



Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association

2020 Wrap Up Meeting Minutes

Jan 12, 2021 at 7:05pm

Call to order at 7:05pm. Welcome new Board members: Mike (VP), Perry (TR), Glenda (RR), Angie (BAW), Lonny (SW) and much thanks to our outgoing ones: Marilyn, Craig, Connie, Kenny.

1. Minutes from the 2020 AGM were emailed out – **MOTION** to accept as is, **Accepted**.
2. Welcome new Sponsorship Coordinator: Shannon Feakes

3. **OLD BUSINESS / COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Barrel Racing Report – A “barrel racing newsletter” was posted, which asked about possibly running all barrel racers in one group regardless of age which could save on rakings/tractor work, allow girls a better chance to be on top of ground, for season and/or finals. Discussion asked could this work? It is said that the entry program technically can do it but would require rewriting the software as it is presently set up to be run by age groups. A quote for this was received showing the cost of approx. \$850-\$1000.

Director is asked to survey girls and make a proposal to be discussed at Feb 23 meeting.

Tie Down Report – It is discussed that perhaps we need to rework our “distressed event” rule. At a couple rodeos last year we had only two entries in the 68+ age group. What if only one entry? Right now the rules accommodate a single 40s entry by having one 50s roper enter down but we have no rule addressing the higher age groups. Another note is that it is very difficult to find a 50s roper to enter two times and more so now that we have added the MBAW 40-64 event.

Director is asked to write a proposal covering distressed events rulings to be discussed at Feb 23 meeting.

Breakaway Roping – A discussion on the success of the MBAW 40-64 trial event was in 2020. Also talked of being approached by contestants to move the timing back to tenths instead of the hundredths as they were worried about the human error factor in timing such a fast event. What about having a time limit on runs, perhaps 30 seconds, for the stock sake. It is noted that we could not do it at the finals as it can't be on anything with an average.

MOTION to make the MBAW 40-64 a permanent event, more discussion, 1 opposed. **Carried.**

MOTION to time the Breakaway event in tenths. **Carried.**

Director is asked to make a proposal regarding time limits in timed events to be discussed at Feb 23 meeting.

Steer Wrestling Report – Discussion regarding a distressed event rule continues for this event as they have no recourse should a contestant get hurt leaving only one entry for next day's rodeo. Some say too bad as rulebook says you must have two entries to make a contest. Others reply that would mean they would have to go home after all their effort and expense in coming do we want to do that to these members when we make rules to avoid this in other events. What about adding a Steer Undecorating event.

Director is asked to write a proposal on the interest in a Steer Undecorating event to be discussed at Feb 23 meeting.

Ribbon Roping Report – They too will wait on the distressed entry rule write up that is coming.

Team Roping Report – Talk of the finals cattle and how the pens should be split into age groups as per our rulebook, with the strongest cattle going into the 50s group. Also, there needs to be a finals protocol for ties, which leads to rope offs, as well for the running of all the spares during the finals in case they need to be used.

Directors are asked to write a proposal for the running of spares at finals to be discussed at Feb 23 meeting.

USA Rodeos Report – The PRSA hope to have about 30 rodeos, with Augusta and Darby and maybe some in Idaho hoping to be co-sanctioned with CSPRA should the border open. The NSPRA have some rodeos planned for this winter in Arizona but the majority of theirs will be Texas and eastern states.

Committee Report – Calls have been made to see who will be interested in holding rodeos this year. In talks with northern group who has some rodeos planned for northern Alberta but they would like to have the medical services rule clarified. A reminder explains that there is an existing rule in the rulebook which is very specific on what rodeos must have. It is asked then why Cardston got away with only one medical staff at their 2020 rodeo but one director said they did in fact have two staff as he himself was treated by the second guy. The tentative rodeos are read and the website will be updated.

-A director asks about 2019 Cardston Rodeo and their non-payment of services (stock contracting and a judge); is the CSPRA responsible for a Committee's outstanding debts? Talk with Cardston Committee Chair on what happened with the 2020 changes and that we write a letter of support and correct the name on the committee draw cheque as the approval fees were received from the Chair's personal account and not the Cardston Ag Society. It was only at this time, a full year later, that we first heard about these non-payments.

Director will call to confirm the whole story and how it stands now, then we will know what to do next.

Rules Committee Report – The CSPRA received two incident letters from a judge at the 2020 finals regarding two separate violations by on two separate days. A meeting with the rules committee on Nov 12/20 and their recommendations to the Board are to give a "Letter of Warning" for the first incident and a "Letter of Infraction and Fine" with a \$100 fine for the second incident. These recommendations are based on the harassment and threats made to a judge and not what was actually being warned to not do by the judge.

