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2022 Annual General Meeting

Saturday October 29th, 2022

10:00 AM

Sacred Heart Gymnasium, Williams Lake

Members in Attendance: 57

Call meeting to order at: 10:05AM

## 1. Presidents Report – Gord Puhallo

Gord thanked everyone in attendance at the AGM. The 2022 season went great being the first full season since the COVID Pandemic. We didn't have the Wildcard rodeo as there was uncertainty of how the year would go. Polaris raffle ticket sales were very good.

## 2. 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes

Motion by Bernie Rivet to adopt the 2021 AGM meeting Minutes as Presented. 2nd by Kevin Cunin. All in favour.

## 3. Financial Report – Denise Swampy

Motion By Barb Swampy to adopt the financials as presented. 2nd by Kelly Walls. All in favour.

## 4. 2022 Finals Review

NTFF&R – Carmen Ross

The gates were down, this is something that needs to be addressed by both the Barrier Rodeo Committee and the BCRA. We need to have more control at the gates so people cannot come and go freely. There is a need to have more contestant participation for the crowd in grand entry.

## 5. Rodeo Committee Reports

Prince George is happy with how the rodeo went and looking forward to next year. Williams Lake had low attendance for spectators but had good contestant entries.

## 6. BCRA Director Nominations

### a) Directors Finished after 2022 Season

- Gord Puhallo
- Denise Swampy
- Aaron Palmer
- Ty Lytton
- Matt O'Flynn (resigned)

### b) Directors with one year remaining (2023)

- Shaylene Tucker
- Sean Bennett
- Steve Lloyd
- Kevin Cunin
- Patti Gerhardi



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- Kelly Walls
- Carl Hyde

## Director Nominations:

Kelly Walls nominates Denise Swampy, 2nd by Carmen Ross. Denise Accepts.  
Kevin Cunin nominates Keifer Larson, 2nd by Sean Bennett. Keifer Accepts.  
Sean Bennett nominates Neal Antoine, 2nd by Allison White. Neal Accepts.  
Denise Nominates Allison White, 2nd by Carmen Ross. Allison Accepts.  
Carmen Ross nominates Gord Puhallo, 2nd by Aaron Palmer. Gord Accepts.  
Gord Puhallo nominates Ty Lytton, 2nd by Shaylene Tucker. Ty accepts.  
Denise Swampy nominates Bernie Rivet, 2nd by Ty Lytton. Bernie Accepts.  
Roy Call nominates Cole Churchill, 2nd by Clint Maier. Cole Accepts.  
Patti Gerhardi nominates Matt O'Flynn, 2nd by Ty Lytton. Matt Accepts.  
Motion by Sean Bennett to cease nominations, 2nd by Shaylene Tucker. All in favour.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Allison White, Denise Swampy, Cole Churchill, Keifer Larson and Neal Antoine.  
Alternate Directors: Ty Lytton and Bernie Rivet.

## 7. BCRA President & Vice President Election

### President:

Denise Swampy nominates Allison White. Allison Declines.  
Sean Bennet nominates Shaylene Tucker, 2nd by TY Lytton.  
Shaylene Tucker Nominates Sean Bennett, 2nd by Ty Lytton.  
Sean Rescinds.  
President is: Shaylene Tucker.

### Vice President:

Carmen Ross Nominates Denise Swampy. 2nd by Shaylene Tucker  
Steve Lloyd Nominates Sean Bennett. 2nd by Ty Lytton.  
Carl Hyde nominates Kevin Cunin. 2nd by Ty Lytton.  
Sean Bennett is Vice President by vote.  
Motion to destroy Ballots by Gord Puhallo, 2nd by Carmen Ross. All in favour.

## 8. New Business (no particular order):

Motion by member, 2nd by Shaylene Tucker.

Current BCRA rule: Section TWO 1.06: Any member may be fined, suspended or both from the association for any of the following offenses L) conduct or speech of any kind to the best interests of the BCRA and the sport of rodeo.

### RULE AMENDMENT

Conduct Detrimental to Public Image. Conduct, speech, appearance or lack of financial responsibility which shall be determined by the BCRA board of directors to be detrimental to the public image, reputation, or well-being of the BCRA or the sport of rodeo.



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1a. Social Media/Digital Communication. Social media activity, postings or any other form of online, mobile or digital communication is subject to this Bylaw.

25 in favour. 3 opposed. Motion Passed.

Amend to say includes social media posts made by members.

Motion by Shaylene Tucker, 2nd by Judy Hyde.

Rule 6.19 /8.02/

Current: In the Barrel Racing events the ground will be raked around the barrels after every 5 runs made on the ground.

Amendment: In the Barrel Racing events during regular season the ground will be raked around the barrels after every 5 runs made on the ground. During BCRA Finals the ground will be raked every 5 in the draw (on paper) and before each division. Ladies, Juniors & Peewees.

