**Western Canadian Finals Committee Meeting**

**November 13, 2023 via ZOOM**

**Attendance**: Wendy Schmaltz, Christine Jobe, Dale Montgomery, Louanne Twa, Kaelene Forsyth, Cathie

Morrison , Deborah Armstrong, Jill Overby

**Chairperson**: Wendy Schmaltz

**Secretary**: Wendy Schmaltz

1. **Call to Order**: Call to order 8:03.
2. **Approval of Agenda**:

Motion *To approve agenda*: Made by Louanne; seconded by Chris. All in favour.

1. **Approval of Jan 12, 2023 Minutes:** Minutes of the 2023 minutes approved as circulated.

Motion *To approve 2021 minutes:* Made by Dale; seconded by Chris. All in favour.

1. **Location of 2024 Westerns:**

Discussion: Discussion of the two bids obtained by Alanna Leach and by Steve Davie/Ken MacKenzie. Discussion of previous trials held by individuals. All requirements of hosting the Westerns would be covered by both bids. Decision to accept Alanna Leach’s bid for the 2024 Western Canadian Finals.

1. **Guideline changes:**
2. Item 2a …two representatives are selected by (instead of from) each province.
3. Item 2b addition of After a term of three years, the Chair will take on the role of Past Chair and aid in conducting meetings when required.
4. Item 2c A meeting will be held within 15 days after the bid deadline.
5. Item 3b. change Nov 1 and Jan 1 deadlines to Oct 1 and Nov 1. Change the WC Chairperson will contact the province and the trial bid with the decision following the WCC meeting and decision.
6. Discussion of determining whether the provincial association has a role in deciding in locations. Decision for provincial committee members to have a fluid line of communication between their association and the committee members.

Motion to approve guideline changes a-d – Motion by Chris 2nd by Deborah – all in favor

1. Discussion whether to allow the WCF to be a stand alone trial, or be allowed to be held in conjunction with another trial. Discussion about having runs being able to be USBCHA sanctioned, thus an open trial must be held. Discussion of having the double lift portion only be allowed for WCF finalists only and no other trial finalist. Discussion about importance of not telling organizers what rules to be followed, the guidelines are foremost guidelines. Addition to 4a. The double lift of the Western Canadian Finals is strongly recommended to be a stand alone event. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Dale All in favor.
2. New Committee Chair Chris Jobe Secretary Wendy Schmaltz
3. Call to End of meeting 9:32 Made by Louanne seconded by Cathie All in favor.