

BRITISH COLUMBIA RODEO ASSOCIATION
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday October 15, 2016
10:00 am
Quesnel & District Senior Center, Quesnel, BC

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am by president
74 eligible voting members

1. President's Report ~ Gord Puhallo

Thanked the members for coming. It was a wet year with some challenges but everything kept running smoothly. Polaris came on board which was a great opportunity for our association. The rodeo guide was a success costing the association much less than in the past and the rodeo guides made it to all the rodeos and were very well received. With it looking like Polaris is on board for 2017 hopefully we can support some clinics to help our association grow. A big thanks to the roughstock guys for all voting with the voting list this year, just about had 100% votes in. Gord thanked Trish and all the directors for their help and support. Thanked Laura for a great job in the office and stated that the transition went smoothly.

2. 2015 AGM Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Kelly Walls to adopt the 2015 AGM meeting minutes as presented. 2nd by Judy Hyde. All in favor.

3. Financial Report by Trish Kohorst ~ all members were given current financials. Trish touched base on losing the 2 rodeos, so that made a bit of a difference from last year to this year. Raffle ticket sales were approximately \$44,000. The finals contestant jackets cost the association close to \$11,000 and the other \$5,000 for jackets are finals contestants vests/jackets that were actually paid for. Sponsorship is up a bit this year, but the Chilcotin sponsorship is down a bit this year. The office expense is the display board and new computer tower. As Gord indicated we are sitting fairly well, with approximately \$32,000 in the bank which is \$6,000 more than last year. We have not heard whether we are getting the gaming grant or not, but no news is good news.

Collen Dugan asked where the Polaris raffle money went. Polaris donated the full product and the money raised went into the 2016 finals and towards some season year end awards.

MOTION: Motion by Steve Lloyd to adopt financials as presented. 2nd by Adam Clarke. All in Favor.

4. Sponsorship Report by Gord Puhallo. The BCRA is up about \$4,000 in sponsorship from last year. The Polaris raffle money raised went to the finals.
5. 2016 Finals Review
 - a) QRC President's Report / Financials by Mel Peterson from the QRC. This year the QRC thought the finals went well, some weather issues, but attendance was up. The QRC put in \$22,000 out of their own sponsorship money, the gate made approx. \$11,000, beer garden made around \$4,000. The QRC lost approx. \$1950.00 on the finals for 2016. Expenses for the finals were about \$42,000. One issue they have that when the stock is voted on, it makes it quite an expense for finals committees. Their summer rodeo is \$9,000-\$10,000 and the finals stock is approx. \$16,000 for stock which is a big difference. The after party at occidental was happy with it how everything went and the turnout.
6. Rodeo Committee Reports ~ Open to all committee in attendance

Williams Lake ~ Kelly Walls. Thank you to all the competitors, if it was not for them, they wouldn't have a rodeo. Looking forward to next year

Vanderhoof ~ Brenda Ferguson. This was another good year, thankful for competitors that travel up there. There rodeo will be the end of April this year. Looking forward to 2017.

Quesnel ~ Mel Peterson. Summer rodeo was really good. If it was not for the highway maintenance that helped removed and put new ground in, not sure what would have happened, very grateful for that. See you all in 2017.

Prince George ~ Kurt Wallach. They deal with the BCNE so there is no real breakdown of the gate numbers. Their sponsorship was not that good this year, probably cost the BCNE approx. \$15,000. Sunday was very wet and rainy. Next year the BCNE will go to a 5 day event and they hope to put on a better BCNE and would like to get more sponsorship. They are all go for 2017.

Barriere ~ Carmen Ross. The weather was not good, thank you for the competitors for coming. Next year there maybe slack on Monday morning as Monday is just getting too big of a performance. They hope that Monday Slack will help everyone out. Really happy with their stock from DnB and Troy Houff, thank you DnB.

Gord announces that QRC will be taking a year off from doing the finals. And the BCRA will put out an expression of interest for the 2017 BCRA Finals.

7. Officials Report by Ray Jasper. The BCRA had a few more judges this year, the costs of the officials were about the same as last year. Cost of mileage was

around \$16,000, down from last year (lost 2 rodeos). There were a few hiccups but happy with how everything went overall. Planning on doing an officials clinic

8. BCRA office and entry Report by Laura James. Thank you to everyone for being patient and understanding with it being her first year. Everything went smoothly and the entry system worked well. Will be upgrading a few things on the entry system to make her job easier. Looking forward to another year.