26 in favour, 3 opposed.

Motion by Shaylene Tucker, 2nd by Judy Hyde.

CURRENT: LADIES BARREL RACING 6.01 The following distances should be used: ninety (90) feet between barrel one and two and one hundred & five (105) feet from barrel one to three and from barrel two to three with a sixty (60) foot maximum and a thirty-five (35) foot to 50-foot minimum score line. When arena size does not accommodate above pattern, the pattern must be a minimum of twenty (20) feet off the outside edge of barrel three to the fence and a minimum of fifteen (15) feet to the fence from off the outside edge of barrel one and two. Barrels are to be set on the center of the barrel markers/pegs.

Motion Passed. All in Favour.

AMENDMENT: Must be a difference of Fifteen (15) Feet between barrels one to three and one to two unless unable to safely do so.

Motion By Sean Bennett, 2nd by Ty Lytton.

Amend Rule 1.17 ( SECTION NINE- TIMED EVENTS) to follow the CPRA Rulebook

CURRENT: In a timed event (T-D R, SW, BAR, JBAR, TR), if in the opinion of the line judge, the animal falls (Falls, is defined as: goes to knees or hocks) before it crosses the score line, the contestant shall be entitled to a rerun at the judge's discretion. There will be no penalty added to the rerun if, in the opinion of the judge, the contestant broke the barrier due to animal falling. If the judge believes the contestant would have broken the barrier whether the animal fell or not, no rerun will be given.

Motion Passed 25 in Favour 3 Opposed

AMENDMENT: In the timed events, if in the opinion of the line judge, the animal stumbles, stops or falls (falls is defined as: goes to knees or hocks) before completely clearing the score line, the contestant may be entitled to a rerun. The contestant must declare themselves before continuing with the run. If they are in the act or attempting to throw, they must declare after the act has been completed. There will be no penalty added to the rerun if, in the opinion of the judge, the contestant broke the barrier due to animal stumbling, stopping or falling. If the judge believes the contestant would have broken the barrier whether the animal fell or not, no rerun will be given. That animal may be pulled from the draw at the discretion of the timed event representative and the judges.

Motion by Member. To post any new news or announcements on the website first, so people who aren't on social media can find relevant information in a timely manner. Motion Rescinded.



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Motion by Member, 2nd by Sean Bennett.

Zones - Dissolve the zones that were made up a few years ago.

Motion Passed 27 in Favour, 2 Opposed.

Motion by Sean Bennett, 2nd by Kelly Walls.

Finals Rules and Regulations

7.05

a) Top 10 of BCRA season standings, determined by monies won

b) Wildcard is 11th spot

c) BCHSRA/BCLBRA Champion is 12th Spot

Also amend 1.01 to read:

1.01 Finals will have 12 competitors in each (8) Major Events, junior event and peewee barrel racing.

A) Top 10 from the overall BCRA Standings

B) Wildcard Qualifier- 11th spot

C) BCHSRA champion in the major events/ BCLBRA champion in the Junior and Peewee events to be determined by that association.

Motion: BCHSRA & BCLBRA Champions that attend the BCRA Finals must have attended five BCRA Rodeos. Association will roll down to next contestant if they so choose. \*11th spot will be decided by those associations

Motion rescinded but need to update wording in rule book to say that it states that those associations can choose who they send to finals.

Motion by Member, 2nd by Judy Hyde.

Motion: In the finals rules and regulations 7.10 Finals Format to be changed to - If a BCRA Finalist needs to medical out of the finals, OR A CONTESTANT DOES NOT SHOW UP once it has begun, the next competitor in the season standings who has entered the finals may be called to compete at the finals for go-round money only.

PASSED unanimously.

Motion by Denise Swampy, 2nd by Aaron Palmer.

BCRA Rough stock and Timed Event cattle used at the BCRA Finals may not compete at or participate in any other rodeo or jackpot from the date of the first performance of the BCRA Finals to the end of the final performance of the BCRA Finals.

PASSED. 22 in favour, 14 Opposed.

Motion by Steve Lloyd, 2nd by Virgil Poffenroth.

Motion: Animals that have not been requested by the BCRA will not be accepted on site, unless specified in contract.

Passed 24 in Favour.

Motion by Shaylene Tucker, 2nd by Kelly Walls.

Page 14 Rule 1.22

Currently - All Competitors are required to read the rules carefully. Failure to understand the rules will not be accepted as an excuse. Passed 27 in favour, 0 opposed.

Change wording- Competitors to all members.



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Motion by Member, 2nd by Sean Bennett.

Season leader winners are decided after the last regular rodeo of the year before finals. Prizes to be determined.

Passed 30 in Favour, 7 Opposed.

Motion by Kevin Cunin, 2nd by Cody Call.

Page 33 Rule 9.01 - Novice events are limited to \$500 lifetime earnings in any recognized association. If a competitor has over \$500 in earnings then he must compete in open events. No age limit. Payout is the same as an open event and ground money will be paid.

