

Dear Members,

Just wanted to take this time to let everyone know what is going on and what has been happening. I would like to thank the board members and volunteers who helped with the team roping in Vancouver. It was a late night with lots of teams, and it took some hard work from everyone. Also need to thank the Branton's and all of their help for raising almost a thousand dollars for the year end fund. I would also like to thank the Raley family for getting everything arranged in Vancouver, this was extremely nice to go into the weekend knowing everything was ready to go.

I have heard a few rumors flying around out there and I would like to clear those up. I would also like to let everyone know that I am not unapproachable and if you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to come and ask me.

First, let me start by reassuring everyone there will be year end awards. The money that has been collected from membership and the few sponsors that have been generous enough to support us have been deposited in to a savings account and will not be touched for any other purpose than year end awards. I will not use year end monies to support the payout system. Secondly the payouts per rodeo will only happen if the rodeo can support it on its own. Spirit Mountain for example lost over fifteen hundred dollars without figuring in the payout. I haven't gotten the numbers for Vancouver, but the increased entries and help from the saddle club should turn out in a positive direction. I have spoken with some of you and would like to suggest for next year an increase to the entry amount dedicated strictly to a payout, a mini jackpot if you will. Then if the rodeo does better than breakeven it can add too that amount.

I want to assure you that this board is doing what is needed for the financial good of the rodeo and to ensure its future. Last year we had a great year end awards banquet, but we spent everything we had to maintain the level of high quality awards, we have come to expect. The new board started with a couple of thousand in the bank, and there were necessary purchases that had to be made. There have been a few board members who have not been able to stay on board so the remaining board members have been working extremely hard on getting donations, but it will take all of us members to raise enough money for the same level of year end awards we have grown accustomed to and are known for.

If you have any suggestions, or you can help, please feel free to talk to me or any of the other board members.

Thank you,

Chris Pedersen