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Full Board Call – April 2, 2019

Members on the Call:

Mark Massey, Sam Stoddard, Paul Bottini, Brant Bamberg, Fred Matthews, Kelly Schauf, Tess Mortenson, Chris Strickland, Sam Smith, Carmen Denison, Billy Nelson, Kevin Hollingsworth, Jodi Stoddard, Allen Good, Jimmy Lovelady, Galen Shumaker

Members not on the Call:

Randy Hebert, Wyatt Christian, Jason Grubb, Saige Sagers, Dusty Sagers

Others on the Call:

Annie Walter – Executive Director, Ginger Myers – Brand Director

The meeting was called to order.

Galen Shumaker made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2019 meeting held in Oklahoma. Billy Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion of the dates for where to have the finals dates for the 2021 and beyond. Options include moving back to the end of July after the National High School Finals, or staying with the current corresponding dates, or starting in the middle of one week and ending in the middle of the following week. Considerations for time off for people who work as it could affect taking off 2 weeks and school starting at the beginning of August in some states and how it would affect the association, as well as the numbers at the finals were discussed. Another option brought up was to go the week after the current corresponding week which is the same dates as the IFYR.

Kevin Hollingsworth made a motion that NLBRA continue working close to the dates that they are currently using which are at the beginning of July with the possibility of moving into the next week. Sam Smith seconded. Motion passed. Carmen Denison, Jodi Stoddard, Brant Bamberg, Jimmy Lovelady, and Paul Bottini opposed.

Annie Walter will communicate with the Lazy E to give them the information so that they can make a proposal back to NLBRA for those dates.

Sam Smith shared the recommendations for Royalty judges for the

Emma Jumper – Oklahoma

Gayle Plackemeier – Texas

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Tisa Carter - Arkansas

Kevin Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the recommendation. Chris Strickland seconded. Motion passed.

Annie shared information that she was able to find in the office in the Rulebook regarding the mailbox for the Trail Course. Fred Matthews clarified that the Association has been following the rules that they are currently using since 2015. Currently a No Time is the ruling for not completing the process for closing the mailbox. If people wish to make a change, a rule change proposal will need to be made by this fall as is appropriate.

Sam Stoddard brought up the Executive Director contract. He clarified his discussion with an attorney for the Board. Sam stated that the Board is to give direction and oversight to the employees. Sam clarified that the Executive Director is the representative of the organization.

Allen Good made a motion to accept the contract as written. Brant Bamberg seconded. Motion was approved. Billy Nelson brought up that he spoke with Sam and asked that the language "in the event of" would be written into the contract and that Sam agreed. Sam stated that the Board could put that language in. Carmen Denison brought up that 2 lawyers from the same company wrote up the contract and that the language of the 2 contracts contradict with each other in responsibilities. Sam Stoddard brought up that the Executive Director needs to know every facet of the organization and needs to have oversight over all the entire organization.

Galen Shumaker asked Sam Stoddard to set the policy that the Executive Director will not interfere in the sponsorship and will allow the Brand Director to continue to be the contact and will oversee that part of the business.

Galen Shumaker made a motion to adjust the policy, under the contract, under 3 a. (v)

"In the event, a Brand Director is not contracted, the following duties will become the responsibility of the Executive Director. Negotiate and execute contracts as necessary, provide for monitoring of services under contracts and services provided by the Company, and to generally assure substantial compliance with contractual obligations. This would only happen if there was not a Brand Director working for the association. Billy Nelson seconded. Motion passed. Brant Bamberg and Kelly Schauf opposed.

Sam Stoddard stated that the attorney he spoke with recommended that the NLBRA Brand Director position not be made a permanent position in the rule book.

Galen Shumaker shared information about transformers and plans for the black camping lot. Annie Walter has sent an email inquiring for information. Efforts will be made to do away with the rental expense and get more permanent options.

Galen Shumaker made a motion to adjourn. Carmen Denison seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi Stoddard
NLBRA Board Secretary