

Report of the Contestant Liaison Committee To the 25th Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, November 14, 2009
Toronto, Ontario Canada

The Contestant Liaison Committee met on Friday November 13, 2009 from 10:45AM to 12:00PM. A total of 11 persons attended the meeting, 9 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

Proposal CL-01

The committee reviewed and passed unanimously proposal CL-01, as attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

The intent of this proposal is to ensure the IGRA Contestant Liaison, or their designate, would attend the new contestant meeting at each of the IGRA sanctioned rodeos. This is to assist the new competitors in what they need to know, and is a venue for them to ask questions and request support if required.

This proposal was sent to Rodeo Rules Committee for review and incorporation. Under the Rodeo Rules Committee CL-01 became RR-C43 and will be brought to the floor for review and approval under the Rodeo Rules Committee.

Overview of the Business Conducted

Briefly the committee review the role of the Contestant Liaison, what they do and who they can be, especially at the local association level.

Over the past year it was shown that having a Contestant Liaison representative made available both at the new contestant meeting and throughout the weekend can be valuable in solving issues before they became problems.

In addition to assisting with the “soft” issues, the committee reviewed the “tangible” resources to the contestants as well. While existing resources were reviewed, it was identified that additional resources could be developed that could assist competitors.

Brian Helander presented a demonstration of the new on-line rodeo information card system. While not complete, the system drew a very positive reaction from the committee.

Recommendations

- Remind all association of the importance of water and food being available for the competitors at all times
- Emphasize communication between officials and contestants.
- With a Contestant Liaison person present, use them as a resource not only for the new contestant meeting, but thought the weekend.
- Encourage associations to develop their own local Contestant Liaison resource.

I would sincerely like to thank the members of this committee for their input and support now and thought the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Somers
IGRA Contestant Liaison Chairman