

MRA Meeting Minutes
November 21th 2017, 7:00 pm Via Conf Call

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Jojo Wagner at: 7:05

Attendance/Roll Call: highlight members in attendance. Underlined = nonvoting member

President: Jojo Wagner

VP: Dan Bergeson

Secretary: Jill Scott

Treasurer: Alicia Mengelkoch

Bull Riding: Kenny Betts & Wayne Johnston

Calf Roping: Cullen Hewitt & Mikey Loiseau

Over 40 CR: Royce Larson & Jon Engstrom

Barrel Racing: Camille Jacobson & Kathy Stoker

Team Roping: Matt McCormick, Jimmy Jacobson, Alan Oberfell, Eric Nelsen

Breakaway Roping: Katie Bell & Kaycee Wilking

Steer Wrestling: Luke Schubert, Pickles Dillman

Judges Director: Dru Wlking

Bareback: Dylan Pratt & Travis Fagen

Saddle Bronc: Eli VanBuren & Billy Hampton

Queen Director: Courtney Otto

Stock Director: Scott Berends

PR Director: MRA Queen (Tana Dirks)

Finals Director:

General Members:

Topic	Who	Decision/Action
Treasurers Report	Alicia	Approval of November treasurers report: Jojo gave the treasurers report Saddles have not been paid yet – Alicia is working with saddle companies on invoices \$30,497.28 total in all accounts. No discussion Wayne MM to approve/Kaycee 2 nd it. Motion passed.
Secretaries Report	Jill Scott	October meeting min are online and have been emailed to the board Approval of October Meeting min: Jill informed the board usually we have their contact information on the website, if they do not want it on there they need to let Jill Scott know.

		Camille MM to approve/Matt 2 nd it. Motion passed.
Queen Report	Courtney, Tana	Nothing to report
Stock Committee Report	Scott B, Kenny B,	Nothing to report
Awards / Fundraising Committee	Jill Scott, Alicia, Jojo,	Nothing to report
Budget	Jojo, Alicia, Jill Scott	A few sponsor checks have come in after finals – these are not included in the treasurers report yet.
Nominations	Jill Scott,	<p>New bid for point's secretary:</p> <p>Jamie Thompson – review bid on separate sheet – Jojo reviewed Jamie's bid.</p> <p>Carm Schneider - \$50 per rodeo, \$100 for finals, free membership</p> <p>The difference between the bids is about \$1900.00 per year. Discussion on the timeline results are supposed to be into the MRA office for point's tabulation, discussion on reasons why this does not always happen. Dan asked about who updates the website. Dan also suggested if the MRA does not have the results, the MRA should be contacting the tock contractor to get them. Jill Scott informed him this does already happen. Royce asked about a computer program for the rodeo secretary to use, and if so, is this a product the MRA needs to purchase, or is this something the stock contractor needs to purchase. Jojo discussed this could be an issue because not every rodeo secretary uses a computer, and not sure we could require them to do it. Jojo brought the discussion back to the price of each bid, and the difference in price. Mikey reports he has been a director for a few years, and this is a topic that has been discussed many times in the past few years. Mikey reports Jamie is very professional and would do an outstanding job. Kathy agrees with Mikey, and if Jamie can accomplish what he is saying he can in his bid, this may be well worth our money. Kathy reports when she was involved in a diff association where there was fines imposed on secretaries who did not have the results in by a certain date. Camille agrees with this. Dan feels it could be detrimental to us if we start fining our contractors to much. Dan also feels it was great of Carm to help out at the finals. Royce asked if Carm made some kind of commitment for a time frame of having results done. Jojo reports Carm was points secretary before Jojo was, and she did a good job. Jojo feels both will do their job, and we need to consider the cost difference. Katie feels both candidates will pay a lot of attention to detail. Jojo asked what the association wants to see, we have to keep our members happy. Katie feels if Jamie is sticking his neck out to get a specific results it would be worth it.</p> <p>Kaycee MM to accept Carm's bid/Wayne 2nd it. Dru feels we will end up with the same result with either person, it is a matter of how fast we get the points</p>

