

A conference call was held with the Mid States Rodeo Directors on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Joe Crawford, Bronc Fletcher, Bump Postlethwait, Scooter Vaughan, Becky Reaume, Steve Shattuck, Ronda Casey, Stuart Pletcher and Shawn Spaulding were present along with Secretary/Treasurer Lee Strahan. Tye Casey was excused.

Slack was taken at Jackson, MI when the performance was not full. The minimums are set by the MSRA rulebook and maximums are set by the Stock Contractor on the sanction form. The stock contractor took all entries for the slack and the performance. Joe spoke with Stuart regarding the rule and said a decision would be made by the directors via a conference call meeting. Scooter reviewed the rulebook and confirmed that the stock contractor can't cancel slack after entries are confirmed. Bump pointed out that a similar issue arose with Goshen, IN. Bump said that Raul Rodriguez was supposedly told by CES that slack was not being taken prior to books being closed and he only entered due to the low entries. Steve did not see a specific rule regarding the penalty for breaking this particular rule. It does fall under a Class One Offense which is a maximum fine of \$250. Stuart said he understands he broke a rule and he is not using ignorance of the rulebook as an excuse. He was trying to help the contestants get to two rodeos on the same day. Becky made motion to fine Stuart \$50 for the rule infraction, no second, motion failed. Bronc made a motion to give a warning to Twisted P and waive a fine, Becky seconded, 0 Against, Scooter abstained, all others in favor, motion passed. Bronc made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Becky seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Strahan