



**COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**\*\*\* BOARD MEETING \*\*\***  
**1/10/2018 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call**

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Guest:</u>
Gordon Hinders			
George Pfeiffer			
Nancy Pfeiffer			
Peggy Peterson			
Ryane Clark			
Brenda Leonhardt			
Kathy Nicholson			
Robert Peterson			
Erin Schroeder			
Nanette Till			
Debbie Russell			
Stephanie Williams			x

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Gordon Hinders called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. It was noted that this is the first time in a long time where we had FULL attendance throughout most of the meeting. Thank you all for dialing in and participating!

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes from the November 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

There were no corrections or further discussion. George Pfeiffer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Erin Schroeder seconded. Meeting Minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Treasurer, Nancy Pfeiffer submitted a full report from 2017 where everyone can see where income and expenses went for the year.
- Note that the General Account is where membership dues, donations for year-end awards, etc. are saved.
- These balances account for some of the 2017 show prizes.
- Not all 2017 year end awards have been purchased to date.

There was no further discussion on the Treasurer's Report. Nanette Till made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published. Debbie Russell seconded. Treasurer's Report was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **2018 Membership**
  - George Pfeiffer asked that Peggy Peterson submit an email to CSRHA membership to remind them about dues to reduce work at the 2018 events. Peggy did this last month, but will compose another reminder for everyone.

- It was also noted that officers need to be current NRHA members; not everyone has renewed their memberships. Nancy attended the Affiliate Summit meeting while in Oklahoma City and learned that all officers listed on the NRHA affiliate form need to renew with the NRHA; Board of Directors are optional. Nanette reminded us that the CSRHA bylaws state otherwise: all voting members must be current with their NRHA membership. Nanette will verify by checking the CSRHA bylaws and report back.
  - To maintain affiliate status with the NRHA, an affiliate is required to have 25 NRHA members, minimum. Note that membership CAN be an associate membership, which is much less expensive at \$25 versus \$100 per year.
  - Peggy noted that affiliates receive credit from the NRHA when a member attends an Affiliate Summit meeting. Nanette will complete the paperwork for this to ensure the club is credited.
- **Renee Pipinich clinic – Cody, Wyoming (April 19-20)**
    - Kathy Nicholson has the flyer finished. Everyone is asked to print the flyer and post them in their areas, share on their facebook pages, etc. to generate interest as Nanette is taking reservations now.
    - This clinic will be 2 days with 4 sessions (8 am-noon and 1-5 pm) each day.
- **CSRHA Fun Day – Cody, Wyoming (April 21)**
    - Renee Pipinich will judge this CSRHA Fun Day show.
    - Nanette has an announcer lined up.
    - Renee is bringing two people with her, so it is likely we can ask one to scribe.
- **CSRHA Awards Banquet – Cody, Wyoming (April 21)**
    - Nancy reported that most awards are in process. Peggy is helping with buckles. Nancy contacted everyone about what they wanted and is prompting them to get things ordered.
    - Gordon reported that he received some chairs. Nancy ordered two and asked that he open and check as they may still need embroidery.
    - Stephanie asked about the Membership Directory and when photos and biographies will need to be submitted for publishing. Kathy is spearheading the directory; Nancy will be contacting everyone about their photos and biographies for championship and reserve championship recognition.
    - Gordon wanted to confirm that the banquet will be at The Irma this year. Nanette has spoken to them and confirmed we will be there at 5:00 pm or 5:30 pm for the year-end banquet.
    - Kathy is working on a flyer with a RSVP form for this event. Stephanie added that she, Brie, and Nanette are working on door prizes for those who RSVP. Please send RSVP's with payment to Nanette. Once the flyer is completed, Peggy will email to membership. Kathy will also be sure to add the silent auction information and ask that folks bring items for this fund raising activity.
    - The dinner will be a buffet at \$33.50 per plate. We will have a silent auction as a fund raiser. Erin asked about donations for this effort. Nancy explained that these funds go to the general account, which is used for year-end awards. Everyone is asked to bring items for the auction. Everyone is encouraged to find 1 or 2 donations at places of business as well. If a business donates anything worth \$100 or more, their ad can be placed in the Membership Directory.
    - George asked if we would like him to contact Tom Balding for a bit for a live auction. It could also be used as a prize at the Grasslands Market Slide Derby class. It is likely the bit will be used as a silent auction or live auction item at the banquet.
    - Karen and Steve Devenyns usually donate a print that can be offered at the auction(s).
    - Nanette received a chainsaw from a local business in the past; she will contact them again.
    - NRHA requires affiliates to have at least one general membership meeting per year, so we will plan one during dinner or after dinner, before the awards presentation. It is anticipated that the awards presentation will go rather quickly this year, so it should not be an issue to fit the meeting in the schedule. Gordon also added that the general membership meetings progress quickly due to them being more of an information sharing meeting. Kathy will be sure to add the meeting information on the flyer and submit it to Nanette to review before sending it to Peggy to distribute to the members.

