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NDRA members

A number of our board members have mentioned to me that they have received questions in regards what is going to happen with our 2020 season.

At this time, we are moving forward with the idea that our rodeo season will proceed as planned, I am trying to be optimistic that by June our state will be opened up again and we will be good to go. I have not talked to the State Health Department but with things changing so fast from month to month I feel they would not be able to give us an accurate answer at this time anyway.

We are encouraging our rodeo committees to keep moving forward with your rodeos, hiring the needed contract personnel, stock contractors etc. and get the approval forms turned into the office in a timely manner so we can get these rodeos approved.

The board was supposed to have a meeting in March and now in April which have been canceled due to our current situation. The biggest item on the agenda is to do the second reading of our rule proposals. A couple of these rule changes are important enough that I would prefer not to do this on a conference call but rather be able to do a ballot voting process. If we are unable to find a way agreeable to everyone to approve the rule changes, we CAN have our 2020 season as is. The season would be just like last year and we can pick up on those approvals next fall. Rodeo approvals can still be done by email or mail. This all may be a little unprecedented but at the moment we are living in a strange time.

I spoke with Sara a few days ago and year end sponsors for the 2020 season are still on track with the exception of a few small items. There are only 4 saddles that still need to be sponsored at this time, so this is good news. I am certain that we will have some additional issues arise as we have lost a couple of oilfield sponsors that have been very faithful to us in the past but one cannot blame them with the current situation in the energy sector.

Rodeo cancelations - Everybody needs to understand the NDRA CANNOT cancel a whole or partial rodeo season, they are not our rodeos to cancel. These rodeos belong to the committees and communities that put them on, they ask us to sanction their events which we are grateful for. This means the individual clubs will be responsible to check with the state and see what they are dictating at that time. I am optimistic that by the beginning of June maybe things will be open and we proceed with our season.

I decided to put out this letter so that everyone, board members, committees, and contestants are all on the same page in regards to this year's season. I Thank You for taking the time to read this and if anyone has any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me # 701.290.7780  
Stay safe everyone.

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