



**NRA Board of Directors Meeting  
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Friday, October 29, 2021  
Majestic Valley Arena - Kalispell, MT**

President Joe Warner and President Cierra Erickson called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken and a quorum verified: President Joe Warner; Vice President Mike Cole; Kaehl Berg proxy for J2 Bridges, Bareback Riding Director; Ryan Parsons, Bull Riding Director; Martin Murphy, Steer Wrestling Director; JR Winter, Team Roping Director; Travis Sigman, Contract Personnel Director; Executive Committee Directors Lois Hill, Dick Lyman; Paul Eiker, Stock Contractor Director; Western Committee Directors David Graham, Pat Hamilton, Dan Majerus; Eastern Committee Director Theresa Sorlie proxy for Luke Anderson; President Cierra Erickson; Vice President Shelby Rasmussen; Director at Large Tracey Bolich; Jacey Fortier, Ladies Breakaway Roping Director; Executive Committee Director Kortney Diegel

NRA/NWRA Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held Tuesday, March 16, 2021 were distributed. A motion was made to approve as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

NRA/NWRA Financial report was distributed. A motion was made to approve the finances for audit. The motion was seconded and passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Awards Program:** Theresa Sorlie briefed the NRA/NWRA Board on the 2021 awards program.

**NRA/NWRA Finals:** Joe Warner briefed the NRA/NWRA Board on the 2021 Finals. The NRA Finals Payout Increase Initiative was discussed. Discussion was held regarding communicating better with members, advertising ads on website and social media, getting our directors more involved, and making this a mandatory program for Finals contestants. Theresa Sorlie will bring a plan to move forward in the 2022 season to the winter board of directors meeting.

**Judges Program:** Travis Sigman informed the NRA/NWRA Board that the NRA is holding a Judging Clinic during the Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo in January. Travis also informed the NRA/NWRA Board that the 2021 Judges evaluation return was poor. Discussion was held to send evaluation forms to the rodeo secretary and directors could

complete at each rodeo. Discussion was also held regarding rotating judges at the NRA Finals. It was suggested that Finals contestants would vote on top 2 judges at the Finals and the bottom 2 vote getters would not be eligible to judge the following year or two. Discussion was held regarding having stock contractors & directors vote for NRA Finals Judges. Travis Sigman will work on rule amendments and bring them to the winter board of directors meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to amend NRA/NWRA Rule M.1.3.1 All local entries will be taken through Central Entry. Local entry contestant must give Central Entry a current address that is within the local entry area. Local entry contestant must sign a local release form and pay entry fees to rodeo secretary before they compete, or they will be assessed a \$100.00 fine plus fees. All local entry winnings will be mailed from the NRA Office when sufficient proof of residency is received. The NRA will accept the following as proof of residency: drivers license, voter ID card, utility bill or bank statement. Motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to amend the following rules:

NRA Rule A.5.16 / NWRA A.5.15 A contestant is allowed a total of two (2) releases in a rodeo year. Additional releases beyond two (2) will result with a \$150 fine and you are ineligible to compete until the fine is paid. There will be a five (5) day waiting period, from the day of the rodeo before a contestant can compete in the next rodeo. The waiting period begins at the first performance the release is used.

NRA Rule A.5.16.1 A \$10 processing fee will be charged for each rodeo that a release is used by a contestant. In the team roping both partners shall be assessed the \$10 processing fee.

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NRA Rule A.5.17 A release in the team roping can cover both partners. The partner not covered by the release has the option to find a partner for that rodeo, or be covered by the other's release.

NWRA Rule A.5.14 Turn-outs and releases are not figured into the payoff unless fees were collected at the rodeo. Motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to amend NWRA Rule R.16.10 The following shall be used in smaller arenas: a. The scoreline should be 30 to 45 feet away from the fence. b. Barrels 1 & 2 must be 18 feet from the sides of the arena. c. Barrel 3 must be 30 feet from the back of the arena, but may not be over 105 feet between barrel 1 and 3, or 2 and 3. Ninety feet between barrels 1 and 2 is the farthest they may be apart. Motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to amend the following rules:

NRA Rule R.10.4 Contestant must adjust rope and reins in a manner that will prevent horse from dragging animal. Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside. If horse drags animal at least five feet, field judge may stop horse. If horse drags animal unintentionally five feet but less than ten feet a \$25 fine may be assessed, if horse drags animal more than ten feet a \$50 fine will be assessed. Contestant that touches rope or jerkline before mounting horse or makes horse intentional drag animal will be disqualified and fined \$75.

NRA Rule H.1.3 In the Tie-Down Roping event, a neck rope or similar device must be used. Contestants must adjust rope and reins in such a manner that will prevent horse from dragging animal. If horse drags animal, field judge may stop horse and assess penalty for such offense. The rope is to be removed from the animal's body as soon as possible after "tie" is inspected. Animals in the Tie-down Roping shall weigh at least 150 pounds each, and be strong and healthy. If a contestant touches the rope or jerkline before mounting his horse, he will be disqualified and fined \$75. Motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to add NRA Rule A.4.12 / NWRA Rule A.4.10 In the case where contestants enter a selected 'preference or draw out' and are drawn out, they may re-enter for either their selected preference if it is not filled or any unfilled positions. Priority will be given on a random draw. Re-entries date and time will be published on the website. Draw outs may also be used to replace TO and release up to notified turn out deadline. Motion was seconded and passed.

Joe Warner let the Boards know that we are in need of a Ladies Barrel Racing Director & Junior Director.

JR Winter addressed the Board regarding equal added money in the Team Roping. JR will discuss this at the Committee Meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.