- **Grasslands Market Slide - Douglas, Wyoming (May 12-13)**
  - Stephanie was reviewing the meeting minutes from November and saw that Peggy was going to contact Olie Moss to photograph the Grasslands Market Slide in May, but she did not see that we are having a videographer. She noted that oftentimes, the local high schools are looking for these opportunities. [Peggy informed everyone that Olie Moss will not be available that weekend] It was noted that due to the size of the Ford Arena, it is challenging to capture good photographs. Debbie will check with the high school to see if they would like to consider videoing/photographing the event.
  - Nancy asked about listing a host hotel/motel on the event flyer. Debbie informed us that motels are already filling for the season. She knows a motel owner who would be willing to block off some rooms for the CSRHA and will send this information to Kathy for the flyer/website.
  
- **Sam Schaffhauser clinic – Sheridan, Wyoming (July 7-8)**
  - Kathy Nicholson received information from Sam for the flyer.
  - Nancy inquired about other options for format, wondering if Sam has indicated what he would like to do, etc. Robert will contact Sam to verify and report back.
  - It was discussed how the participants at the 2017 Loomis clinic spent most of their time sitting on their horses and watching, rather than actively riding. Nancy received suggestions to schedule shorter, more intense time with a clinician and have the opportunity to audit the rest of the group. Robert informed Sam of this situation; he seemed to prefer the concept of having 4-hour sessions instead, but Robert will verify.
  - George asked what Sam would prefer for format. If he would like something else, we can work on accommodating him. Robert explained that Sam is more rider-centered and will base the lessons from what we prefer, but he'll confirm.
  - Nancy will try to get similar rider/horse skill sets together in the same groups so Sam can better tailor the lessons to the skill levels. Erin confirmed that this is a good idea to keep folks with similar experience together as it is often difficult for a clinician when there are different levels in a group. She also speculated that people will get more out of the clinic this way.
  - Stephanie outlined that we have not yet determined what to charge for this event. Before Kathy can make the flyer, we need to decide on format, cost, and contact person.
  - Nancy proposed we charge \$250 per rider for each 4-hour session and plan on riders staying to audit the others ride. The CSRHA will pay \$1,000 for the arena rental and lodging expenses for Sam. We hope to clear \$175-200 for the club to use in added money at the shows.
  - Robert thought this was extremely inexpensive for a trainer of Sam's caliber. Nancy heard the same comment(s) by others. We would like to get as many CSRHA people to ride in the clinic.
  - Nanette asked if there will be a discount for CSRHA members. She agreed that \$250 to ride with such an accomplished trainer is VERY reasonable. Robert suggested the club charge more.
  - Stephanie asked about the price difference between the 2 clinics we have scheduled (\$125 for Renee Pipinich vs \$250 for Sam Schaffhauser). Nanette explained that she will have difficulty getting more than \$125 for a clinic in her area. She charged \$150 for Renee's clinic in the past, but that included a judge's clinic.
  - George outlined that the higher fee for Sam is definitely reasonable. Robert added that Sam's clinic may attract new people and that he does not do clinics in general; he is willing to do this as a favor to Robert. Robert expressed that the clinic is worth more than \$250 per rider.
  - Nancy asked if \$300 would be enough. The CSRHA charged \$525/CSRHA rider and \$550/non-CSRHA rider in 2017 for 2 full days with Bob Loomis. She added that if a person rode twice, it would cost them \$600.
  - Debbie added that if someone is traveling any distance, it is likely they will request to ride in 2 sessions in 2 days. George suggested the option of having 2-hour sessions each day with 5 riders in each. Basically, it will be up to Sam on what he prefers.
  - Robert informed everyone that Sam prefers to break up the clinic into smaller groups and shorter sessions. He does not like to rush and would like to spend as much time with folks as necessary. Robert added that at the Loomis clinic, he had a maximum of 45 minutes riding with the rest sitting on his horse. Having a show following the clinic also made it hard on the horses, as most seemed like they had had

enough. George agreed in that shorter sessions are preferred and suggested \$300/rider for one 4-hour session or \$500/rider for two 4-hour sessions or \$250/rider if just one day. Robert thought that is a reasonable price and a step in the right direction. Nancy agreed and thought it would be nicer if there is a bit of a bargain. She would like to see people with the CSRHA participate.

- Robert understands Wyoming and the culture. It will be nice for the club to make some money, but even better that he can share his resources with others.

