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NPRA Members:

I am sure you have all heard the rumors regarding problems that have developed with our 2008 NPRA finals produced by Outlaw Productions. As president of your association I wanted to give you an update on the situation and let you know what the NPRA Board of Directors is presently doing in response to the problem.

During the first two weeks following the finals it became apparent that Outlaw Productions had financial issues and were unable to cover over \$40,000 in checks and expenses that they were responsible to pay as per their agreement with the association. The expenses included NSF checks paid to four of the six contractors, to Jason Buchanan (sound system), to the scoreboard and to many others.

The Board of Directors has held two meetings, the first an informational meeting in The Dalles and the second a special meeting held in Redmond where they met with Ryder Gauteraux and attempted to find out what had happened. We were presented with a proposal from him that included a three-year finals agreement and a \$40,000 loan from the NPRA. The Board voted to not accept the proposal or lend Outlaw Productions any of your money.

Presently the Board has directed me to pursue legal counsel and voted to approve loans to the contractors provided they pursue legal action against Outlaw Productions and repay the association from any proceeds they may receive. Rita and I have a meeting with an attorney in Bend at 3:30 p.m. October 23, 2008. The primary purpose of the meeting is to protect your association and the member's money.

We have several important decisions to make as we move forward. We will be spending some of your savings to resolve 2008 finals issues and we need to decide what we are going to do about the 2009 finals. I have received suggestions regarding the 2009 finals. They include moving to other locations or not holding a finals next year. Waiting a year would give us a chance to recover money paid out for the 2008 finals and more than a year to plan a successful finals in 2010.

In closing, I encourage any and all members to contact me, one of the officers or a NPRA director as soon as possible with any ideas or concerns you may have. The Board of Directors needs your help making these hard decisions and your opinions are important.

Sincerely yours,
NPRA President
Pat Shannon