

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association officers and board of directors met on Saturday, **October 22, 2016** at George and Nancy Pfeiffer's beautiful home in **Big Horn, Wyoming**. Nancy and George welcomed everyone with warm pizza, beverages, and delicious pumpkin cake to get things started.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm with the review and acceptance of the previous meeting minutes and treasurer's report. There were a few minor changes in the meeting minutes from the September 21, 2016 minutes and one outstanding item from the treasurer's report.

There was discussion about the 2016 election. Peggy Peterson submitted an email to the board on September 7, 2016 regarding those who were up for nomination. She did not think anyone was up for nomination, but will follow-up and recheck the organizational chart for the CSRHA to verify if anyone needs to be nominated/elected. Nanette Till will work with Peggy on this while Gordon Hinders will appoint an annual board member.

Nancy Pfeiffer reported on various venues to host the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association's *Awards Banquet and General Membership* meeting. It was decided that the 2016 awards banquet will be held at the Best Western in **Sheridan, Wyoming**. Nancy and Debbie Russell will work on this event, scheduled for Saturday, **March 18, 2016**. Attendees will be asked to RSVP by February 15, 2017 so that the Best Western can prepare for the club.

The Year-End Awards committee is composed of Brenda Leonhardt, Nancy Pfeiffer, and Peggy Peterson. There will be year-end awards in the 13 CSRHA classes. Nancy will generate a list of the award recipients and visit with Ann Marie Johnson, who purchases the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association awards to get ideas. A list of recipients and award qualifications will be submitted soon.

The 2017 show season was our first topic on New Business. Gordon Hinders and George Pfeiffer met and developed the following show schedule:

Date	Location	Name	Notes
April 22, 2017	Cody, Wyoming	CSRHA Play Day/Fun Day	CSRHA event only
May 18-20, 2017	Douglas, Wyoming	Grasslands Market Slide	NRHA/CSRHA/AQHA show
June 3, 2017	Sheridan, Wyoming	NRHA Jackpot	NRHA/CSRHA show
July 15, 2016	Powell, Wyoming	Park County Slide	NRHA/CSRHA show
September 9, 2016	Sheridan, Wyoming	CSRHA Play Day/Fun Day	CSRHA event only

The CSRHA *Play Day* on **April 22, 2017** will be held at Nanette Till's Flying T Ranch arena outside of **Cody, Wyoming**. This will be a CSRHA event only with ranch riding and western dressage added, all of which will count toward year-end points. There will be prizes awards with a possibility of a clinic on April 23. The CSRHA will co-affiliate with the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association and their *Wooly Quarter Horse show* in **Douglas, Wyoming** on **May 18-20, 2017**. There will be NRHA/AQHA reining classes in the Ford Pavilion, which is the new 140'x200' indoor arena. The NRHA show will be named the *Grasslands Market Slide* with the generous sponsorship received from Bill and Debbie Russell. It is possible that this event will be an American Paint Horse Association show as well. We will host a *NRHA Jackpot Reining* at the Sheridan College Agri-Complex in **Sheridan, Wyoming** on **June 3, 2017**. There is a possibility of co-affiliating with the Wyoming Quarter Association, which may result in a 3-4 day event. The *Park County Slide* will be held on **July 15, 2017** at the Park County Fairgrounds in **Powell, Wyoming**. Ranch riding and western dressage will be added to this show with the possibility of trail and other fun classes to appeal

to a broader range of riders. There is also a possibility that the Central Montana Reining Horse Association will co-affiliate with this show. The 2017 CSRHA show season will wrap up with another *Play Day* on **September 9, 2017** at the Sheridan College Agri-Complex in **Sheridan, Wyoming**. This will be the final chance for riders to compete for CSRHA year-end awards and will be conducted similar to the 2016 event.

