



Letter from the President

of their location there may be issues and we were concerned. I was invited to the production meeting for the first performance and I was truly impressed. The committee was extremely well prepared and organized and they had a plan in place. It was a proactive approach and they were ready. A tip of the hat for a job really well done; OUTSTANDING! It's a great rodeo with great people who have real pride in what they do. With all of that I am convinced you will hear a little more about Abbotsford in the future.

I know many of you are concerned about the staffing issues in the office. I want to assure all of you that the issues have been addressed and sorted. The positions that have become vacant have been filled. Dianna Arndt has filled Ruth's position in Accounts Receivable. The Rodeo Payoff and Standings position will be filled by Lori Weidenfeld who will start after the September long weekend. I want to welcome both Dianna and Lori to the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association.

I would like to thank the office staff for chipping in and "getting the job done" through these vacancies, it hasn't been easy and their dedication to this association is appreciated very much.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank both Maureen Russell and Ruth McCluskey for all their years of service to the CPRA. These ladies worked extremely hard for the association and it was through their hard work and dedication that we got through bumps in the road. On behalf of all of you and myself; thank you so much ladies.

At the last meeting of the Board in August the Cloverdale Rodeo made a presentation to the CPRA as to what was their plan for the 2008. Bob Matwiv and Jamie Rogers represented Cloverdale. The presentation was

well prepared and well communicated. Every question that the Board asked was answered with the information Cloverdale had at that time.

As most of you know Cloverdale was seeking sanctioning under the "Special Event Status". Their rodeo for 2008 would have included the rough stock events and the barrels only. After a great deal of discussion Cloverdale's request for sanctioning under the special event status was declined by the Board.

The CPRA and Cloverdale have had a long history and a good working relationship. My hope is that someday somehow that former affiliation can be reinstated.

I have to tell you all that from my perspective and the calls that I have received the last couple of weeks has reassured me that people are still interested in the CPRA and what we represent. These phone calls suggest that in spite of some hurdles we will have new opportunities in the future. We will be pursuing those opportunities and hopefully they will become reality.

In closing folks I want to once again remind you all of what I am trying to do with the newsletter. The communication presents me with a chance to tell you what is going on. It is a communication vehicle that I believe is necessary and warranted. You may not like all the information that is sent your way but I believe you would like less the alternative. That would alternative would be no information at all.

I am not a "Smoke and Mirror" type of individual and I want that to be the understanding of the association. We live in a very different world and transparency is a must and that is exactly what I intend to do.

That is it for now. See you all down the road.

Adios,

Dale

Hello Everyone,

Well the summer is drawing to an end and for the most part it has been a good summer for Pro Rodeo Canada. We are alive and well and hopefully we will continue to do the same as the fall approaches.

I am happy to advise you that an Advisory Committee is in the process of being established and more details around the committee will be coming shortly. Dr. Gary Harbin of Ponoka will chair the committee. The process for participants selected to this committee is underway and should be formalized soon. In addition the "Terms of Reference" for the committee will reflect a very real and needed contribution to our association.

Jim and I attended this years running of the Abbotsford Rodeo. For myself this was the first time I had visited the stop and I was sure glad I did. We felt that because