Changes- Novice events are limited to \$1000 lifetime earnings in any recognized association. If a competitor has over \$1000 in earnings that season, can continue to compete in the novice for the remainder of that season. Then he must compete in open events. No age limit. Payout is the same as an open event and ground money will be paid.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Cunin, 2nd by Sean Bennett.

Page 49 Rule 5.04 – placing stock into performance pens will be up to the contractors, event directors and contestants to come up with a mutually agreed pen for finals performance.

AMENDMENT: The placement of stock into performance pens will be the decision of the rough stock director(s) with input from both the stock contractor as well as event participants.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Gord Puhallo, 2nd By Kevin Cunin.

Page 49 Rule 6.01- The livestock superintendent will be determined by mutual agreement between all stock contractors contributing to the finals and the board of directors.

Amendment: The livestock superintendent will be determined by mutual agreement between all stock contractors contributing to the finals and the board of directors. If there is no mutual agreement there will be a vote by the BCRA directors and stock contractors with the vote determining the appointed individual.

Passed 27 in Favour, 4 Opposed.

Motion by Kelly Walls 2nd by Shaylene Tucker.

Make it a rule that the big time clock must be used at all rodeos that it has been brought to, not just for the barrel racing, all officials are responsible for setting it up unless there isn't a spot to set it.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Diana Puhallo, 2nd By Kelly Walls.

Officials – Directors on the officials committee should not be any one of those officials. ie Secretary, timers, judges, with choosing who will go to which rodeo, as this can be construed as conflict of interest.

Passed 14 in Favour, 14 opposed. Tie broken by President in favour.

Motion by Gord Puhallo, 2nd by Kevin Cunin.

Board to look at approving stand-alone events (adopting CPRA Rules)

1. Minimum of \$5,000 added per event.
2. Approval fee is 15% of Prize money.
3. Administration fee as per BCRA rulebook.
4. All contestants must have a valid BCRA membership.



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5. Approved Stock Contractor and personnel must be hired as per regular rodeos BCRA member stock contractor must be named on the approval as the prime stock contractor as per BCRA rulebook.
  6. Special events will not be included in rodeo count for season leader/BCRA qualifier standings.
  7. Special events will count as a trip for stock.
  8. Special events do not count towards stock contractors rodeo count to take stock to BCRA Finals.
  9. Special events will be capped each year. No events will be added until the number of events drops below the capped number for a particular year. The annual capped number will be the greater of:
    - a. 4 special events or;
    - b. 20% of the previous year's rodeo count.
  10. Money won will count only for that event and will not count towards All-Around or High Point Standings.
  11. Entry fees would be set by the BCRA Board of Directors, with all of the fees being paid out in addition to the prize money offered. No stock charge will be assessed to contestants.
  12. BCRA Officials will judge all approved special events. All related judging costs will be charged to the special event.
  13. Any location will not be approved for a special event for a minimum of 3 years should they cancel their rodeo.
  14. A gate admission must be charged.
  15. Committee status for special event organizers is to be determined by the BCRA Board of Directors.
  16. A special event will not be approved if the event conflicts with a full BCRA rodeos dates or potential full BCRA Rodeo.
  17. All special events are subject to the approval of the BCRA Board of Directors.
  18. Must have BCRA insurance provider approved insurance.
  19. Committee must cover entire cost of officials.
- PASSED 29 in Favour, 2 Opposed.

Motion by Shay, 2nd by Sean.

Change late entries to close at 6:00 PM on Friday.

Motion by Roy Call, 2nd by Cody Call.

Finals stock selection proposal:

Stock to be nominated by July 15, voting to be continued until final performance of the season. Counting of votes to follow Monday after final performance. After the votes are counted the event representative will set the pens.

Contractors will be contacted about utilizing each selected animal in regards to how many times they will be used and what days they will be available.

Amend to add: Will Try for a One Year Term. It is the contestants responsibility to have their votes done in time.

Discussion: This will make a lot of work for the office during an already very busy week.

PASSED 26 in Favour.

Motion by Roy Call, 2nd by Carl Hyde.

Event director selection proposal:



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Event representatives from each discipline will be selected for the purposes of organizing stock selection for the finals. The representative must currently participate in that discipline. Should there not be representatives selected at the AGM the board will approach contestants from the standings of the previous years to fill the position. The event representative will decide how many animals will be selected in each event and how many times each animal is used.  
PASSED 23 in Favour.

## 2023 Event Reps

- Bareback – Keifer Larson
- Saddlebronc – Cole Churchill
- Tie Down Roping – Steve Lloyd
- Breakaway Roping - Kristin Lougheed
- Barrel Racing – Shaylene Tucker
- Team Roping – Ryan MacNaughton
- Bull riding – Kyle Frizzi

Motion to adjourn meeting. All in favour.