9. BCRA Director Nominations
 - a) Directors Finished after 2016 Season
 - Ty Lytton
 - Trish Kohorst
 - Tim Terepocki
 - Gord Puhallo
 - Bernie Rivet
 - Aaron Palmer (1 year term to replace Neal Antoine)
 - Tyler Lang & Tyler Cherry ~ JR Directors

Two year term, huge responsibility, please only let your name stand if you are willing to commit and put the time in to volunteer.

Nominations:

Kelly walls nominates Gord Puhallo ~ Will Stand

Tim Terepocki nominates Aaron Palmer ~ Will Stand

Steve Lloyd nominates Trish Kohorst ~ Will Stand

Carl Hyde nominates Ryan Hume ~ Will Stand

Steve Lloyd nominates Bernie Rivet ~ Bernie Declined

Trish Kohorst nominates Tom Danick. Tom is not here but will let his name stand. Wade McNolty speaks to who he is. He could be a huge asset to the BCRA.

Tim Terepocki nominates Schaan Perry ~ Schaan Declines

Gord Puhallo nominates Tim Terepocki ~ Will Stand

Aaron Palmer nominates Ty lytton ~ Will Stand

Matt O'Flynn nominates Christoph Muigg ~ Will Stand

Bernie Rivet nominates Steve Lloyd ~ Steve Declines

JR nominations

Judy Hyde nominates Brianna Billy ~ Will Stand

Aaron Palmer nominates Gracie Antoine ~ Gracie Declines

Matt O'Flynn nominates Kevin Wallace ~ Will Stand

Miciah Gordon nominates Lane Paley ~ Will Stand

MOTION: Motion by Nita Cameron to close nominations. 2nd by Tim. All in Favor.

New directors

Tom Danyk

Gord Puhallo

Trish Kohorst

Ty Lytton

Ryan Hume

Aaron Palmer

JR Director ~ Lane Paley

Nominations for president

Tim Terepocki nominates Gord Puhallo ~ Will Stand

Aaron Palmer nominates Carl Hyde ~ Carl Declines

Steve Lloyd nominates Trish Kohorst ~ Will Stand

Aaron Palmer nominate Ty Lytton ~ Ty Declines

Denise Swampy nominates Ray Jasper ~ Ray Declines

Denise Swampy nominates Jay Savage ~ Jay Declines

MOTION: Motion by Kelly Walls to cease nominations. 2nd by Matt O'Flynn. All in Favor.

Ballots counted by Diana Puhallo and Sherry Jasper.

President is Gord Puhallo

b) Directors with one year remaining (2017)

- Ray Jasper
- Matt O'Flynn
- Jay Savage
- Wade McNolty
- Allison Everett
- Carl Hyde

10. BCRA Event Representatives ~ liaison between competitors and directors

Jared Marshall ~ BB

Steve Lloyd ~ TDR

Steve Hohmann ~ SB

Ty Hamill ~ BR

Tyler Cherry ~ JRS

Judy Hyde ~ LBR

Emma Langevin ~ JRB

Denise Swampy ~ BAR

Gracie Antoine ~ JRBAR

Ryan MacNaughton ~ TR

2 nominations for SW representative (Colton Wardrop / Arlan Gulbranson). SW Competitors vot by secret ballet.

Colton Wardrop ~ SW

New Business

1. Memberships

MOTION: The board of Directors make a motion to raise the membership fee by \$150.00 per open and family membership.

Members would get a free book of tickets with there memberships. Discussion of the cost of memberships, will we loss members? How will that raised membership money be allocated. Could be allocated to grow our association through clinics and some larger finals. Will we lose members to other associations or co approving associations?

Amended MOTION: The Board of Directors make a motion to raise the membership \$150.00 per open and family membership. Any extra monies raised from the membership increase will go towards promoting rodeo, clinics and the BCRA Finals. 2nd by Jay Savage. 46 in Favor / 7 opposed. Motion passed.

2. Local Entries

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to amend rule 2.11 under Approval that to qualify as a local contestant, local contestant must be a British Columbia resident. Non British Columbia residents must buy a permit membership. 2nd by Judy Hyde.

Discussion ~ so many Alberta guys entering some of our rodeos and not supporting our association in any other way. Committees should have the choice as to what local entries they would like to take. Steve doesn't think the \$100 will deter any Alberta contestant from coming anyways.

