



**COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**\*\*\* BOARD MEETING \*\*\***  
**8/6/2019 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call**

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Guest:</u>
George Pfeiffer			
Renee Pipinich	x		
Nancy Pfeiffer			
Peggy Peterson			
PA (Vacant)			
Robert Peterson			
Chantel Probert		x	
Erin Schroeder			
Nanette Till			
Debbie Russell			
Stephanie Williams			
Bryanna Williams			x

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President George Pfeiffer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes from the June 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Stephanie Williams made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Debbie Russell seconded. Meeting Minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Nancy Pfeiffer reported that she deposited \$2,128.00 from the Sheridan Fun Day and paid \$475.00 to the college for the arena rental. \$300.00 was paid to Megan Hester for her judging duties at the Fun Day. The current show account balance does not include collections from the Sam Schaffhauser clinic. Nancy expects approximately \$4,000 from the clinic but noted that half of this had been collected from deposits.

The general account had little change. Nancy has outstanding payables for the clinic arena and motel expense for Sam Schaffhauser, which will total roughly \$1,000.

Everyone thanked Robert for making the Sam Schaffhauser clinic possible again this year. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot.

There was no further discussion on the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **August 3-4, 2019 Sam Schaffhauser clinic**
  - Nanette Till made mention about how bad the ground conditions were for the clinic. George Pfeiffer had a bad accident and was unable to get a tractor to the arena so we pretty much had to go with what we had for the weekend. Stephanie Williams outlined that the arena staff were very accommodating; they just did not have the right tools for the job. Nancy Pfeiffer mentioned that the college needs \$5,000 to purchase a TR3 and added that perhaps the club could start a fund raising effort to get one purchased.

