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Hello Everyone,

Well, we have just completed the Annual General Meeting for 2006 in Calgary last weekend. There was good attendance for the meeting and ample opportunity for all to address their concerns of where we are and where we are going.

The Board met with the auditors first thing and then we went on to meet with the contestants. Those meetings pretty much took up the bulk of the morning and then a break and on to the AGM.

We will take time to meet with committees in 2007.

On the financials we are OK but the obvious is that there is a situation around the draw down of the "Restricted Funds". This is of concern to the members and in particular your Board. I can assure you the circumstances will

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be addressed and sorted as soon as possible.

There were also issues around the by-law changes and a clear understanding of what was trying to be accomplished was not clearly presented. As a result some of the changes have been tabled and will be brought back in 2007.

Again my apologies to those that were in attendance at the AGM for the confusion around these issues I will not let this happen again; blame your President.

The two topics that appeared to be of the most concern where: 1) the new joint sanctioning agreement with the PRCA, and 2) the proposal around the event Team Roping.

For those of you that do not know the details around the new agreement here are the highlights. The contract will be a 3-year deal. To qualify for the opportunity to be at the Canadian Finals Rodeo there is the possibility that 5 non-Canadian residents can come from the CPRA standings. There is also the possibility that 2 non-Canadian residents positions could come from the CPRA Tour. In addition there is a 15 minimum rodeo qualification for the both resident and non-Canadian resident contestants. Along with all of the above there is a requirement for joint sanctioned rodeos to use a stock contractor that carries both a card from the CPRA and the PRCA.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the agreement is not great for either side I might add. I can assure you there was a lot more on the table

and we came away to where we are today. The three-year deal is just long enough for both parties to recognize the good and the bad of the deal. I do believe however that it is workable and it is needed.

The fees paid to the CPRA from committees that are joint sanctioned are under review and they will be reduced for the 2007 season. I am hoping this will help those committees that have chosen to continue with joint sanctioning.

On the discussions around Team Roping these are on going and when the new Board is in place a decision will be made on the event. It became very obvious to me that the members have very different positions on the event. If an agreement can ever be put in place it will hopefully be one that will sort all the concerns around bringing the event to the Major status.

In the area of the new Board remember the ballots for the nominees are about to be mailed to you. I urge all of you to take advantage of your opportunity to cast a ballot so please be sure you do.

Also folks, Denny Hay made a ground breaking suggestion around the handling of "Turn Outs" at our rodeos. More details will be coming very soon! Thank you Denny.

I am happy to report to you brand new rodeos are coming to you and the CPRA for 2007! A presentation by Ponoka was made at the AGM and it was extremely well received by those that were in attendance. It is gutsy, innovative and timely. Congrats to Blair Vold and all his

committee for their forward thinking in producing an even stronger professional rodeo; well done!

In addition Jack Daines also made another great presentation around another brand new rodeo. It too was well received by the meeting and it is exciting. More details around both these rodeos and the other new ones will be coming.

I promise too that even better communications to the committees will be forthcoming in 2007. We had some bumps in 2006 but 2007 will be a year of significance for Pro Rodeo Canada.

I leave you on the positive. Call me anytime. See you down the road.

Adios, Dale
