

**YRHA Meeting Minutes**  
**October 25, 2016 - 7PM**  
**Bella Pizza – Boston, NY**

Present – Karen Schmitz, Courtney Craig, Katie Gerwitz, Kirby Dygert, Kim Hixon, Sarah Judiewicz, Serafina Evans, Samantha Gothe, Travis Pufpaff, Frank Schlossin, Elaina Eppinger

1. Call to Order: 7:03PM - Courtney Craig, President
2. Approval to Minutes – already done via email
3. Treasurer’s Report – Katie motions to approve, Kirby 2nds, all in favor
4. President’s Report –
  - May show went well, exhibitor party was a success.
  - Affiliate webinar/tool box test has been taken by 2 board members. YRHA would receive an extra \$100 for extra activities we do.
  - Discussion – Secrets of judging for NRHA. NRHA will choose the judge. CNY ran their secrets of judging, day prior to banquet. \$75-100 to attend. Maybe hook up w/Thursday move in.
5. Vice President report – Nothing to report
6. Secretary’s Report –
  - Nothing to report
7. Director’s Report –
  - Nothing to Report
8. Bylaw Committee – nothing to report
9. Nomination Committee –
  - Karen motions deadline for nominations be extended to by 10 days (11/3). Travis 2nds
  - 2nds for nominations: Vice President – Kirby Dygert; Kelly Hedges  
Directors – Sarah Judiewicz; Jennie Marie Mancino; Travis Pufpaff; RE  
Sears; Frank Schlossin; Heather Vaughn
10. Youth Committee –
  - Discussion w/WPRHA about youth circuit. Also was discussed combining all youth with Keystone to make a circuit. Riders would have to do Tri-State. Need more details for decision
  - Start youth scholarship? Write essay and receive \$250?
11. Sponsorship Committee –
  - Discussion of sponsors if someone donates plaques back to club. Hard to always accept due to NRHA changing models. Trophy price was big topic at Affiliate Summit. If plaques donated, situational award sponsor – free PA time.
  - Announcer will pre-record sponsors to play at drag times during show
  - Timeless Photo can record commercials for sponsors and logos on commercials. It will cost them \$150 for the program. Need enough sponsors to go forward bc YRHA will need to buy program.
  - Sponsorship letter and levels were passed out to all board members.

- Discussed raffling saddle. Continental buy 4, get 1 free – any saddle under 3k. Need to discuss options w/Elite to compare.
  - Will promote exhibitor parties for sponsors to “host”
  - More swag – Top 10/5, go back further for prizes.
12. YPS Committee –
- 2 new sponsors – Whoazone and Eatalon DX which is an incentive for stallion owners. YRHA has 5 free test to use during the year, value of \$100 each.
  - 51 stallions nominated. Auction will run Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.
13. Awards Committee –
- Membership form will have extended deadline.
  - Deposit for banquet was donated by Katie Reading. Will have a live band. Water/pop are free. Cash bar.
  - Ticket price will not be more than \$50
  - Jen Homann – center pieces
  - For year end awards – Kirby proposes that champion picks from buckles optioned. Ottoman is another option. Kirby calls people individually.
14. Horseshow Committee –
- Judges hired
  - Fall show profited
  - Joan approached us – tack vendor for the whole year
15. OB – Futurity party. Cannot use Harvest Theater due to Festival of Lights. Dygerts @ warehouse? Final decision will be made by email
16. OB – Forming finance committee? Project budget for 2017. Kelly would chair, other members Karen and Travis
17. NB – Keystone proposed partnership w/trailer prize. Would be prize to full high point horse/rider, the more classes you go in. Points based on scores. Discussion - # of Keystone members? Overextending ourselves. Travis motions we do not accept invitation from Keystone. Serafina 2nds.
18. NB – RE Sears would like a Snaffle Bit Futurity. He would put up the \$ for the futurity. Be run in July. \$500 to LV4, open. Need decision by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to make final w/NRHA.
19. NB – Equifest in March – would we be able to hold Secrets of Judging there? Hold any sort of Rookie Days? Need morning/afternoon session, venue prices and options needed. Need to request judging list.
20. Courtney motions to adjourn at 9:54PM. All in favor.