

BC Barrel Racers Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7 pm  
Alex Fraser Park, Quesnel, BC

**Meeting called to order:** 7:58pm

**Motion** by Bridget Rosette that this meeting's agenda has been read and approved; seconded by Melynda Neufeld

**Motion** by Bridget Rosette September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 AGM minutes have been read and approved; seconded by Brenda Galbraith

**Motion** by Melisa Sandberg Treasurer's Report has been read and approved; seconded by Shari Mailhot

**President's Report by Bridget Rosette**

**Race producer free membership announcement**

- Unfortunately do not have, will share and post later.
- Greatly appreciate all our Race Producers

**Early bird winner announcement**

- Charlie Paulson; received
- Racheal Jasper; not present
- Victoria Savile; received
- Lannae Boyd; not present
- Taisa Cole; not present

**Friday buckle winner presentation**

- 1D Shayle McLeod
- 2D Jody Gilson
- 3D Candice Camille
- 4D Amanda Stanik
- 5D Nikkita Oakford

**Election of Directors:**

President- Bridget Rosette by acclamation

Vice President- Judy Hyde

Shari Wahl nominated by Karen Yaworski; nomination accepted. **25 votes**

Judy Hyde nominated by Kirstin Gjerde; nominated accepted. **47 votes.**

Treasurer- Melisa Sandberg nominated; by acclamation

Secretary- Tasha Flanagan by acclamation

Race Approval Director- Madelene Doyle by acclamation

Awards Director- Bobbi-Jo Dayman nominated; by acclamation

Sponsorship Director- Karen Yaworski by acclamation

Social Media/Website Director- Shari Wahl by acclamation

Northern Director- Lori Rankin nominated; by acclamation

Okanagan Director- Jordana Watson by acclamation

Coastal and Vancouver Island Director- Carrie Tuplin by acclamation

Central Director- Madelin Pozzobon **AIF Carried**

- Madelin Pozzobon nominated by Dariene Andros; nomination accepted
- Rhonda McLeod nominated by Gina Volansky; nomination decline.

East/West Kootenay Director- Gina Volansky **AIF Carried**

- Gina Volansky nominated by Rhonda McLeod; nomination accepted.

### **Actions**

1. Create a committee to determine BCBRA Board of Director voting process and present at the next AGM

### **Discussions**

- There was a discussion about the Board's role and the bylaw changes, with questions raised on why these changes were being voted on after they had already been implemented.
- Some attendees questioned how the Board had started operating under a new process before the vote took place.
- The president clarified that the Societies Act supersedes bylaws, allowing flexibility in voting processes.
- The focus of the motions was on how voting would take place, not the nomination process. The Board's shift in voting approach was explained as a way to open up participation for all members, especially given that not all 799 members could attend the AGM or Finals in person.
- The Board's reasoning for altering the voting system was to accommodate all members, as not all could attend in person, and there was a large membership.
- Some members suggested online voting, live Facebook feeds, and even returning to mailing out materials to ensure everyone gets the information. Others raised concerns about missed emails or moving away from traditional communication methods.
- Some members expressed frustration with the timing of changes and confusion regarding the process.
- Transparency was emphasized, with the Board noting how they had communicated changes through multiple channels.
- A member expressed frustration about changes to the nomination process, especially after months of discussing it. The Board responded by explaining that all deadlines were clearly stated, and when errors were identified, the information was corrected and redistributed. The Board emphasized that late nominations could not be accepted.
- One member remarked that decisions made at the AGM should reflect the commitment of those who truly care about change and the direction of the organization.
- The Board agreed to complete Director nominations here at the AGM

-Voting took place to determine voting for all positions or just voting on vacant positions.

21 votes for all positions

35 votes for just vacancies

-A member attempted to clarify that the email sent regarding nominations also mentioned vacancies for Awards and Northern Director positions.

-The President confirmed that nominations were received via email during nomination process so the Awards Director and Northern Director were filled.

-Some members questioned who had submitted those nominations and accused the Board of sliding current Directors into those positions

-Director verified that she had multiple friends who were nominating her for the position as well, there is email proof of the nominations, the Board did not sneakily slide people into positions to fill them.

