

Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association

2019 Annual General Meeting

October 26, 2019

Provincial Ex Offices – Multi Purpose Room

- Only MRCA Members in good standing are allowed to vote
- MRCA Rodeo committees are allowed one vote per committee

Meeting called to order at 10:35am by President Mark Fraser. M. Fraser welcomed everyone to the 2019 MRCA Annual General Meeting

**Adopt 2018 MRCA AGM Minutes** – E. Park read minutes from 2018 AGM. No errors or omissions.

**MOTION:** E. Park made motion to accept 2018 MRCA AGM minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alistair Hagan. CARRIED

**2018 MRCA Financial Overview Report** – E. Park reviewed a financial overview – this was not a complete report since the books do not close until December 31. Question arising from Financial Overview

- a) What is the MCE System – The MCE system is the Manitoba Central Entry System that is powered by Rodeo Management System, this costs an annual fee of \$200 and \$200 per rodeo set up.
- b) There was a discussion regarding the Finals Fee that was put into the rules at the 2018 AGM. There was \$10,620 collected. Discussion was both for and against fee, most complaints from families who are having to pay the fee on each entry at each rodeo, small amount of membership who actually receive monies back from fee (obviously only those who qualify for finals). This will be a topic to discuss moving forward for the 2020 MRCA Board of Directors

**MOTION:** E. Park made motion to accept the 2019 Financial Overview as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe King. CARRIED

**2019 Season Review**

Mark Fraser gave brief season review; MRCA had lost 2 rodeos, entries were down overall – but even with the challenges we faced, our membership remained stable at 249 members, and our committees remain strong with well put on rodeos in Manitoba. Our relationship with the Provincial Ex remains strong, and we have resigned a 3 year contract to continue partnering with Manitoba AG Ex to host our Finals.

**Motions:** There were no motions submitted.

**2020 MRCA Board Elections**

**Vice President:** Justin Miller filled remaining year term last year. Mark Fraser called for nominations for Vice President.

**NOMINATIONS:**

Avery Brigden nominated Justin Miller. Justin accepted.

Mark Fraser called for nominations to close.

Justin Miller is Vice President by acclamation

**Event Directors:**

**Barrel Racing** – Laura Stokes stepped into remaining year term last year. Mark Fraser called for nominations for Barrel Racing Director.

**NOMINATIONS:**

Alistair Hagan nominated Laura Stokes. Laura Stokes accepted.

Mike Leepart nominated Kylie Gompf. Kylie Gompf declined

Mark Fraser called for nominations to close.

Laura Stokes is Barrel Racing Director by acclamation

**Contractor Rep** – Kelly Oremba’s term is up, he has expressed his wish to remain as Contractor Rep. Kelly Oremba will remain as Contractor Rep

**Rough Stock Director** – This position has been vacant. Mark Fraser called for nominations for Rough Stock Director.

**NOMINATIONS:**

Dan Tober nominated Tyler Fitzpatrick. Tyler Fitzpatrick accepted.

Chase Switzer nominated Tyler Winters. Tyler Winters accepted.

Mark Fraser called for nominations to close.

Both nominees were asked to leave room so a vote could be held

Tyler Fitzpatrick 27 Tyler Winters 29

Tyler Winters is now Rough Stock Director

**Minor/Optional Events Director** – Mark Fraser called for nominations for Minor Optional Events Director.

**NOMINATIONS:**

Tyler Winters nominated Kevin Smith. Kevin Smith declined

Joe King nominated Alistair Hagan. Alistair Hagan accepted.

Mark Fraser called for nominations to close.

Alistair Hagan is Minor/Optional Events Director by acclamation

**Committee Representative:** Both committee rep positions have been vacant. Mark Fraser called for nominations for Committee Rep.

**NOMINATIONS:**

Ben Switzer nominated Dan Tober. Dan Tober accepted

Ty Paton nominated Tyler Fitzpatrick. Tyler Fitzpatrick accepted.

Mark Fraser called for nominations to close.

Dan Tober and Tyler Fitzpatrick will be Committee Rep Directors by acclamation.

**Directors At Large:** There are 4 – 1 Yr terms and 3 – 2 Yr terms.

Mark Fraser called for nominations for 3 - 2 Yr Terms:

Alistair Hagan nominated Joe King. Joe King accepted

Megan Edwards nominated Kylie Gompf. Kylie Gompf accepted.

Ben Switzer nominated Ty Paton. Ty Paton accepted.

Mark Fraser called for nominations for 4 - 1 yr terms:

Dan Tober nominated Leighton Schroeder. Leighton Schroeder accepted

Justin Miller nominated Shane Brown. Shane Brown accepted.

Laura Stokes nominated Avery Brigden. Avery Brigden declined

Justin Miller nominated Kevin Dunham. Kevin Dunham accepted

Justin Miller nominated Justin Bridgeman. Justin Bridgeman declined.

Shane Brown nominated Chad Stiles. Chad Stiles declined.

Justin Miller nominated Kevin Smith. Kevin Smith declined.

Mark Fraser called for nominations to close. Remaining 1 yr term may be filled at later date.

### Topics of Discussion

- **Ladies Breakaway Roping** – Discussion surrounding including LBA as a MAJOR event in our approvals. To move forward with this event, the MRCA will need to commit to including it at MFR. Discussion with committees and stock contractors also needs to happen to discuss potential costs. A set of rules must be adopted.  
Moving forward, the MRCA Board will discuss promoting this event as a minor/optional event will all the details surrounding it get hammered out.
- **Rough Stock Partnership with HRA** – On behalf of the Heartland Rodeo Association, Vice President David Dyck discussed opening up the discussions of trying to increase attendance in roughstock events for both associations. He also mentioned the possibility of dual approving rodeos. The HRA has lots to offer in Manitoba for rodeos and they are willing to discuss partnership opportunities.
- **MRCA Lead Rodeo Count** – the 2019 MRCA Board of Directors had discussed instituting a rule that a minimum or percentage of Lead approved rodeos would need to be attended to qualify for MFR. Discussion surrounding the idea behind this – some felt it would hinder membership and the amount of contestants entering rodeos, some agreed with trying to ensure our lead rodeos have members entering
- **Pro Card Holders in the MRCA** – Justin Miller would like to explore the possibility of allowing pro card holders to attend MRCA rodeos, he suggested that if you were qualifying for a pro finals you would not qualify for our MFR. Would it be the same for roughstock and timed events? Could there just be a ground rule for Rough Stock to allow eligibility? Concerns were voiced about allowing Pro's in and breaking the tier system of maintaining an amateur status. Chinook Rodeo Association also had concerns surrounding that this year.
- **2020 Board of Directors – Direction**  
Mark Fraser wrapped up meeting by providing an outline for the board to move forward with including the following points;  
Look at HRA Relations opportunities;  
Continue discussions surrounding sponsorship opportunities for MFR and our regular season;  
Continue offering open communications with committees and what they need;  
Ensure that above topics that require Motions get worded and presented to the general membership to vote on.

Chad Stiles asked to meet with all barrel racers in attendance before they left the building

Ron Kristjansson asked for nominations to be considered for the Bank of Montreal Farm Families.

Mike Leepart made motion to adjourn meeting at 11:45AM