54 in Favor / 4 Opposed. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to change local entries the same entry fees as BCRA members (finals surcharge). 2nd Russel Glassford. All in favor. Motion Passed.

3. Committees

MOTION: Motion by Committee to amend rule 5.05 under Entry Fee Refund regarding no qualified rides in an event, added money goes back to the committee. (QRC, PG). 2nd by Nora Wallach.

Discussion ~ QRC believe that if there is not a qualified ride in an event that it is there added money they raised and should come back to the committee. Committees work hard to bring in sponsorship money for added money

10 Opposed. Majority in favor. Motion Passed.

BCRA board will be enforcing rule 1.09 under Fines, Suspensions & Disqualifications for minor members in violation of the drug and liquor laws. Just a discussion for awareness.

4. Stock Contractors

MOTION: Motion by Laura James to amend rule 1.01 under Stock Contractors to purchase their card 60 days prior to their first rodeo. States 60 days before march 31st, just want to clarify rule. 2nd by Barb swampy. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to add a rule that Stock contractors must provide proof of insurance to the BCRA listing rodeo committee and the BCRA as additional insured. 2nd by Barb Swampy. All in favor. Motion Passed.

- a. Bullfighter qualifications (Renee Wallace on behalf of Kevin)

She feels that there needs to be bullfighters or maybe they need to take a school. The bull riders could go to event rep and discuss issue if a bull fighter is not adequate or not qualified enough.

MOTION: Motion by Tim Carlson to ad to bullfighting rule that a bull fighters card can be pulled if the bull riding rep with review of the Board of Directors feel the bull fighter is not adequate or qualified. 2nd by Matt O'Flynn. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to add rule under Timed Event General that all timed event cattle must be conditioned minimum 3 runs before attending their first rodeo. (calves run and tied, steer wrestlers run and thrown, team ropers run and stretched, breakaway cattle run and roped) no seconder.

Discussion ~ how are we going to govern this. Who is going to enforce this rule? It is a good idea but hard to enforce. What if the stock contractor doesn't do this then what is the consequences? The stock contractor is fined?

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to amend rule 1.16 under Stock Contractors to change wording to animals (from bulls) being loaded in the bucking chutes during the barrels. 2nd by Judy Hyde. All in favor. Motion Passed.

5. Calf Roping

Discussion ~ many calf ropers timed out, this is discouraging for younger guys wanting to enter.

MOTION: Motion by Steve Lloyd to change time limit to forty seconds (40) in the calf roping. 2nd by Ray Jasper. 1 opposed / Majority in favor. Motion passed.

6. Sanctioning / Co-approving / Open Events

Discussion ~ Matt O'Flynn says it is something maybe the BCRA needs to look at for our off season. More cost efficient for committees, will the BCRA as an association lose some committees to roughstock only events. Will it wear sponsors thin? We are a rodeo association we should stay together as a rodeo association. Give committee option to not have certain events. The cities or committees that don't want the timed events will maybe come on board with the BCRA as roughstock only events. What if committees other events start growing and they decide to not do their rodeo. The BCRA will lose rodeos. What about our root of rodeo, originally started with 5 events? Rodeo could be easier to market for sponsorship with other events in bigger cities. This would improve the BCRA's product for sponsors. What more can we offer to our committees, what exposure can we give the sponsors, how do we get fans through the gate to support committees. Need a much more structured motion and to do more research before a motion could be voted on.

MOTION: Motion by Matt O'Flynn that the BCRA sanctions and co-sanction BRC (Bull Riders of Canada) events. 2nd by Steve. 37 in favor / 12 opposed. Motion passed

7. Finals

Voting for Stock at Finals Discussion ~ Bernie Rivet feels like we should give it to event reps. Dustin Shields felt like it was a good option to have all the timed event stock contractors.

Discussion about the 2016 finals stock. At the deadline for stock contractors to submit stock lists for the finals there was no timed event stock on the list that could be brought in at an acceptable price. C+ had refused to submit a timed event list; Maynard's stock was not affordable for the committee. Because there was no timed event stock to produce the rodeo at the time, the Directors made a motion to extend the deadline to submit timed event lists for C+, DnB and to include S&E.

