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NLBRA Board Call – May 26, 2020

Board Members on the call –

Jason Grubb, Mark Massey, Brant Bamberg, Jodi Stoddard, Fred Matthews, Tim Rice, Randy Hebert, Billy Nelson, Galen Shumaker, Jerald Bierman, John Stewart, Kevin Hollingsworth, Chris Strickland, Brooklyn Blakeney, Sam Smith, Sam Stoddard.

Employees on the call –

Annie Walter, Shawnee Sagers

Mr. Galen Shumaker called the meeting to order.

Kevin Hollingsworth, Jerald Bierman, Sam Stoddard, Brant Bamberg have reallocated where events for the finals will be held so that there will be more room inside and there will be several events outside.

The outdoor arena will have Steer Wrestling, Little Wrangler, Jr. and Sr. poles, Jr. and Sr. team roping, Little Wrangler and Jr. flags and Jr. and Sr. trail course will be moved to the outside arena. 10 events

There will be fans set up at the outdoor arena to attempt to keep personnel more comfortable.

The rough stock arena will have Jr. and Sr. bareback, Jr. and Sr. saddle broncs, Little Wrangler, Jr. and Sr. barrels, Jr. and Sr. bulls, Little Wrangler and Jr. Boy goats. 11 events

The track will have breakaways, tie down, ribbon roping, junior and senior goats. 8 events

The dimensions of the Rough Stock and Track Arenas will stay basically the same. They will just be arranged to accommodate for distancing.

There will be no changes for the short round. The decisions have been made to accommodate for social distancing. There will have to be guidelines and expectations for contestants to leave the arena as soon as they are done competing.

Dan Wall is reaching out to the Oklahoma governors office to check on a letter that NLBRA is to receive to welcome the NLBRA Finals to Oklahoma and the Lazy E.

Annie Walter has been in contact with people regarding guidelines and direction that NLBRA will need to follow. There will be guidelines shared out after June 1. Annie shared that in her communications with the Lazy E, that there is more cleaning and sanitizing going on more regularly to stay in compliance with CDC guidelines.

Annie Walter gave a bid for a tent to be placed outside the Lazy E for contestants to wait, as contestants will be held up outside until it is time for their event. Different ideas were discussed as to the best way to regulate and limit the contestants going in until they are ready to compete.

Discussion of the number of radios needed for the event. It was decided to increase the amount to 30 radios to run the event.

A question was asked about the number of entries that are currently entered for the NLBRA finals. There were also questions about sponsor and vendor money and the amounts that have come in and if all vendor space is being utilized. Currently there is a waiting list for vendors on the indoor space. Annie Walter shared specific information about sponsor communications and the money currently collected.

There were also questions asked about if NLBRA would lose deposits, if the state of Oklahoma would choose to not allow the NLBRA to have their finals.

Tim Rice spoke about the volunteers. Annie Walter sent out an email from the National Office to the franchises. It is hoped that there are 3-4 volunteers from each franchise to commit to assist with each event. He asked the arena directors to let him know what needs for their arenas are needed so a schedule can be set up.


Mark Massey brought up that there will be a different neck rope utilized this year at the finals for the breakaway. Discussion was held as to how many ropers to go before it would need to be replaced as eventually it will wear out. Also, if the same person would be running the neck rope for every contestant for all events. It was clarified that this change would not be a conflict in the rule book. Annie Walter will get in contact with Chris Neal and get more information as to his experience with it this past weekend and share the information back out to the board. It was suggested that there be extra neck ropes on hand during the finals to keep the roping consistently.

Kevin Hollingsworth made a motion to adjourn.

Mark Massey asked if there was going to be a vote regarding whether NLBRA would have the finals. Discussion was held as to if a vote was needed unless the plan was to not have finals.

The motion to adjourn was seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Stoddard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodi Stoddard
NLBRA Executive Board Secretary