



## CANADIAN CLASSIC RODEO ASSOCIATION

December 2, 2023, Wrap up/ Welcome Meeting, Olds

Attendance: Tom Thielen, Rick Martine, Dave Heaton, Heather Russell, Marina Eckert, Sandy Creasy, Glynnis Turcato, Mark Hendricks, Lorne Lausen, Verle Pahl, Niki Makofka, Joe Fisher, Kes Blackwater, Nathan Block, Reid Miller, Doug Lefebvre, Mille Arche

Called to order: 10:53 am

Welcome to the New Directors and Thank you to the Directors leaving.

Motion by Millie to adopt 2023 AGM minutes as presented, seconded by Doug- all in favor.

### EVENT DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. BARREL RACING- Niki/Marina- Niki stated 8 new members in the barrel racing, everyone enjoyed the side pots throughout the year and finals. The 40-49 age category is very distressed with only 7-8 entries. The 50-59 and 60 + age categories are doing well, the 68+ has had 4 to 5 entries.
2. TIE DOWN ROPING- Verle/ Kes – New Director Nathan Block. Everything went well this year, stock was good all year long, not much for complaints, one warning was issued and well received.
3. BREAKAWAY ROPING- Millie / Lorne. New Director Glynnis Turcato. Lorne thanked Millie for all her work and making his job easier by always having the string ready. Mille stated the girls were great to work with all year and willing to step in when needed, only concern is that the rulebook reads that a Judge must inspect string tied to horn, some judges seem to not want to check this and wanting to add to rulebook that the directors can designate someone to check the string to ensure it is tied to the horn.
4. RIBBON ROPING – Mark/ Sandy. New Director Heather Russell. Everything was good.
5. TEAM ROPING- Doug/ Rick. New Director Reid Miller. Doug- Finals ran well and cattle were even, thanks to Rick and Kes and Verle. Throughout the year contractors had very good cattle at all rodeos and contractors were great to work with. Rules in rulebook need to be clean up as to not hinder what the board can do when issues arise. The 40-49 age category is very distressed with only 5 or 6 teams this year. Talk about how to deal with drawing the same cattle two days in a row.
6. STEER WRESTLING – Joe Fisher – everything is good, has a new coming in.
7. COMMITTEE – Dave Heaton.  
Motion by Rick to have the US representative and Committee Rep as one Position, seconded by Millie, All in favor.
  - Trial and error, learning curve for the association rodeos.

- Association Rodeo helpful to get members from up north.
  - CREO and payback to committees, payback to committees was very generous this year which helped committees to survive this year,
  - Review the fee structure on how the association rodeos are paid compared to committee rodeos. High rent buildings are hard for the association to make rodeos work financially, outdoor rodeos more feasible depending on the rent.
  - Been approached by Bowden Ag society – rent is \$900 per day rent for outdoor.
  - Winfield is looking at possibly having a CCRA rodeo with their summer celebrations.
  - Spring rodeo a draw to get people out.
  - Amanda Ferris very willing to help organize rodeos up north.
  - Need to link north rodeos as well as south rodeos to make it easier for everyone to make it worth the time.
  - Very Positive from Rocky Ross about our rodeos and the members.
  - High river rodeo very confusing, followed what the rulebook read.
  - Want all Rodeo approvals to go before the board to be approved.
8. RAFFLE - Niki – gaming account has \$29,634.12, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter raffle \$1500 (income of \$750) 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter raffle \$3500 (income \$1750) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Bit Raffle \$5000 net income as Elloit Bit and Spur donated total to the association, Cash Raffle \$20,000 (income \$10,000) with \$17,500 income from the 2023 season.  
 Very little casino money left most of the money is from raffle last 2 years.  
 Everyone stepped into help sell the cash raffle out early.  
 Raffle income needs to be spent within the time allowed, which is 2 years same as Casino, may need to ask for an extension.
9. OFFICE – Early discount on membership for 2024 – discussion on how many memberships, would say 80% bought and early membership.  
 Motion by Millie to leave memberships at \$175 plus GST for a total of \$183.75 for 2024, seconded by Lorne Lausen - all in favor.
10. CASINO - Mark – need more volunteers for the Thursday Jan 11
- Have 12 rooms booked at the Blackfoot Inn at \$140 plus tax per room.
11. Marketing – Joe – Marketing ideas- would the association be interested in putting something in the Calgary Parade, possibility of 20-25 riders?
- Have vendors at the Pro Rodeos to promote the association.
  - Rough stock events?
  - Social media – Instagram and TikTok pages?
12. NEW ITEMS from the AGM
- a) Rodeo Count to qualify for the Finals.
  - How many rodeos needed to qualify – 5 rodeo – majority of the members from the AGM want the count to be 5 rodeos.

