January 17, 2018   Full Board Call

Members on the call:
Brant Bamberg
Stacey Seifert
Fred Matthews
Dusty Sagers
Paul Bottini
Kash Cattoor
Sam Smith
Jason Grubb
Kevin Hollingsworth
Randy Hebert
Carmen Denison
Mark Massey
Kaigen Lamar
Allen Good
Sam Stoddard
Galen Shumaker
Jodi Stoddard

Members not on the call:
Terry Kennedy
Jimmy Lovelady
Rocky Southway
Jake Joeckel

Annie Walter
Ginger Myers

Discussion of scheduling for the 2018 NLBRA Finals. Brant Bamberg shared the schedule for the finals. They are to start Tuesday, July 10th and complete with the short round Sunday, July 15th. There will 2 performances a day on Tuesday-Saturday. In conversations with the Executive Director for the National High School Finals, they have agreed for a late check in for the High School Finals for anyone who qualifies to the NLBRA Finals short round. There is a possibility of working with the IFYR to adjust schedules to attempt to work with kids who would want to enter both finals. With comparisons of last years short round to the short round to the HS finals, 2.5% of NLBRA contestants at the finals made the short round and then drew up in the first performance of the NHSRA Finals in 2017.
Check In is on Sunday-Monday and then the rodeo will start on Tuesday.

Carmen Denison shared that the people from her area liked the finals and that was the feedback that she had received.

Ginger Myers shared that with technology she thought that we were further ahead with getting notices out to parents and contestants in regards to schedules.

Randy Hebert expressed concerns with making kids choose between HS and LB finals.

Kevin Hollingsworth expressed that he was against the slack option that was done a couple of years ago. It is a great hardship for families with multiple kids and multiple horses. He has received feedback that people will not come back if the setup is made into a slack situation.

Dusty Sagers asked why people feel that HS has a better finals than LB does?? NLBRA gives out a lot of scholarships, buckles, and other awards and prizes.

Ginger Myers shared that sponsors spoke to her and Annie at WESA and encouraged NLBRA to try to work together to come up with ways to allow kids to be able to enter and compete in NLBRA, IFYR, and NHSRA Finals.

Mark Massey talked about how people are going to have to make choices on where they will compete.

Kaigen Lamar shared that the slack was exhausting for her personally and thought that it was hard on her horses trying to have them ready at the right time and hard if a horse was ridden by more than one person.

Kash Cattoor said that the slack option did not bother him too much. He said that the idea of commuting back and forth was not something that many kids wanted to do. He expressed that the IFYR has more money up to win.

IFYR has indicated in talks that they will try to work with NLBRA to allow kids to rodeo in both events.

Allen Good spoke with James Higgenbothem recently regarding a late check in. There are no guarantees with that or that a contestant will not draw up in the first performance of the NHSRA.

Annie Walter spoke and said that she learned from the Office that NHSRA has shared the people who made their short round so NLBRA could accommodate for late check ins.

Galen Shumaker expressed that NLBRA has worked as hard as possible to appease everyone. Dates have been adjusted and we cannot get out it them.

Sam Stoddard shared that we need to start trying to make plans for next year and seeing if we could make the situation more accommodating to families and contestants in the future. It is possible to find some common ground to try to make it work for all. Both sides will need to make concessions.

Mark Massey made a motion to go into Executive Session. Stacey Seifert seconded. Sam Stoddard explained the expectations of Executive Session. The Board went into Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session.

Kevin Hollingsworth made a motion to adjourn. Brant Bamberg seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Stoddard
NLBRA Executive Board Secretary