreed. The board will allow proxy voting for all directors.

BOD in attendance: Brandi White, Jessie Pfaff, Marty Heid, Tanner Wznick, Chuck Christman, Tim Jorgenson, Jackie Schau, Jim Graven, Steve Waagen, Patrick Monson, Chris Arnold, David Drader, Cauy Gunderson, Jim Hystad, Nate Horner and Michelle Rotenberger. Voting in proxy: Kelly Hanna (Clay Jorgenson), Coleman Entze (Lane Berg), Tyler Schau (Joe Nelson), Jordan Schaefer (Jeff Schaefer), Barb Waagen (Elliot Rognlein) and Sara Bubel (Ron Urlacher). Guests: Kyle Abrahamson, Denny Heid, Stan Headings, Shanna Plehal, Hannah Kling, Don Schmid.

- II. Meeting Minutes-Motion Marty, Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor

- III. Marketing Committee Report – Marty, Sara, Jessie, Michelle & Nate met prior to BOD meeting. Discussion on how the tiered commission works for the 25% new, 15% old, 5% others. The committee will look into that farther and bring suggestions to the board. We are caught up with Sara financially to this date. HOF booth is an extra expense that was not on the original job description. The booth is complete for the 2020 season. MC suggestion is to offer Sara or anyone that takes on the display responsibility a \$500 stipend for expenses paid after the work is done. Jessie moved, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor.

#### IV. Old Business

- a) Rule Book – Chuck agrees it is time to have them reprinted. The last one was printed in 2011. Marty visited about who, when & how many were printed the last time. Michelle would get estimates for cost of printing and share with the board. Jessie motioned to print the rulebook after this meeting, the amount of books determined by Michelle and Nate. Brandi 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.
- b) Elect Area #1 BOD – This is the position previously held by now President Horner. Since this position should have been filled before we left the annual meeting this person will have voting privileges in today's meeting. Jim Graven nominated Brendon Brinkman, Jessie Pfaff nominated Kyle Abrahamson. Chuck ceased nominations, Marty 2<sup>nd</sup>. Silent ballot vote. Kyle 13, Brenden 7.
- c) Any Other Old Business

#### V. New business

- a) Blacklist – Tyler moved, Marty 2<sup>nd</sup> to take Anton Helfrich off the blacklist per request from JD Bubel. Chuck mentioned that we keep in mind that this could be brought up in future instances. Marty mentioned we have previously taken people off when grievances have been made. Silent ballot vote. 14 to remove, 7 to leave on.

- b) Saddle Letter – A contestant asked if they were allowed to compete in Sure Grip saddle. Chuck had done some checking into this as the NDRA does not have a rule one way or the other. They are allowed in the PRCA. The HS association requires a medical reason. The BOD did not see any problem with allowing this saddle to be used.
- c) Judges & Pickup Men Shirts – Ron used to pay for the printing for 10 shirts. Chuck says it says Medora Boot on both sleeves, HOF on breast, Logo on back. Marty moved that we table this to a finals meeting. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- d) Timers Clinic – The lists will be reviewed to make sure the ladies have had the biannual training. Michelle will let the board know before removing any that have not had the appropriate training.
- e) Approve Stock Contractors – Jessie moved, Brandi 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve all primary contractors on our list. All in favor. Chuck mentioned that Paul Eicker was approved last summer as a sub, he needs to be added to the list. Chris moved to add Peterson Lazy RX Timed event cattle, Tanner 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Marty moved, Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Sub Contractor list. All in favor.
- f) 2nd Reading Rule Changes

1-General rules/Membership and Dues (Page 3, Rule 1) – Chuck was ok with the amendment that finals announcers do not have to work 2 rodeos. His idea behind the rule was to keep locals. Tim said it is hard to find announcers. Chuck moved, Kelly H 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

2-General rules/Membership and Dues (Page 3, Rule 10)– clarify that season ending two weeks prior to finals. Jessie moved, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

3-Rodeo Approvals, Points, & Awards (Page 4, Rule 1) – move approval deadline from 60 to 30 days prior. Nate had a call from contestant that wasn't in favor of this. Michelle is not in favor as she would like the calendar set a little farther in advance. Also with the 30 days prior, by the time we approve, post to media, the rodeo might only be 3 weeks out. Chuck said that the judges would prefer it stayed at 60 for their scheduling reasons. Fail from lack of motion.