- 7 rodeo – to help the later rodeo committees.
- 10 rodeo – depending on the number of rodeos throughout the year - add extra points after you attend the allotted rodeo count.
- MOTION – by Glynnis to qualify for the finals must attend 5 rodeos, seconded by Mark – all in favor - carried.

## B) New Rules

- Team Roping – Age Categories – TR 40-59 – MOTION by Doug to change the age categories in the Team Roping to 40-59 and 60+ for 2024, seconded by Rick, to be revisited in December 2024 season. Discussion: will we lose team ropers if the age categories are changed or if the age categories are left the same. How many teams are not coming cause of the low entries in the TR 40-49. Possibility of higher entries with the age categories being changed to make for more entries in the TR 40-59 age categories.

Vote: 1 opposed, 4 abstained CARRIED

## RULEBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Define of what the event is – send to the Rules committee
- Jerk Down Rule – send to Rules Review committee
- 30 second time limit in all events – Rules Review committee
  - rulebook reads 30 seconds to be in contact with animal.
  - judges authority to make the call of 30 second time limit
  - rulebook states mistreatment of cattle
  - SW has the 30 second time limit- must be on contact with animal
  - Age Category as of Jan 1 or Dec 31?

- discussion – does there need to be an option year? Ex. If a member is turning 50 but birthdate is after finals can they remain in the 40-49 age category rather than having to move up to the next age category.

## RULEBOOK REVIEW

- Chair – Tom Thielen, members Bev Welsh, Niki Makofka, Doug Goodine

BYLAWS – Laurie Breese to help rewrite the bylaws, as bylaws have not been updated since 2005.

RULEBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE – to deal with rule grievances. Rules Committee is Tom Thielen(chair) Bev Welsh, Niki Makofka, Doug Goodine, Heather Russell.

## FINALS RECAP

- Judge missed many illegal head catches in the Team Roping, judges need to do better at the finals.

- \* Why do we take bids – other associations set the amount being paid and have people apply for those positions- resumes and history.
- Also have finals positions advertised June and early July.
- Finals dates – Building is booked for Oct 17-20, 2024.
- Change of venue – cost of other facilities – tough to get back in the schedule at Claresholm if there was a change of venue. Claresholm is central to all members. Office to contact David Hansma to check on other dates in Claresholm – Sept 20-22 or Sept 26-29

ADDITIONAL EVENTS – Pole Bending – email members to see what their thoughts are, also cost to have event?

ASSOCIATION RODEOS – should the association produce rodeos in 2024.  
Fort Macleod building is tentatively booked the first weekend of June.

RAFFLE – Amanda Ferris has expressed interest in the Raffle coordinator position.  
Niki will be stepping down but will help the new Raffle coordinator.  
When to start raffles? End of January or early February.  
Cash Raffle again for 2024.

- SPONSORSHIP - \$35,000 (roughly) not including any added money.
- \$44,000 in total sponsorship with \$9800 going directly to the members.
  - \$23,813.21 in actual funds into the sponsorship account.
  - 3 events not sponsored for the year.
  - Need to make changes to the sponsorship package.

#### SIGNING AUTHORITY

- MOTION by Niki Makofka to remove Theresa Oldford from ALL banking accounts.  
Seconded by Mark Hendricks
- MOTION by Niki Makofka to add Sandy Creasy to ALL banking accounts. Seconded by Mark Hendricks

#### Membership Feedback

- Finals – speakers outside and in barns not working – announcer used own system inside, was informed that he can hook into the outside speakers as well as the barn speakers.
- AGM – away from the finals
  - o Issues can then be heard and addressed better.
  - o Member Code of conduct at the AGM
  - o Time limit for members to speak on issues.
- Minutes from board meetings on website
- Profit and loss financials (financials were at the sign-up sheet at the finals)
- Break down of the CIP grant on website?

#### Letters to Board

Letter was written to the board concerning a fine of a member at the 2023 Finals. The issue was discussed, and a letter of response was written and sent to the member.

Question-does a member have the right to ask about an issue/ fine if it does not personally involve them?

Letter to Board of Concern from a Member in regard to a Director.

-A letter of concern regarding a Director was written to the Board of directors, this letter was discussed by the board and a letter of response was written and sent to the member.

A Director stated at the meeting that all Directors should be thoughtful of what is said as Directors – all members need to feel welcome.

Reid – utilize 4-H members at all rodeos as help throughout the year.

Office- Insurance for directors

- Motion by Heather to get the insurance renewed. Seconded by Marina
- Secretary - to continue with a 1 year contract.

NEXT MEETING January 15 via Zoom 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:46pm