To summarize and if you are interested in the CSRHA's *western dressage* classes, they will be held on **April 22** in Cody, **July 15** at Powell, and **September 9** in Sheridan. The *ranch riding* classes will be held on **April 22** in Cody, **May 18-20** in Douglas, **June 3** in Sheridan, **July 15** in Powell, and **September 9** in Sheridan. There will be 3 ranch riding classes: 18 and under, 19 and over, and any age novice; all 3 will have year-end awards, so be sure to come ride with the CSRHA and have some fun! The Show Committee will also be working on adding Novice Horse Level 1 and Level 2 along with some Green as Grass reining classes added at their next meeting.

The NRHA has an Affiliate Incentive Program where active affiliates are rewarded for providing quality NRHA programming to their membership. The officers and board members will be working on these various incentives available through the NRHA, all for your affiliate, the CSRHA. If YOU would be interested in helping your local NRHA affiliate, we would be happy to have your participation. Visit www.nrha.com to learn more about this great program and be sure to contact an officer or board member so we can help you get involved.

Various fundraising ideas were presented including the sale of raffle tickets and an on-line auction through e-bay for a very generous donation from Linda Peterson of Riverton, Wyoming and Judy Sikkink of Bozeman, Montana. They purchased two 18 inch dolls (one blonde; one brunette) and two horses measuring 12 inches at the shoulder. They designed and hand sewed a number of adorable outfits for the dolls. From warm pajamas to cowboy and Native American outfits, there is something to appeal to every little one out there. These dolls and their horses will be listed on e-bay where folks can bid. They would make outstanding Christmas gifts. Visit www.ebay.com and search for item number 162269865168 to get your on-line bid submitted! All proceeds will go to the CSRHA.

Gordon Hinders would like to see the CSRHA be more active in developing a youth club. He has six young people who are going to start reining, and he would like to see the youth committee reach out more proactively to the 4H clubs, schools, and the FFA organizations. He and Brenda Leonhardt will also visit with Stephanie Williams to brainstorm options and get more young people involved with the CSRHA.

Nancy Pfeiffer and Kathy Nicholson will work on the 2017 Membership Directory. Ads for the 2017 issue will be due by **April 1, 2017**, with a target date of May 18 for having them ready to be distributed at the *Grasslands Market Slide*. If you would like to advertise in the 2017 Membership Directory, please contact Nancy Pfeiffer at 307/673-1331 or email her at npfeiffer1@gmail.com or Kathy Nicholson at 307/660-4496 or email her at kathyn2401@gmail.com.

The next CSRHA meeting was held via teleconference on Wednesday, **November 16, 2016** at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join us at one of our upcoming teleconferences, please dial **951/797-1058** with the passcode **681306**. We welcome new faces and new ideas, so please do not hesitate to join us.

Want to learn more about reining in our area? Check out the CSRHA website at www.cowboystatesreiners.com. Our new and improved website will give you lots of good information including dates of upcoming events, points-of contact, and information about our NRHA affiliate. You

may also visit us on facebook and become one of our fans by visiting us at <http://www.facebook.com> and typing in Cowboy States Reining Horse Association in the “search” box at the top of the screen. Reining events in and around the great state of Wyoming are really starting to take off and flourish! We’d love to have you join the fun! If you would like to join and/or get involved with our organization, you can also contact our president, Gordon Hinders at 308/340-5509, our vice-president, George Pfeiffer, at 307/673-1331, treasurer, Nancy Pfeiffer at 307/673-1331, or our secretary, Peggy Peterson at 307/851-0443.

If you have **any** news, upcoming events, photos and/or stories to share about clinics, shows, jackpots, fun-days, or *anything* associated with reining, feel free contact your reporter, Peggy Peterson at shieldquarterhorses@gmail.com or 307/851-0443. We’re always delighted to receive information about our members, their accomplishments, or anything we can include in our articles to help everyone keep in touch. Please remember that our publications do have deadlines, so the sooner she receives your updates, the better the chance of getting them in print!

Upcoming reining events:

November 24 – December 3, 2016: NRHA *Futurity and North American Affiliate Finals* at the State Fair Arena in **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**. Visit www.nrha.com for more information.