		<p>from the rodeo secretary. The MRA needs to obtain the results faster from the contractors. Someone said Jamie is guaranteeing the results being done in a timely manner. Mikey asked which one will be the person to follow up on getting the results sooner.</p> <p>With 9 people voting to agree with this motion, and 6 people disagreeing with this motion, motion passed, Carm will be the 2018 points secretary.</p> <p>MRA Secretary Bids for 2018:</p> <p>Kari Welle - I, Kari Welle, am bidding the MRA Secretary position for \$600 per month. This will include both planning and working at the finals. I have reviewed the MRA rulebook and job descriptions for both the MRA secretary and finals secretary and will perform all duties included, plus any additional duties needed to ensure the proper and efficient management of the MRA organization. I believe that my knowledge of Microsoft Office will be useful for this job.</p> <p>I have been involved with rodeo for six years and enjoy all aspects of it. I would love to have the opportunity to be the MRA and Finals Secretary as I would like to be more involved with the organization and this would be a great opportunity to be able to do so.</p> <p>Courtney Otto - \$600 per month, 2 free memberships for MRA secretary</p> <p>Jill Scott reviewed the bids submitted for MRA secretary. Wayne asked why Courtney is asking for 2 free memberships' verses 1. Jojo feels Courtney is very familiar with the rodeo world, but Kari is also involved. Some concerns about if Courtney would win miss rodeo America, what that would do to this job an time allotted.</p> <p>Alan MM to accept Kari Welle bid for secretary/Kenny 2nd it. Motion passed with no oppositions.</p> <p>Treasurer for 2018 – Alicia M. - \$150 per month and free membership</p> <p>Kenny MM to accept Alicia's Bid for 2018 treasurer/Wayne 2nd it. Motion Carried.</p>
<p>Rules and Bylaws</p>	<p>Jojo, Jill Scott, Scott Berends, Dru Wilking</p>	<p>Proposed rule changes to MRA rule book #1</p> <p>Page 41 rule calf roping , disqualification</p> <p>Remove from MRA rule book (c and 16 below)</p> <p>(c) If the calf is dragged over 6 feet and less than 10 feet the contestant will pay a fine of \$25. If the calf is dragged more than 10 feet the contestant will be disqualified.</p>

16,) Contestant will be disqualified for dragging calf and/ or any abusive treatment of calf or horse ad subject to a fine.

Replace above rule with the drag rule from the PRCA rule book

No drag rule R11.6.4 (PRCA)

(c) A neck rope must be used on the horse and the contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If the horse drags the calf at least ten feet, field judge may stop the horse. The fine for unintentionally dragging a calf five feet but less than ten feet shall be \$25. The fine for unintentionally dragging the calf ten feet or more shall be \$25, Intentionally dragging a calf, regardless of distance, shall result in a \$50 fine for each offence, plus possible disqualification, Intentional shall be defined as caused by contestant.

16.) Contestant will be disqualified for any abusive treatment to calf or horse and subject to a fine.

The amounts are not the same as the amounts in the PRCA Rule book. Dru said why would you fine a 5 foot drag and a 10 foot drag the same. Dan clarified it should be more focused on the intentional vs non intentional. Dru asked if they are trying to get away from the disqualification. Dru feels no one needs to drag a calf 10 feet, and the rule should stay as is. Katie asked isn't it up to the judge's discession regardless? According to the rule book it would be a disqualification. Jojo asked Mikey and Cullen their thoughts from the calf roping perspective. Mikey reviewed a scenario and asking what exactly are we trying to accomplish. Royce feels the person who submitted this is trying to get out of a disqualification. Jojo feels we cannot continue to have rules that are "up to the judge" and having a set in stone rule is there for a reason. She feels this possible change could be a problem.

Eric MM to leave the rule the same/Cullen 2nd it. Motion Passed, with no oppositions. Proposed Rule change has been denied.

Proposed rule changes to MRA rule book #2

Page 41 rule calf roping, disqualification

17) Roper will be given a no time for touching calf or string, or for touching rope to train horse after giving finish signal or after he remounts horse.

Add to rule 17 from the PRCA judge's handbook page 275

However, if the roper injures himself and has to use the animal to push off to get up, then he should not be penalized. If the roper is injured to a point of being unable to remount his horse, another person may ride the horse forward for the six second time period.