4-Secretary and Rodeo Office (Page 5, Rule 3)– strike rule 3 Chuck moved, Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

5-Timers (Page 6, Rule 3) – This would require timers to use average box if it is available. Jessie says it makes it easier after attending timers clinic. Make sure we let any timers that are grand fathered in know to use reader only to 10<sup>th</sup> in all events except barrels 100<sup>th</sup>. Marty moved, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favor.

6-Finals rodeo (Page 7, Rule 5) – Chuck said contestants asked that the judges 3 year rule be removed. Brandi moved, Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favor

7-Entry fees, Turnouts, Draw outs (Page 7, Rule 1) – Jessie said they would like to see it go away until we find a way to designate that there is a spotter. Brandi asked if judges would prefer they found a spotter. Chuck said he would rather it was all on them unless they could speak to the spotter and they felt they were qualified. Failed from lack of motion.

8-Entry fees, Turnouts, Draw outs (Page 10, Rule 8) Clarification of one week deadline for medical releases. Jackie moved, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor

9- Entry fees, Turnouts, Draw outs (Page 10, Rule 9) Clarification of one week deadline for vet releases. Jackie moved, Brandi 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor

10-Drawing & Position of stock (Page 11, Rule 6) – Chuck presented drawing all cattle at slack at one time. Only post first half, then post second after 1st half has ran. Tyler was concerned that contestants will find out. They have the right to be present during the draw. Jessie says they really don't have to wait that long by the time they draw and cattle are brought back & sorted. Jim G says draw them all. Brandi says Pro doesn't pre-draw, they just draw the pen. Tim moved, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Silent ballot. 11 in favor, 10 against to draw entire slack

11/12 Re-rides (Page 14 & 15, Rule 1,2,5,10) – Regards re-ride rules being cleaned up and made into one. Chuck says judges get asked all the time about why contestants do or don't get a re-ride. Follows PRCA rules pretty closely. 11-Rule 1,2,5 Kyle moved, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor. 12-Rule 10 Jessie moved, Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor

13-Tie down roping (Page 17, Rule 9) Regarding jerk down – Tanner add \$75 fine for 10/2. Also give fine to contractor. Chuck motion, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor

14-NDRA Humane Treatment of Livestock (Page 24, Rule 22) Consistency in where fine money goes, 100% to contractor. Brandi moved, Tanner 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor.

15-Dally Team Roping (Page 19, Rule 18) Clarification on how fees are paid if replacement team roper fills a spot. Chris moved, Caury 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor.

16-Mixed Team Roping (addition to rulebook) – Brandi said there has been a quite a bit of interest in it from the contestants. They set it up so that the stock charge is taken out of their fees. Time during the rodeo has been an issue. They would like to have another aa event for the ladies. **\*Chuck made a motion to NOT approve the MTR, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Chuck took the floor. He has a few concerns. Committees are concerned about time especially on one day rodeos. There is concern about money being a factor by 2023 if added money is required. Chuck asked if team ropers realize that the cattle can be used for team roping, sr men's and mixed. Mixed will get to rope cattle before the team roping and sr mens. Is there cause to worry that cattle will be no good by mid-summer. He is not against mixed but he thinks it should be optional. If optional then the contestants could go to the committees and try to convince them to have mixed. He doesn't want to lose rodeos that will not have the mixed. **\*Jim Graven** took the floor. He believes the contractors will find the cattle because they will call Michelle to find out how many cattle they will need. Jim does not believe that it is going to take that much time. Women events are a big ice breaker that people like to see at the rodeo. **\*Jessie** took the floor. Made the point that the girls roping them before-hand will not hurt the cattle that much because the cattle will be at all the junior high and high school rodeos so there is greater risk of them being messed up from that than the ladies roping them. She thinks we should put it in and try it. If it is a complete disaster then we revisit it. **\*Tim** took the floor on behalf of McKenzie County Fair Association. Asked for clarity that they will never be asked to pay the stock charge. It is the proposing members intent that the stock charge will be taken out of their fees and jackpot the rest. He did say that Sr Men's roping came in as standard and was revisited after first year. He did the figures that the WC association would have to come up with \$5000 to add it to the finals because it says in their contract what they have to have for added money. Time is an issue for their one-day regular season rodeo. If the WC finals goes under then the NDRA association must pick up the bills. **\*Jackie** took the floor. The women are 40% of the membership body.

