

Arizona Junior Rodeo Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2008 6:00 p.m.

Apache Gold Casino and Resort, Globe, Arizona

Present were; President Clay Bond, Vice President Brian Keaveney, Board of Directors' John Jones, Marty Latta, Lori Todd, Ted Brennan, Joe Mike Clem, Duane Harrington, Josh Hand and Secretary Jodi Ivy.

Clay welcomed everyone and thanked them for making the trip to Globe. Clay encouraged everyone to read the AJRA rule book and be familiar with its contents for their respective event.

Item #1 PRAYER AND NATIONAL ANTHEM PRIOR TO EACH RODEO

A discussion was held regarding the National Anthem and a prayer to be done in the main arena both days at every rodeo. Clay will be responsible for getting someone for the prayer and volunteers will be asked to sing the National Anthem.

Item #2 DRESS CODE FOR CONTESTANTS AND DIRECTORS-HAT RULE

A discussion was held and it was decided that the hat rule will not be waived during any rodeo. All rodeos will require a cowboy hat or no hat at all. NO BALLCAPS TO BE ALLOWED IN EITHER ARENA. Dress code will be strongly enforced and all contestants AND any helper who crosses the line of the arena gate must also be in dress code. Any person inside either arena must be in dress code as outlined in the AJRA Rule Book page 8 Rule #22 and 23.

Item #3 DRAW FOR CATTLE

A discussion was held regarding some concerns that were voiced by members with the cattle not being drawn for the contestants. It was decided that all cattle events will be drawn as defined in Rule Book Page 21 and 22. #1, 2 and 3.

Item #4 JUDGING EVENT WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY

A discussion was held and it was determined that no immediate family members are to flag the age group in any event that a family member is competing in as defined in the AJRA Rule Book Page 20 #1.

The arena will be kept clear of all contestants not immediately competing in an event as outlined in AJRA Rule Book Page 26 #7 & 8.

Item #5 TEAM ROPING FOSTER PARENTS

A lengthy discussion was held regarding drawn partners for team roping. After much debate and consideration, a motion was made by Director Duane Harrington that in the team roping event, a true parent must rope with their child. A true parent is defined as natural, step or legal guardian. Contestant may qualify for a drawn partner provided the contestant's parents (mother & father) provide a medical release. A contestant who is unable to rope with their parent at any given rodeo may request a drawn

partner. Request for a drawn partner must be indicated on the entry form and submitted with a medical release(s) to the rodeo secretary by the contestant by the rodeo close of entry deadline, along with the proper entry fees for the rodeo contestant who is requesting the drawn partner, seconded by Director Joe Mike Clem. Motion passed 5-3.

It was also discussed that no draw request will be accepted after close of entries except with a medical release as per AJRA Rule Book Page 28 (under the Team Roping Drawn Partner).

Item #6 PHOTOGRAPHER CONTRACT

A discussion was held regarding the photographer for the 2008-2009 AJRA Season. It was decided that no compensation will be paid by the association to any photographer.

Item #7 ADDING BREAKAWAY 9-12 GIRLS

There was a discussion held regarding adding 9-12 girls breakaway but the item died for a lack of a motion.

Item #8 SIDEPOT FOR 9 AND UNDER

A discussion was held regarding an incentive pot for the 9 and under and having someone outside the board to be in charge of the sidepot for the year. It was mentioned that the Kirby Family might be willing to do it. Director Lori Todd motioned to approve, seconded by Director Marty Latta. Vote was unanimous.

Item #9 DRAW FAMILIES SIGN IN (NUMBER OF DRAW FAMILIES PER EVENTS, FINES)

A discussion was held regarding the drawn families that are to work rodeos. Director Duane Harrington motioned to require that at least one member of the drawn family or their representative is required to work and must sign in with the event director or be fined \$25.00 that must be paid prior to entering the next rodeo, seconded by Director Ted Brennan. Vote was unanimous.

Item #10 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Association's financial report consists of:

\$2,197.09 in the Crisis Fund

\$20,295.50 in a Bank One savings account

\$47,428.53 in a reserve savings account set up by Allen Ward and Mike Olsen which has never been touched.

\$8,098.57 in the current working account. This should be \$1,800 more once the final deposit is made for a total of \$9,898.57.

Item #11 COMPUTER HELP AT RODEOS

A discussion was held regarding the current computer help at the rodeos. Director Ted Brennan made the motion to keep two computer workers with Delinda Foster in the main arena and Tanya Jensen in the second arena. Duane Harrington seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Item #12 MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND RULE BOOK

A discussion was held regarding issuing membership cards and it was decided that no membership cards will be distributed for the 2008-2009 AJRA season.

Item #13 ROPE THE GOLD TICKETS VS SPONSORSHIP

A discussion was held regarding Rope the Gold tickets versus each member soliciting a sponsor for the year. The discussion also included the idea to give an incentive to those who sold the most tickets. Vice President Brian Keaveney made the motion to have a sub-committee look into what would be more beneficial to the association and the members more; by continuing the Rope the Gold ticket sales or the sponsorship, and if the association decided to continue with the Rope the Gold tickets, they need to be ready by the Sonoita rodeo, seconded by Director Josh Hand. Vote was unanimous.

The sub-committee consists of Directors Brian Keaveney, Josh Hand and Marty Latta.

Item #14 SPRING RODEOS

A discussion was held regarding the spring rodeos and Willcox was confirmed for April 25 and 26, 2008.

Item #15 LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

President Clay Bond presented a letter to the directors that was submitted by an AJRA family regarding concerns and frustrations they encountered with the association over the past several years. A discussion was held regarding the letter's contents. Clay provided a response letter that he had drafted for the board to review. All present Directors signed the letter Clay will mail it to the family.

Item #16 YEAR END TIES AWARDS

A headstall has been ordered and the buckle will be taken care of by Director Joe Mike Clem.

Item #17 PAY TO TYPE RULEBOOK FOR VIEWING ON WEBSITE:

A discussion was held regarding the rule book available for viewing on the web site. It was discussed to pay an individual to retype the rule book adding the amendments to have a complete rule book for the 2008-2009 Season. Motion was made by Director Duane Harrington to have Laureen Alden retype the rule book for \$600.00, seconded by Director Joe Mike Clem. Motion passed 6-0 with Director Mary Latta and Director Ted Brennan abstaining.

Item #18 YEAR END AWARDS/FINALS AWARDS

A discussion was held regarding a committee created of three volunteers to work on the year end awards.

A discussion was held regarding year end awards and it was decided that all top ten in the A finals would receive an award. A discussion was held regarding the need to remember why the B-Finals saddles are given and that there should be a write up in the finals program about the Phillip Clark Memorial.

Item #19 TEAM ROPING ORDER:

A discussion was held regarding the order of age groups in the team roping event. It was decided that the 16-18 team roping will be held before the 13-15.

Item #20 JACKPOTS AFTER RODEOS:

President Clay Bond stated that the stock contractor wanted to put on team roping and calf roping jackpots after each of the rodeos and Manuel wanted the parents to help and he would give money to the association. A discussion was held and it was decided that the association would not ask its members to work after the rodeo.

Item #21 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of putting the sponsors on the award saddles and whoever gets a sponsor should be responsible for getting a banner recognizing that sponsor and the final's program should recognize the association sponsors more.

The Board of Director's meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.