		<p>Dru feels we are putting this on the judge to decide if someone is or isn't able to remount their horse. Some general discussion on a scenario involving this rule.</p> <p>Jon MM to change the rule to add the PRCA section of this proposed rule/Dru added this does not mean he can just push off the animal, the other section is if you can or cannot re mount your horse. That part is being put on the judge. Jon feels the Calf Roping guys he represents want this rule. Cullen 2nd the proposal.</p> <p>Motion Denied with a vote of 5 who agree with it and 11 who disagree with this. Motion denied, rule will not be changed at this time.</p>
<p>Finals</p>	<p>Jojo, Jill Scott, Alicia, Matt McCormick</p>	<p>Dan reports the membership from the last meeting wanted to be indoors, with the same weekend as 2017. Dan has talked with Ron at R & J Event center, his current proposal would be to keep everything the same but give us \$2000 to come vs in 2017 they gave us \$3000, or he would keep it the same but not want to give the companion pass. He would possibly offer passes for companions at a discounted rate. Dan would like us to discuss this so he can get a date locked in. Dan also said we could get a banner and put it on the wall at Verndale all year to promote the finals. Ron asked about us having awards down at the beer stand and the band to encourage more sales of beer. Ron also would talk about having Little Britches again next year, depending on how the next Little Britches event goes at Verndale and what Ron can do with that. Jojo reviewed the first year we started at \$5000, the 2nd year \$3000, and now Ron is wanting to decrease the amount again. Jojo also asked if the MRA wants to stand behind the guest pass we would be money ahead to take the \$2000 and guest passes, but we need to decide what is our responsibility for this event. The other option is to look for other venues. Some discussion about the cost and the decreased amount. Alicia also mentioned if we take a discounted amount, and he fills the stands, we still only get the \$2000. Some discussion on what the MRA is looking for as far as a business decision or just take what we can get for a location. Discussion on the time of year and the difficulty filling the stands. Dan reports the other weekends that are discussed had conflicts. Royce mentioned April being a good time of year to fill the stands.</p> <p>Jojo asked do we want to keep Verndale? Wayne feels we cannot just bow down to the first offer. Eric said the \$60 stalls is outrageous, and shavings are also very costly, maybe we should counter offer with a lower price to stalls. Jojo reviewed other options like Henderson, Cannon Falls, & Kukas. Some of the locations are very small, also some discussion about if we have to put it on from the whole rodeo standpoint, we need more then 2 people to put it on. If we went to Kukas it would be a "membership" finals. Kathy asked about how many tickets were sold and Ron did not tell Dan that. Eric feels it is a membership finals anyways. Kathy asked about Winona, and Jojo reports it is a 100 stall minimum, with a cost of 60\$ per stall. Kathy asked if we would get the gate, but jojo reports there is nowhere to put bleachers there so we would not be able to really charge a gate charge. Alicia asked about Henderson, and if</p>

		<p>there would be a gate admission, and jojo reports the last discussion with them they did not go into detail. There was mention Henderson may not be having a regular season rodeo in 2018. Eric said it is not they don't want to have a rodeo, the county is getting after them for zoning. Jojo reports that was a similar thing that happened at Red Horse. Jojo reports Dan could get some numbers together from different locations and get an email out so people could see some options to make an educated decision on this. Jojo and Dan will get that put together before the board makes a decision. Dan asked people to think about what they want, a performance vs a membership rodeo. Jon reports we asked people the past few years and the membership has always said they wanted a performance inside. Jon feels it seems we are growing at Verndale and even though from the venue side things are changing, he feels we should try Verndale one more year. Dan reminded people about the cost of Red Horse the sponsorship that was brought in to help the MRA go there. Jojo will have an email out by Friday regarding this.</p>
Old Business	All	None
New Business	All	<p>Kenny would like to add a \$10 award fee at each MRA first approved rodeo. More discussion for January and review all other award fees.</p> <p>Eric asked about the Mixed Team Roping, there has been no new discussion about this. Eric feels he talked to a few people at the finals about it that seemed interested but there was no decision made. Jimmy felt it would be a good thing to try, someone reports Triple B was not interested in doing it. Jimmy also feels we can change things, maybe we should look at it harder. Jojo feels many girls are interested but the last time the MRA tried this no one showed up to enter. Kaycee felt that was kind of the same thing that happened with breakaway. Matt also feels it will take a while to get going, the first year will be scarce. Matt feels it needs to be mandatory or nothing because otherwise it will not happen. Jimmy reminded the board that at the last meeting it was discussed to be a slack only event. Jojo reports this would need to be submitted similar to a rule change so we could have documentation about how this would be ran. Some discussion on how our main stock contractor would feel about this, and how they felt about this at our last meeting. Jill Scott reminded the board about the rule we have in place regarding the time frame for new rules.</p>
Next meeting date and time: Adjourn:	All	<p>Next meeting date: We generally do not do a December meeting If a Mixed Team Roping Rule Change wants to be submitted it needs to be done before months end and a special meeting will be requested.</p> <p>January 16th 7:00 pm.</p>

		Eric MM to adjourn/Camille 2 nd it. Motion Carried – meeting adjourn at 8:41 pm.
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