

*Southeast Texas Barrel Racing Association*



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STBRA Members

June 2020

On Behalf of the Directors and myself, let me say a big Thank You for coming to our shows, pitching in when needed and for being such nice people to have in this association. We all hope you have had fun, made some good friends, made some nice runs and won a little money along the way. This association is what you all have made it and although we have had unforeseen challenges this year, you all have pulled STBRA through and we are in the home stretch of the season.

I wanted to share some information you might find helpful regarding the rest of the season. First of all, we are in Texas and it is HOT. Starting with our June 27<sup>th</sup> show at Magnolia, we will start the jackpot later in the day to try to avoid as much heat as possible. The new hours will be posted on our Facebook page soon.

We have three shows left in the year: June 27 and July 11<sup>th</sup> at Magnolia and Aug 8<sup>th</sup> at Brenham (which was our rain date). We will continue to do pre-entry by text, and we will take walk up entries. You can pay electronically if you want to or pay in person at the race. If you do pay electronically, please come by the office and sign your release form. We need it for insurance, and it is nice to have your address in case I need to mail you a check. We have had a lot of positive feedback on the time slot type schedule, and frankly, we still have COVID concerns and the time slots help manage crowds and exposure so we will continue this arrangement. We will also still do the payout after the race. It also helps with crowd management and lets us get home a little earlier. You can have your winnings paid electronically, mailed or picked up at the next race. Just send us a text and let us know your preference. We will continue to try and post the results as soon as possible on Facebook.

A couple of other things to note include our upcoming membership meeting, which will be held during the July 11<sup>th</sup> show. At this meeting we will vote on new directors and rule changes. You may recall that we are operating on a Rule Book Addendum this year which accommodated the shorter schedule we had this year. Both the Rule Book and the Rule Book Addendum are posted on our website. We will have a suggestion box set up at the next race to collect any rule change proposals, new suggestions, or any ideas you may have to improve STBRA for 2021. Suggestions are anonymous. They will be typed up and passed out on July 11<sup>th</sup> so that members and parents of Pee Wee members can vote. We welcome your great ideas!

We also need to vote in some new directors during this meeting, and we are looking for a new secretary for the 2021 season. Please let us know if you are interested, know someone who may be interested or have any questions.

We have a silent auction coming up on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The silent auction proceeds will go to the end of the year awards - so be sure and shop! Members are asked to bring items and will receive up to three work points for their donation (usually one work point per item but can be more if a large item). There are usually some great items to be found at this fundraising event.

Terry Smith, our Awards Director, has been busy shopping for awesome awards for the awards ceremony. We are currently looking for a centrally located venue that isn't too expensive and can accommodate at least 100 people. We are looking at the weekend of August 28<sup>th</sup> and trying to avoid going into the month of September.

Make sure you take care of your work point requirement and that you ride in at least 6 shows to receive an award in a particular class.

We hope these last three shows are all successful, and we hope to raise a good amount of money to go towards the end of the year awards. But most of all, we hope you come, have a good time and enjoy riding and running your horses. On behalf of the 2020 Directors and myself, you are the reason we do this, and we appreciate your kindness and support.

Please pray for our nation and Americans everywhere,

*Rhonda Welch*

*STBRA President & Treasurer, 2020*