#### **Add Two Directors to the Board Of Directors:**

-With the growing memberships and the larger turn out at the Finals the Board could use some more hands for Finals and decisions made.

#### **AGM Attendance and Voting Process:**

-It was shared that the ABRA is hosting their AGM in person if you'd like to attend via Zoom you can receive a Zoom link, wondering if this is possible for BCBRA to do next year

-A member shared that the process and bylaws would have to be laid out to support the methods of attending and voting. It must be clear and concise for it to work.

-A committee was agreed on to figure out the nomination and voting process for Directors and the AGM

#### **Board of Directors Term Lengths:**

-Discussion on the terms for the Board of Directors and how long the terms should be. It was shared that multiple societies do the altering year nominations for the Director positions; this is to ensure that the experience remains

-A member spoke that they don't put their name forward during nominations because they are shy and quiet and don't want to go against someone who is currently on the board

-Clarification made that if a Director is to step down they could technically nominate for another position it does not mean they cannot run for another position.

-Member having to disagree with a motion because the Vice Presidents Position is technically suppose to work with the President and then move into that roll, so if they can only be on the board for 3 years then that wouldn't work.

-Another member agrees with above statement, as the Treasurer cannot only sit on the board for 3 years that position needs experience and should not be removed from the Board.

#### **Membership Activations:**

-Discussion on memberships being active, member would like the memberships to be active as soon as application received.

-It was explained that the Director in charge of memberships try to get everyone their Membership the next day but sometimes there is error in category or funds, some funds are not sent with the application which means it cannot be active.

-A member shared that as a race producer it is a nightmare because having to look at the membership list to verify members but then if active without the membership being updated could create lots of issues

#### **BCBRA Fees:**

- Discussion that in the past if a member was scratched without a refund the race producer was told to keep the \$3.
- Member and Director think that the \$3 approval fee should still be going to BCBRA for awards for the Finals
- Member shared that Charlie Horse does not show where that fee goes, Director/member verified that there is in the financial section can be shared with race producers if need

#### **Plastic Barrels:**

- Motion regarding option of plastic or metal barrels. Feels should be allowed just so the little jackpots have the option to save limbs and young horses shoulders.

#### **Paying Enough Placements:**

- Discussion on current rule paying down far enough that the last plaid place gets their entry fee back, member feels that if she has a \$1000.00 added and could pay 4 holes or 8 holes of not as much money she'd rather pay more money.
- Directors shared that the BCBRA has always tried to give more back, so the rule makes it even across the board for all BCBRA races
- Director shared that it needs to be across the Board so when you travel to races you know what to expect
- Member recommended that you get paid the whole amount of money your entry fee is not including the arena fee
- Another member shared that when you run two horses you only pay one arena fee so it wouldn't work
- Members recommend that the race producer get to choose, again expressed that the BCBRA needs to be even across the Board
- Voted 32 in favour, 19 opposed
- Realized lost quorum

#### **Horse Sharing Rule**

- Discussion on horse sharing rule brought up. Member wanting to change the part where if you are running two horses you cannot run another, feels that it limits parents and families and people who are new to this.
- Member agrees with Judy Hyde's motion but feels some limits with the categories, asking if Peewees could be exempt.
- Member feels that the motion suggested is still limiting the families
- President wants to go back to the old rule being Family oriented; rodeo contestants use multiple horses in the steer wrestling and other events
- Member shared that unfortunately will not be able to please everyone
- The wellbeing of the horses was the concern when the current rule was brought forward but what about how many runs horses do at a gymkanah
- Another member brought up that there is no way to monitor time onlies and people run them multiple times in a time only and then still run in a race
- If the horse is running the same time in different categories how does that protect the horse, what is the difference if they run the same time in the same category. Same to the horse.
- Several members still don't approve the horse running against itself in the category
- No matter how fast they run our Peewees are still the next generation of barrel racers and we as an association need to treat them good
- Member feels it should be limited to 3 runs a day, Director clarified that it was 4 runs because of double headers.
- Quorum regained

## Motions

-Motion 1. By Hanna McClary to amend Bylaw 2.12:

“The Membership Year begins the day after the Annual BCBRA Finals event and runs through to the completion of the next Annual BCBRA Finals.”