Women are only eligible to compete in 3 events. 38 girls got points in the barrels in 2020. Its hard to get points in the barrels. Doesn't believe we will ruin the cattle. They run their practice cattle 4 or 5 times an evening. \*Chris took the floor. Sees the time and money issues. Would love to rope with his daughter or whoever someday. Chris says the pros outweigh the cons. Doesn't want to see us losing rodeos. We should bring it back optional if it fails. \*Shanna Plehal took the floor. Shannah loves to rope and feels it would be great to have the opportunity to rope at an NDRA and not be in the open. Blocking breakaway ropers and team ropers into the same category is unfair. Some lbk can't team rope but lba can etc etc. She believes the time issue indicates we have more entries and more contestants. If we have to move slack and performance times around isn't it a good thing. \*Patrick took the floor. He keeps looking at it from the committee's standpoint agrees that we are asking a lot of them. \*Tanner took the floor. He can't see that the cattle are going to get bad. Families roping together is a good thing but not helpful to the committees. Girls all around is huge. It's hard to win in the barrel racing. Might bring in some locals to mixed rope. Grandma will come watch. We are all here for betterment of rodeo. Mixed would be a stepping stone to Open. Would love to have mixed. \*Kyle took the floor. Speaking on behalf of a couple of their rodeos, he says they have a 7 pm rodeo with slack after. Another one-day rodeo already has their slack running up to rodeo time. If it passes, they will make it work but from their committees' side it will change things for them. One time your slack runs into perf time you will not be asked back. \*Jordan took the floor. Asked if we could limit entries. No \*Jim H took the floor. He said if he needs to get cattle, he will get more cattle. However, Hettinger is jam packed already and their committees are only two- man crews. \*Sarah took the floor. She made the point that they might only rope the cattle 4 times at our NDRA rodeo but how many times have they been ran the couple days before at other rodeos. \*Marty took the floor. First thanked Nate for handling the whole discussion so well. Everyone is very civilized. The committees are getting smaller and smaller. Time constraints on the border rodeos where we will gain SDR/NRCA contestants will be a valid argument. \*Barb took the floor. Agrees about committees being in time crunch. Would it be a good thing, we don't know. She is also concerned about cattle. Some committees mentioned doing Broncs and Bulls or something similar if this passes. One committee mentioned pen space if there is another whole pen of cattle. Not fun. \*Kelly Hanna asked this is a slack only. It is optional. He stated their committee has more help at perf than slack. \*Denny asked if anyone knows how much it costs to put on rodeo including paying help. Elgin costs \$10000 for a two-day rodeo. Feels it should be optional. \*Brandi took the floor. Understands all the concerns. But the BOD cannot ignore the fact that the interest is there. There has been a huge bridge made between committees and contestants. If the committees would give it a chance it would be wonderful for women contestants and enjoyed by the crowd. \*Michelle mentioned that if it doesn't pass, bring it back as optional next year then count the optional events for all around. Including goat tying.

Silent ballot vote. 11 yes votes to NOT have MTR, 10 no votes.

g) Any other new business -RFD will be in Valley City

VI. Adjournment – Kelly moved to adjourn, Chuck second, all in favor