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NLBRA Executive Call

On the Call: Annie Walter-Executive Director, Galen Shumaker, Jason Grubb, John Stewart, Paul Bottini, Tim Rice, Kevin Hollingsworth, Mark Massey, Sam Stoddard, Jerald Bierman, Kerbi Bowden, Danny Cerezo, Chris Strickland, Brad Nuckles, Jodi Stoddard

Galen called the meeting to order. The scholarship committee received \$24,350.00 request to pay for August. Jerald made a motion to pay the scholarships. Sam Stoddard 2nd, all were in favor and none were opposed. Motion Carries.

Discussion of qualifications and the number of contestants at finals was discussed. Multiple options of adjusting qualifications were suggested.

- Tim suggested that to limit qualification by adding a third level which would be to have a minimum of 200, 225, 250 points in addition to placing 5 times in the top 7.
- Sam Stoddard suggested that we limit the number in each event. Example would be we take the top 125 in each event and include ties. He also mentioned that we look at that number maybe it is 125, 150, or 175 but look at those options. He suggests that we will never be able to get an exact number this will just be a starting point and then adjust from year to year.
- Galen asked what everyone's opinion would be of changing the time limits and if anyone thought this would help? Discussion was had.
- The option was suggested that we look at the last chance qualifiers however Mark mentioned that SD, Colorado, Oklahoma, use those dates because their seasons are shorter than some that run in barns. Kevin added that those aging up need the fall and winter to improve.
- Mark mentioned if we don't offer camp and stalls to accommodate them and let who ever qualifies still come but Chris mentioned that since we let them pre reserve their camp spots the new ones will never get on grounds. He suggested if we did that then the top qualifiers should get offered camping and stalls first.
- Kevin wants everyone to think about increasing competitor points to equal it out so those who compete at large franchises have the same opportunity as those who are at the smaller ones. His suggestion is that we are getting away from having a final's letting all that want to come.
- John brought up discussion of changing it from 5 in the top 7 to 7 places in the top 5 to keep it simple.

After a very long discussion Galen asked that everyone take a few days think about the options that have been discussed keeping in mind we need to think about the general membership and that about 1200 contestants is a very good number for the finals then we will have a follow up call in a couple days to continue the discussion.

A franchise has requested that they be allowed a Tee shirt fundraiser and have the contestants purchase a franchise tee shirt and wear during the rodeo to be used to raise funds for the year end awards. Some discussion was had and Chris made a motion that franchises will be allowed to wear a Tee Shirt one rodeo per year to be used as a fundraiser but the event must be pre-approved by the national office prior to having the rodeo. John Second the motion and all were in favor.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn and John 2nd. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Kerbi Bowden 2021-2022 NLBRA Secretary

Signed by: *Annie Walter*
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