To:

“The Membership Year shall begin the day after the official season cut off date as defined on the BCBRA calendar and shall run through to the end of the next season’s annual BCBRA finals.” Seconded by Talia Stevenson. **AIF Carried**

-Motion 2. By Bridget Rosette to add to bylaws:

“To add two (2) “Director Without Portfolio” seats to the Board of Directors: seconded by Wynne Vaughn. **AIF Carried**

-Motion 3. By Bridget Rosette to amend bylaw 4.1:

“The Association must have no fewer than 5 and no more than 13 Directors or such other number as shall be determined”

To:

“The Association must have no fewer than 5 and no more than 15 Directors or such number as shall be determined.” Seconded by Cordy Cox; **AIF Carried**

-Motion 4. A.) By Bridget Rosette to add to bylaws:

“The Board of Director will be nominated and elected by an online process only, prior to the AGM.” seconded by Melynda Neufeld. **NOT CARRIED**

-Motion 4. B.) By Kirsten Gjerde to add to bylaws:

“All Director nominations must be left open until at least 1 month before the Finals and can only be voted on in person at the AGM. No proxy or online voting is allowed for Board member elections.” seconded by Alexis Leslie. **NOT CARRIED**

-Motion 5 & 6 **Void, due to Motion 4 not being carried.**

-Motion 7. A.) By Judy Hyde to add to bylaws:

“Members can be on the board for a maximum of 3 years and then are required to step down for a year.” seconded by Karleen Serwatkewich. Votes 6 in favour 61 opposed. **NOT Carried**

-Motion 7. B.) By Kyla Krisa to add to bylaws

“A nominated member of the board can only sit on the board for 3 years before needing to step down and allow a new nomination to volunteer. Should no one step forward, the position can be left open for 30 days to be filled.” **Kyla not present, not discussed.**

-Motion 7. C.) By Bridget Rosette to add to bylaws:

“Board of Director positions will be a 2 year term, where the positions will be split and elected alternating years.” seconded by Shari Mailhot **AIF Carried;**

-Motion 8.) By Frances Fox to add to rule book:

"All races must offer minimum 15 minutes of open arena prior to the race starting and after the time onlies if time onlies are prior to the race." **Frances not present, not discussed.**

-Motion 9.) By Hanna McClary to amend rule:

"May take up to 14 days from the date of receiving application by the Membership Director. Qualifications will be counted only from the activation date of the membership."

To:

"A membership is considered active as of the date and time the completed membership form and applicable dues are received by the BCBRA, whether submitted electronically or by mail/postmarked. The BCBRA reserves the right to retract any membership at their discretion, as per the bylaws." seconded by Karleen Serwatkewich. **Motion rescinded**

-Motion 10.) By Melisa Sandberg to add to rulebook:

"Any and all BCBRA approval fees collected by race producers must be sent to the BCBRA, even if a member at their race has scratched without a refund." seconded by Colleen Duggan **AIF Carried**

-Motion 11.) By Judy Hyde to add to rulebook:

"Plastic or metal barrels may be used at any jackpot with \$500 or less added money." seconded by Caitlyn Way.

Motion amended to:

"45 gallon plastic or metal barrels may be used at any jackpot with \$500 or less added money" **AIF Carried**

Motion 18. A.) By Bobby Denner to amend rule:

"A horse may only be entered a maximum of one contestant in the Open and/or Senior category on a race day. The same horse may only be entered by a maximum of two contestants in the Junior and/or Peewee category on the same race day. A horse cannot exceed four runs in the given day. Riders may not enter on the same horse if also riding a second horse (Lead line is exempt). "

To:

"If a member is concerned for horses wellbeing due to being ran too many times in a day, it will be brought to the Board of Directors for assessment of the situation (What division is the horse running in, does the horse have a rest in between, are they walking, trotting or running etc.)" **Bobby not present, not discussed.**

Motion 18. B.) By Kelsey Schwing to amend rule:

"A horse may only be entered a maximum of one contestant in the Open and/or Senior category on a race day. The same horse may only be entered by a maximum of two contestants in the Junior and/or Peewee category on the same race day. A horse cannot exceed four runs in the given day. Riders may not enter on the same horse if also riding a second horse (Lead line is exempt). "

To:

"A horse may only be entered a maximum of one contestant in the Open and/or Senior category on a race day. The same horse may only be entered by a maximum of two contestants in the Junior and/or Peewee category on the same race day. A horse cannot exceed four runs in the given day." Seconded by Talia Stevenson. **Motion rescinded**

Motion 18. C.) By Cassie Snell to amend rule:

"A horse may only be entered a maximum of one contestant in the Open and/or Senior category on a race day. The same horse may only be entered by a maximum of two contestants in the Junior and/or Peewee category on the same race day. A horse cannot exceed four runs in the given day. Riders may not enter on the same horse if also riding a second horse (Lead line is exempt). "

To:

"A horse may only be entered by a maximum of one contestant in the Open and/or Senior category on the same race day. Riders may share a horse across categories (e.g., Peewee, Open, Senior), provided the total number of runs for that horse does not exceed four on the same race day. Lead line entries are exempt from these restrictions." **Motion rescinded**

Motion 18. D.) By Judy Hyde to amend rule:

"A horse may only be entered a maximum of one contestant in the Open and/or Senior category on a race day. The same horse may only be entered by a maximum of two contestants in the Junior and/or Peewee category on the same race day. A horse cannot exceed four runs in the given day. Riders may not enter on the same horse if also riding a second horse (Lead line is exempt). "

To:

"A horse cannot compete against itself in any category." seconded by Lyla Myers

Motion amended to:

"A horse cannot compete against itself in any category (Peewee and Leadline exempt)." **Votes 59**  
**Motion Carried.**

Motion 18. By Melisa Sandberg to amend rule:

"A horse may only be entered a maximum of one contestant in the Open and/or Senior category on a race day. The same horse may only be entered by a maximum of two contestants in the Junior and/or Peewee category on the same race day. A horse cannot exceed four runs in the given day. Riders may not enter on the same horse if also riding a second horse (Lead line is exempt). "

To:

"A horse may run a maximum 4 times per day, with a maximum 2 runs per race in any given category (Lead line exempt)." seconded by Lori Rankin. **Votes 14; Not Carried.**

**Tabled to next meeting**

**Motion by Lori Rankin**

**To amend rule:**

"Last place money in the last division is to pay down to no less than the entry fee; if 5 riders or less payment may be less"

**To:**

"Must pay down to as many places as possible in order for the last place money to pay no less than their entry fee, if 5 riders or less payment may be less."

**Motion by Judy Hyde**

**To add to bylaws:**

"The Sponsorship Director's duties include actively looking for sponsors."

**Motion by Courtney Mailhot**

**To add to rulebook:**

“Junior and Senior members are responsible for bringing in sponsorship money for the 1D trophy saddle in their category prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. If sponsorship isn’t acquired by June 1<sup>st</sup> by the members the 1D Champion award for Junior’s and Senior’s for that Finals year will revert to a buckle instead of a saddle.”

**Motion by Frances Fox**

**To add to rulebook:**

“When the race is a pre-entered event with an entries closed date, the producer must post the draw 24 hours prior to start time. Cash entered races (show up and enter) are exempt.”

**Motion by Judy Hyde**

**To amend Gold Card rule:**

“A written request of recognition is to be delivered to the Board and can be delivered by any member in good standing.

To be recognized must have:

10 years of consecutive membership

Have given outstanding service to the Association”

**To:**

“Gold Card- A full carded member who is in good standing, who has paid their membership fees for a period of 20 years, not necessarily consecutive, and is 55 years of age or older, shall be granted a life membership in the association.

Members meeting gold card criteria must apply to the association in writing for such a membership.

**Motion by Frances Fox**

**To amend rule:**

“RACES CAN ONLY BE CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.”

**To:**

“Races can only be cancelled due to the ground or weather conditions not due to the lack of entries.”

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 pm**