Re-Elect Montana Circuit Director

Dillon McPherson





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HANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE as your Circuit Director for the last six years. I ask for your vote in the upcoming election. The reason I seek re-election, quite simply, is because I love rodeo and barrel racing and want to help make it better.

I have a proven track record of voting against the majority of the Board on issues the members feel strongly about. For example, following open meetings laws and publishing how each director voted is something I have voted in favor of multiple times since I have been director, unfortunately I have always been in the minority.

Safe, consistent ground has been and always will be a priority to me as your director, which is why I came up with the idea three years ago that evolved into the WPRA's Ground Improvement Program that offers grants to rodeo committees to have their dirt and water tested and analyzed with Safe Arena Footing. As well as, sending informational newsletters to rodeo committees that provide advice from experts on ground preparation, implements and the different types of ground. I have and will continue to work with committees, stock contractors, and judges, as well as any other avenues necessary to help improve the ground at our circuit rodeos. While it has not always resulted in the best ground every year—there are so many factors that we don't have control over that affect ground, and what worked great one year, may not work the next—we learn and use that knowledge to improve the following year. Also, trying to coordinate slacks for rodeos on the same weekend, so you can make every rodeo is another priority on the circuit level.

On the national level my priorities include pushing for more member communication and input, tailoring the Equine Medications Policy to fit our sport and what is best for our horses; I would like all limited entry rodeos to have qualifiers; financial responsibility; and working to continue to strengthen our relationship with the PRCA.

In addition to the Ground Improvement Program, here are a few highlights of what I was instrumental in accomplishing:

- "Out if slack" entry option
- PESI payouts at rodeos in each circuit
- Saving the Association thousands of dollars by making smarter business decisions
- The recent member survey
- Started the WPRA Montana Circuit Facebook page

Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email, call or text me.

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