MOTION to go with the recommendations of the Rules Committee, **Unanimous, Carried.**

4. **BUSINESS from 2020 AGM** – A letter was submitted that the steer wrestlers proved they are willing to jump a steer for their own money this year so would like to propose that the added money in the steer wrestling and roughstock events be dropped to the same amount as all other events. We were reminded that the reason it was increased for the steer wrestlers in the first place was to entice competitors to compete in a dying event. It is now obvious we are never going to have huge numbers in any of these events so everyone is in agreement that we go back to having the same added money in all events.

MOTION MADE AT AGM voted on to change the added money for the steer wrestling and roughstock events to be the same amount as the other timed events and revert the Steer Wrestling event designation back to being a "timed event". 1 opposed. **Passed.**

Director will submit this new rule to the rules committee for final wording in the rulebook.

5. **REPORTS from the CSPRA Office** – finals reportings were emailed out to everyone
-The post-finals bank balance is \$62.7k: General - \$47k Raffles/Casino - \$15.7k
-Finals Income vs Expenses Report showed that the cost of 2020 finals to CSPRA ended up as \$32.6k thanks to all the cutbacks made. **MOTION** to accept finals financials as reported. **Accepted.**
-2020 Sponsorship Report: We managed to raise \$7550 thanks to all the directors stepping up with personal sponsorships.
-2020 Raffle Report: Raffle was cancelled, we will look into an on-line one for 2021.
-Question: What do we want to do with a 2019 outstanding turnout amounts of \$357.15? After discussion it is decided that we must follow protocol and put that person on our blacklist.
6. **SPONSORSHIP REPORT** – Busy doing media blasts to get the word out, along with other means of making contacts, has a couple businesses already interested in coming on board, Equine Energy & Vantage Trailers. Also talked to Dodge but they are hesitant with the covid times but will keep us in mind. We will forward a Davis Chev contact started last year and see if they are still interested.
7. **Re: Outstanding TO fees from 2019** – Keep person on our blacklist? After discussion it is decided yes, as it needs to be the same rule for everyone.

With the wrap up of old business, the outgoing members turn over the reins to the new Board and wishes them all good luck. He hangs up at 9:35pm. Huge thanks to all of our out-going directors for all their work for the Association!

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) 2021 Membership costs: **MOTION** to leave the membership costs as is. **Unanimous.**
- 2) 2021-2022 Scholarships: **MOTION** to suspend both our scholarship donations for one year. 8 In Favor, 5 Opposed. **Passed.**
- 3) 2021 Committee Draw: **MOTION** to cancel the committee draw for the 2021 season. **Carried.**
- 4) 2021 Added Money: **MOTION** to waive the added money for the 2021 rodeo year. **Carried.**
- 5) Cap on Extra Fees: After a lot of discussion on this, it is decided that Rep will negotiate reasonable costs for any extra fees that committees charge.
- 6) The Executive Committee: Neil announces new members, see website for names
- 7) The Rules Committee will again be chaired by Blaine Oddan, contact him for other committee members
- 8) 2021 Finals Dates: They are booked for Oct 15-17th, 3 days again. We will check if there are earlier dates available.
- 9) 2021 AGLC Work: Need the Board's approval to work on AGLC items for 2021. **MOTION** to give CSPRA Secretary, Michelle Atwood, authority to work on all AGLC items for 2021. **Carried.**
- 10) 2021 Raffle: We will check out an on-line raffle that can also do some manual sales but again need the approval from the Board first about working on their behalf (see motion above). Will report on this at the Feb 23 meeting.
- 11) 2021 Cheque Signing Authority: We need to adjust our signing authority for the new Board of Directors and for the Raffle and Casino Accounts as the CSPRA secretary can no longer sign. **MOTION** to have the cosigner names changed at the bank. **Carried.**
- 12) We will look into a virtual meeting system, ie: Zoom or Google Meet, for our next meeting.

It is asked: what everyone thinks of entering twice in the team roping events. **Tabled to Feb meeting.**

It is asked: if it would work to arrange barrel racing and team roping jackpots at every rodeo location. **Tabled to Feb meeting.**

Reminder to directors of getting their 2021 memberships before next meeting and to sign and return the Code of Conduct form.

Reminder that our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb 23, 2021.

MOTION to adjourn, 10:40pm.