

NORTH DAKOTA RODEO ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday January 22nd, 2022 American Inn, Beulah ND 1 pm CT

Attending: Nate Horner, Scott Kleemann, Colten Herbert, Brenden Brinkman, Brandi Guttormson, Jessie Pfaff, Chuck Christman, Denny Heid (proxy Marty), Tim Jorgenson, Kelly Hanna (proxy for Clay), Sara Bubel, Michelle Rotenberger

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September Chuck Moved, Kelly 2nd, All in favor.
November Scott moved, Tim 2nd, All in Favor
- III. Secretary's Report-covered tax & 1099 status. A couple NSF checks out there, committees have been reimbursed, those individuals are going on blacklist. Reiterated that anyone that **enters without** a membership (NDRA or co-sanction) will be charged a permit, regardless of buying a card at rodeo. Any co-sanction associations with turnouts or NSF checks will have that amount withheld from their co-sanction check per our rulebook (2021 Rulebook Page 17 Rule #15).
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Jessie Moved, Brenden 2nd, All in Favor
- V. Marketing Director Report-Sara asked if everyone was ok with the Kelly Slover buckles. She says they are easy to work with. Everyone seemed to like them. Medora Boot said if we couldn't order the Finals Judges shirts at least 2 months ahead of time, she wouldn't be able to get them in time. Since we weren't able to get the judges shirts in time for 2021 finals, let's find out if we can roll them over to this year. Does everyone like the felt back numbers? It is agreed that the 2021 coats look sharp. She would look into Puffer jackets if there is interest. Rodeo of the Year: Sara has been asked if there is a criterion on who wins this award. Currently the top 15 contestants vote for rodeo of the year. As a policy change: Scott moved, Brandi 2nd that the BOD will choose the ROY from now on, All in Favor. We will decide this as a group at the Finals Meeting.
- VI. Old Business
 - a) Judges Clinic – Chuck has a lot of interest from new never judged before judges. The clinic they normally do touches on policy and procedure for seasoned judges. He feels that if there is that much interest by rookies then they should do an additional Judging 101 clinic. We need to get new judges started and keep their interest. He would like to see event directors attend if they can. Their insight as far as positioning etc. is valuable. The clinic is free. Chuck & his wife provide the

meal. RSVP for the meal. The DSU facility is free to use. The 2022 clinic is sponsored by the NDRA and will be taught by Senior ND Judges. Michelle is trying to have the timers the same weekend. Tammy Backhaus is unavailable and suggested having Kami Kling teach the class. Michelle mentioned that she thought the Clinic was supposed to rotate through the NDRA, NDHSRA & RRA. Should we reach out to RRA to get them back in the rotation. Brenden said he will mention it to them. Chuck will pass on judge's clinic attendees for approval via email.

b) Co-Sanction Out of State Rodeos –

Scott. This is a 3-phase decision making process.

Phase 1: Are we able to let an out of state rodeo become an NDRA 1st sanctioned? Herried and Britton would like to be NDRA 1st.

It was pointed out that Herried & Britton becoming an NDRA 1st approved does go against our rulebook (2021 Rulebook under membership & dues Page 5 #7A) the contractor must be an NDRA prime and or bring a new instate rodeo. The contractor for those rodeo's do not qualify under Prime status.

Several members asked if we need more rodeos to go to? We currently have 19 NDRA first rodeos tentatively on the schedule. What is the snowball effect with making Herried & Britton NDRA first? How many other out of state rodeos will want to join the NDRA? After much discussion it was decided that we would let Herried & Britton know that we cannot (per our rulebook) make them NDRA first. They can co-approve without points.

Phase 2: Are we able to co-sanction with the NRA for points? We already co-sanction with the NRA and they co-sanction the same amount of NDRA rodeos. If we co-sanction with NRA, they will reciprocate same number of rodeos with points counting for the NRA. In 2021 Rulebook, Page 7 Rule #10 it states the procedure for doing so.

What would date conflicts be with our in-state rodeos? Do we need more rodeos? We have been very pleased with the NRA's willingness to work with us.

Tim made a motion, for the 2022 Season we will continue to co-sanction without points. Colten 2nd. All in Favor.

Phase 3: Are we going to keep co-sanctioning NRCA with their \$3 per contestant fee?

Scott made a motion that for the 2022 season forward the NDRA will follow our rulebook (2021 Rulebook Page 19 Payoff Rule #1 & Page 20 Rule #2) and inform Co-Sanction associations that we will only pay 1%. Additional tack on fees are not included in our rulebook. Jessie 2nd. All in Favor.

- c) Second Reading Rule Changes: see word document
- d) Other Old Business: Saddle Bronc event director picture. Bring up at finals meeting and remind directors that they have the ability to correct or fine contestants. Also, lets keep an eye on what's going on during the finals. Watch for what might not be acceptable on tv. Board will also help keep on top of Animal Abuse. We need to follow through on fines.

VII. New Business

- a) Rodeo Approvals – Post dates Pending approval.
- b) Approve Contractors: In 2021 Rule book page 5 Rule #7 to remain a prime or sub the contractor must work at least one rodeo the previous year. With this in mind: Linseth/Meyer, Fettig, Weinberger, Rotenberger, Comeau, Harrison & Boswell were removed. Tim motioned, Scott 2nd to approve remaining prime contractors, All in Favor. Scott motioned, Brenden 2nd to approve remaining sub contractors, All in Favor.
- c) Board Review of Michelle & Sara's positions:

VIII. Other Business – should we reissue check #100470 from finals 2020 for \$182.67 that has been misplaced. It is our only outstanding check. Unanimous vote to reissue the check.

IX. Adjournment – Chuck motioned 2nd Scott, all in favor