MOTION: Motion by Bernie Rivet to eliminate voting of stock on the finals list and the event reps set pens and select stock with approved stock contractors and directors. 2nd by Steve Lloyd. 30 in favor / 26 opposed. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Neal Antoine to allow contestant that have qualified in both ends of the team roping to enter both ends in the team Roping at the finals. 2nd by Steve Lloyd. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to amend rule 5.06 under Finals regarding order of go ~ update in rulebook to include either 3 or 4 round format. 2nd by Trish Kohorst. All in favor. Motion Passed.

8. Roughstock Events

Discussion on eliminating the mark out rule ~ some guys believe it is part of the game and it should stay as a rule. Some guys think this is a stepping stone for guys trying to go pro and it should stay in. What about Calgary where it doesn't take away from the rodeo. If you don't mark your horse out, you don't set up for your ride.

MOTION: Motion by Matt O'Flynn to eliminate the mark out rule. 2nd by Charlie Attrill. 2 in favor / Majority opposed. Motion Defeated.

a. Novice Events ~ Section Nine

MOTION: Motion by Brenda Ferguson to add Novice Bulls as BCRA minor event. 2nd by Matt O'Flynn. 4 opposed / Majority in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion ~ Have guidelines as to what is suitable stock for novice events (Kevin Cunin) Kevin wanted to attend, sorry he was unable to, and thanks so much for all the support and encouragement following injury. Letter read by Trish, Lots needs to be done to improve safety and reduce injuries. Supports need to have suitable novice stock. Need clear description of amateur calibre of stock for all rough stock events and not necessarily at the discretion of the stock contractors. Committees would like to see more schools promoting roughstock events.

MOTION: Motion by Trish Kohorst to have an event rep and an event director to work with stock contractors to identify and approve a list of novice horses / bulls. 2nd by Tim Terepocki. 32 in favor / 5 opposed. Motion Passed.

Discussion ~ Novice qualifications ~ Add rule stating to enter novice event, said contestant must have attended one roughstock school. (Kevin Cunin) How do we define a novice from an open rider? Should they have attended a school. When you are 18 you are an adult and have a choice to make your own decision. You can't stop people from entering, can you stop people from entering other events like the team roping. The BCRA is already limited with the roughstock horse events, we should not limit more.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to add to rule 1.29 Rodeo Entry System to read that if 3 or less entries in roughstock or timed event at a one (1) day rodeo, contestants may enter 2 times. 2nd by Judy Hyde. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Schaan Perry to change ruling 7.10 under Junior Steer Riding to allow horned cattle with stipulations to horn length and horn tip. 2nd by Aaron Palmer.

Discussion about the rule being in place as a safety rule for young competitors.

11 in favor / Majority opposed. Motion Defeated.

9. Awards

MOTION: Motion by Dustin Shields to amend ruling 1.03 under Awards for men's all around that contestant must qualify three times in two separate events. 2nd by Russel Glassford.

Discussion that there are not very many contestants who work both ends of the arena. If a rule is changed then it would be a hi-point award not an all around .

4 in favor / Majority opposed. Motion Defeated.

10. Officials

Member Discussion ~ taking stock and runs before paying entries. (Diana Puhallo)
Sometimes the office line up is long. Secretaries have lots of jobs to do and they get busy.
Suggests pay the day you compete or a higher fine. Suggest maybe a cut off time.
Secretaries feel like it is a lack of respect.

MOTION: Motion by Trish Kohorst to amend rule 1.12 to contestants that do not pay their fees the same day they compete by the end of the office day will be fined \$100.00. 2 opposed / Majority in favor. Motion Passed.

11. Rule Book

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to update the structure of the BCRA rulebook using the PWRA and CPRA rule book as a template. 2nd by Coleen Duggan. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to remove rule 5.04 under Fees and Dues regarding late \$10.00 fee for memberships. 2nd by Trish Kohorst. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to reword rule 7.01 k) under Officials to add the display clock. 2nd by Jay Savage. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors add the entry fee scale to the rule book. 2nd by Trish Kohorst. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to amend rules under Awards that the nomination date for all awards to the end of the last performance of the last rodeo in August. 2nd by Laura James. All in favor. Motion Passed.

MOTION: Motion by Board of Directors to remove the patch Program from the rule book. 2nd by Steve Lloyd. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Curt Wallach asked about the committee requirements for the first aid. Trish explained the requirements and said that it will be explained clearly in 2017 committee package.

MOTION: Motion by Ray Jasper to adjourn meeting at 1:27 pm. 2nd by Jay Savage. All in favor. Motion Passed.