- Robert Peterson stated that we are all aware of the issues with facilities in Wyoming. The club needs to put more thought and effort into thinking through the events to ensure adequate ground conditions. Facilities are a hardship, and this is becoming a real issue. It is hard to increase participation and interest without adequate facilities. Robert hauled four horses to the clinic and was hesitant to bring them at all. Facilities are a big concern, and it is tending to get worse rather than better. George repeated that given the circumstances, that was the best we could do.
  - Nanette outlined that ground conditions are not the only concern. Stalls are marginal, wash racks do not exist, there is no power for A/C, etc. Robert added that he was not comfortable with the pens, the lack of stalls, electricity, water, etc. These issues are not helping with participation at our events. Nanette added that every waterer had to be cleaned. Robert had to remove a number of large rocks for his horses to have a place to stand. These issues could be the reasons why people are not attending the CSRHA events.
  - With all this feedback, George commented that the club needs an alternative. Stephanie asked that we move on to New Business to address these issues. None of these concerns are directed to one person. We all want to build the club, but at this current rate, we must strive for change.
- **August 24, 2019 Casper Fun Day**
    - We do not have a judge for this event to date. Stephanie informed everyone that Katie Bammel's horse is lame, and her horse may not be sound to show. This event will require money and effort for Robert to bring his arena equipment to the facility. She thought there may be only 3-4 people showing. This is a lot of money based on a 'maybe'. Nancy outlined that there is still a competition for the year-end saddle. If we do not have our 5<sup>th</sup> and final event for 2019, the club could receive some severe criticism for that decision. There is currently a tie for the saddle between Karen Devenyns and Ryane Clark. The club has advertised that we are hosting five shows, but we cannot host a show for just two people. Nancy suggested we move the event to another arena. She added that Katie was planning on showing one of their horses and she was also planning to show. The CSRHA could be finished without the 5<sup>th</sup> show. Nanette expressed concern that the CSRHA is done now and that we need to take our events to where the people are. Stephanie liked the idea of relocating the event, but cost is still certainly a concern.
    - George reminded everyone that August 24 is just 3 weeks away. The group from Casper is showing more interest in versatility classes rather than all reining. Peggy Peterson suggested we host the show at Kim Lance's facility, but was informed her indoor arena is not big enough. Erin Schroeder suggested Ashley Villmow's arena outside of Gillette. The cost would be no more than the Casper arena, but it is not available on August 24.
    - The group discussed hosting the event at Nanette Till's arena outside of Cody along with changing the date. It was noted that this is not an NRHA event, so we could change the date as we are not locked into anything. It was agreed that the club needs to take the event to where the people are, but we need to find a date when an arena would be available. We did learn that August 24 would not be available at Ashley's arena and thought there was nothing we could decide at this teleconference. We agreed we would try to schedule September 22 with Ashley to see if that date would be a possibility. She has good ground and there is certainly potential for more people. With this arena rental, we would not have to rely on one person to work and show at the same time.
    - The fun days usually have high participation and often lure people to the events, especially when there are Ranch Riding classes. Stephanie thought Ashley charged \$400/day with unlimited drags. Ashley has 20 stalls and is getting more built. She also has an older barn if necessary. There are RV hook-ups, a food truck, and a warm up pen outside with the same ground conditions as in the indoor arena.
    - The group decided to table this discussion until we hear back from Ashley Villmow.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **June 6-7, 2020 Shawn Florida clinic**
  - Nancy reported that the Shawn Florida clinic filled in just one day. She also has a robust waiting list, but she expects people to drop out halfway through the year as things come up. Robert expressed concern about the facilities. Folks will have to stall at the fairgrounds in Sheridan.
  - Nancy was not sure if Shawn is coming just for the clinic or if he is combining a vacation with his trip. His plans can really impact our ability to relocate the clinic. Shawn was recruited to Sheridan because of the area; we cannot just move it to Gillette unless he is combining his trip with a vacation.
  - Stephanie suggested that if there are so many people who are attending the clinic, perhaps the club could host the clinic on Friday and Saturday (June 5-6) with a show on Sunday (June 7). Nancy added that it will depend on Shawn's plans. She is working with Michelle Florida and has not had a chance to visit with her about his schedule.
  - Stephanie commented on how we need to ensure folks are aware of the stalling and RV hook-up situation at the fairgrounds. Nancy has spoken to some of the participants about this already.
- **CSRHA face-to-face meeting**
  - The officers and board will plan to have a face-to-face meeting on October 12 in Casper, Wyoming. Robert will check his schedule as there is a possibility that he will be showing at the AQHA Congress in Ohio. There was a brief discussion about having the meeting on October 5 as well. George will get details from Debbie Russell and Robert Peterson, who will plan the details and location.
- **2020 Show Schedule**
  - It was decided to wait for the face-to-face meeting to discuss the 2020 show schedule. We should be able to get this ironed out at this meeting as it is much easier to work together in person.
- **2019 Elections**
  - George informed everyone that the Presidential Appointee is currently vacant. Peggy Peterson will email everyone with the nomination dates, the election dates, and who will be up for election. We will need to consider candidates for those positions that are expiring.
- **2019 Year-End Trophy Saddle**
  - With the 5<sup>th</sup> and final event approaching, Stephanie questioned the reason behind the year-end trophy saddle and was not sure if it was to entice more people to reining. We are not seeing the classes used for the trophy saddle filling up as was initially hoped. She suggested that the CSRHA board rethink this award and how to change it for the future. She verbally wondered if we should offer the trophy saddle in Ranch Riding classes, especially if there are so many who are intimidated by reining itself. The Ranch Riding classes have been larger. She suggested that the board consider some ideas on how to go about some changes for the trophy saddle.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Bryanna Williams reported that she contacted Ashley Villmow regarding the date and facility change for the 5<sup>th</sup> and final event of 2019. The arena rental is \$450/day which includes 2 drags. There is a \$25/drag fee after that. Ashley has 16 stalls and charges \$25/stall/night. There are 6 RV hook-ups which are \$25/night. September 21 is available.

*Peggy Peterson made a motion to change the 5<sup>th</sup> and final event of 2019 from August 24 in Casper to September 21 at Ashley Villmow's arena outside of Gillette, Wyoming. Nanette Till seconded. Motion passed.*

- Stephanie Williams will ask Ashley Villmow if she would judge this event. Robert Peterson will follow-up with the fairgrounds in Casper to refund the security deposit. Peggy will email the CSRHA membership about the change in date and location. She will also update the Facebook page. Nancy will contact Kathy Nicholson to update the CSRHA website with this information. Kathy is also working on a flyer for this

event. Nanette encouraged everyone to get the flyer printed and posted with hopes of acquiring more participation.

- There was some additional discussion on why the club has seen such a drastic decrease in support and participation at the events. Erin Schroeder mentioned that most people do not have the funds to purchase a reining horse. She added that the culture does not support the sport as many horses are put to pasture and folks do not ride so much during the colder months. Debbie Russell visited with Ashley Villmow about the Chuck Nesmith clinic and fun day. Ashley did not have a good turn-out, which seems to indicate the lack of interest in reining. It seems people want more than just reining at the shows. Nanette would like to discuss this further at the face-to-face meeting in October. She added that we need to move the CSRHA events to where the people are located. If this cannot be accomplished, perhaps we should consider letting the affiliate go.

Next meeting: Teleconference **September 3, 2019** at 7:00 pm. Dial **951/797-1058** with passcode **681306**.

**ADJOURN:**

There was no additional business to discuss. Peggy Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Pfeiffer seconded. The CSRHA meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.