*George Pfeiffer made a motion to charge \$300/rider for one 4-hour session or \$500/rider for two 4-hour sessions at the Sam Schaffhauser clinic on July 7-8, 2018. Nanette Till seconded. All voted/motion passed.*

- Nancy will schedule lesson times with people of the same (or similar) skills and experience. Nancy will be the point-of-contact for sign-up. She will need a deposit of \$100 for 1 session or \$200 for 2 sessions due at sign-up. She outlined that when the clinic is full and there is a waiting list, there is usually no problem with refunding the deposit when someone cancels. If there is no one to fill that individual's spot, there will not be a refund. The balance for the clinic will be due on or before July 7.
- Kathy has been in contact with Sam for a photo and information. She will develop the flyers. Robert will help and organize. It was also noted that most people will sign up for 2 days, so the clinic will fill fast. Everyone is encouraged to help Nancy and Robert as needed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **CSRHA Youth 13 & Under class**

- The CSRHA Show Committee discussed opening the CSRHA Youth 13 and Under classes to be ridden with 2-hands as there are very few who can complete a reining pattern 1-handed. Note the NRHA dictates that riders in the NRHA Youth 13 & Under classes show 1-handed.
- Nancy was concerned about how to handle this scenario with the judge and running concurrent classes (the NRHA requires 1-hand in the Youth 13 and Under class). If a rider comes into the arena 2-handed, can it be assumed he/she is showing in the CSRHA class? Peggy suggested that these riders get a back number with a background color that is not white to differentiate between the CSRHA rider and the NRHA rider.
- Gordon added that allowing the CSRHA Rookie class to be 2-handed would be fine as well.
- Nancy continued by outlining that we need to encourage the youth to get started, yet have a clearly defined way to inform the judge of what is going on. The CSRHA does have a Green as Grass club class with no lead change which attracted new riders.
- George outlined that developing this would be a problem in the higher level classes and would not be in favor of doing it in those cases.
- Erin explained how she has been trying to bring new riders to the club, but many are intimidated by riding 1-handed. The greener riders often do not understand the concept of schooling horses in the show pen. If the club offered more 2-handed classes, it would help bring new people and make them feel less intimidated. There is a stigma attached that often scares people away from showing. Erin has struggled to get a horse show culture started in Wyoming.
- Debbie asked if we could separate the Youth 13 & Under classes between NRHA and CSRHA, but George reminded us that there are so few in these classes, it would not be beneficial. Some show in the NRHA only, some show in the CSRHA only, and some show in both. Those riding 1-handed are disadvantaged in comparison to those showing 2-handed.
- CSRHA Ladies and Gents classes will be offered in 2018, but they are often used for schooling. The IdRHA has year-end awards for these classes whereas the CSRHA does not at this time.
- Overall, most everyone agreed on the suggestion of opening the CSRHA Youth 13 and Under classes to be ridden 2-handed. Nancy asked everyone to take a moment to jot down their opinion(s) and how to solve the issue with the judge (making it clear as to who is showing in NRHA vs CSRHA).

*Nanette Till made a motion to amend the class description for the CSRHA Youth 13 & Under class to be 1- or 2- handed in any legal bit. The CSRHA club class entries will have some sort of designation on the back numbers to clarify for the judge. Erin Schroeder seconded. All voted/motion passed.*

- The class description will be adjusted accordingly, reviewed by Gordon, and submitted to Kathy to publish on the website.
- **Award Saddle**
  - Nancy has been working on fundraising for the 2018 trophy saddle, but would like support to get additional funds for the purchase. Erin Schroeder, Robert Peterson, Nanette Till, and George Pfeiffer offered their assistance and support with this effort. George offered to contribute his 2017 end-of-year award money to the saddle, which amounts to at least \$400. This is a much appreciated donation; thank you George!
  - Erin asked if this donation would be a tax write-off. George informed us that yes, if a business makes a donation, it can be written off as an advertising or promotional expense. Note that if an individual or business donates at least \$100, they will get a full page ad in the Membership Directory.
  - Please notify Nancy of your intent to contribute and send all contributions for the year-end trophy saddle to her. She will be contacting Continental Saddlery this week to make the order. Once the saddle arrives, it will be displayed at all 2018 CSRHA events.
  - The trophy saddle will be awarded to the rider with the highest points in either the CSRHA Green Horse or the CSRHA Rookie class for 2018.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - George informed everyone that he made a spreadsheet of all the 2018 CSRHA shows with all patterns, entry fees, prizes, etc. outlined. You can find this on the CSRHA website. The Ranch Riding patterns will be determined as time nears. Note that the CSRHA developed a Novice Ranch Riding pattern that is easier than what the AQHA has published.
  - Stephanie is working on getting all the NRHA and Ranch Riding patterns printed and laminated in poster-sized format. She asked Ryane where she got her printed patterns with instructions on one page that she made available for everyone in 2017, but Ryane had left the meeting. If she has a copy of these, Stephanie is asking that she email them to her. The school where Stephanie is employed has the capability to blow up the images to poster size and laminate. These would be easy for everyone to see and would be a nice addition to the 8.5 x 11" sheets.
- **Thank you**
  - Gordon took the opportunity to thank our new participants: Presidential Appointee, Kathy Nicholson and Board of Directors Robert Peterson and Erin Schroeder. Their time and commitment is appreciated, and we welcome them to their new 'adventure'!

Next meeting: **February 7, 2018** at 7:00 pm via teleconference. Dial **951/797-1058** with passcode **681306**.

**ADJOURN:**

There was no additional business to discuss. George Pfeiffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Russell seconded. The CSRHA meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.