



COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
***** BOARD MEETING *****
11/14/2018 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			
Brenda Leonhardt		x	
Kathy Nicholson		x	
Robert Peterson			
Erin Schroeder			
Nanette Till			
Debbie Russell			
Stephanie Williams			

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President George Pfeiffer called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from the October 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or further discussion. Gordon Hinders made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Nanette Till seconded. Meeting Minutes were approved.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- **2018 Awards Banquet**
 - George Pfeiffer reported that the CSRHA will have the Awards Banquet in conjunction with a Fun Day as in 2018. The banquet will most likely be on Friday, April 26 with the Fun Day on Saturday, April 27, 2019. If we host a clinic on the Thursday and Friday before the Fun Day, we will have the banquet after the clinic on Friday. This makes it more predictable when the afternoon riders finish. Nanette Till outlined that we still have time to work with the schedule, but we need to firm up dates with the Irma Hotel for the banquet. They are very busy during the holiday season, so we can do this after January 1. Nancy Pfeiffer suggested we get the banquet room reserved quickly and work out the rest of the details later. Nanette agreed. George outlined that we have plenty of time if we choose to do something different. Nancy reminded us that the Irma did not charge us for the room in the past and commented about how good the Irma has been to the CSRHA.
 - With that discussion, the schedule will likely be as follows:
 - April 26: CSRHA Awards Banquet
 - April 27: CSRHA Fun Day
 - If we can find a clinician, there is a possibility that the schedule will be as follows:
 - April 26: CSRHA clinic
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 - April 27: CSRHA clinic
 - April 28: CSRHA Fun Day

- Of course, this will all depend on the clinician's schedule. Events will be in Cody, Wyoming.

- **Year End Awards**

- Nancy Pfeiffer, Stephanie Williams, and Peggy Peterson will be working on the awards.
- More money was allotted for the year end awards. This was decided at the October 10 teleconference (see below).

Debbie Russell made a motion to spend \$165 for champion year-end awards and \$100 for reserve champion year-end awards. Nanette Till seconded. Motion passed.

- **2019 Show Season**

- The 2019 show schedule has a number of issues that will depend on other decisions to finalize at this time. George Pfeiffer and Nanette Till met and put together a rough draft for next year's show schedule.
- Gordon Hinders talked to Montana Reining Horse Association Vice-President, Ryan Anderson about co-affiliating with the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston, Montana on June 20-23, 2019. Ryan seemed excited and very interested in this proposition, but he would have to bring it to the MRHA Board of Directors for discussion. George and/or Gordon will contact Ryan to follow-up as they should have had a meeting by now. There is a good chance of this co-affiliated event working out. George outlined that it seems the MRHA has nothing to lose and a little to gain as there may be more entries with the same cost.

George asked for the floor to review what he and Nanette outlined for the 2019 show schedule. Some events and dates were firm; some were open to possibilities and 'depends on' situations.

Date(s)	Event	Location	Comments
April 26-27	CSRHA clinic	Cody, Wyoming	Pending clinician's schedule
April 26	CSRHA Awards Banquet	Cody, Wyoming	
April 27 or April 28	CSRHA Fun Day	Cody, Wyoming	CSRHA Fun Day
May 11-12	Grasslands Market Slide	Douglas, Wyoming	2 NRHA shows
June 8	Sheridan Slide	Sheridan, Wyoming	NRHA show or CSRHA Fun Day
June 20-23	Slide Into Summer	Livingston, Montana	NRHA show, pending MRHA approval
August 3-4	CSRHA clinic	TBD	Sam Schaffhauser
August 24	CSRHA event	Casper, Wyoming	CSRHA Fun Day

- **May 11-12, 2019 Grasslands Market Slide**

- This event will basically be the same as in 2018 and will be two complete NRHA shows with a full slate of classes each day. The only thing that will change, due to unsuccessful open and non-pro derby classes in 2018, will be the elimination of said classes. The CSRHA had \$1000 added in each derby class in 2018. George and Nanette are recommending the derby classes be eliminated with rest of the classes to remain the same as in 2018 with added money as follows:

- Limited Non Pro from \$250 to \$500 added
- Limited Open from \$250 to \$500 added
- Novice Horse Non Pro from \$250 to \$500 added
- Rookie 2 from \$0 to \$250 added

Increasing the added money in these classes will also allow the CSRHA to increase entry fees in these classes from \$25 to \$50 and increase the judge's fees from \$30 to \$40. This will result in adding a bit more money than in 2018, but increasing the entry fees will either partially or completely offset the added money.

- It was noted that the Ladies and Gents classes took a long time to complete, especially on the first day, but these classes made a profit for the club and do not cost much. It was recommended we hold the Ranch Riding, Ladies, and Gents classes as in 2018, in the same order, with the same entry fee and the

remainder of the show in the same order with the same entry fees as in 2018 except those that were discussed earlier (Limited Non Pro, Limited Open, Novice Horse Non Pro, and Rookie 2).

- Nancy Pfeiffer suggested we offer paid warm-ups on Friday night (May 10) along with the Ladies and Gents classes on Saturday. George outlined that paid warm-ups do not work at small shows. Nanette agreed. Nancy then suggested we charge a \$20 fee for riding in the arena on Friday night, similar to what was done in Sheridan in the past years. George was okay with that idea, but Nanette expressed her concerns about charging a fee to ride on Friday night, especially with the increase in entry fees and judge's fees. At most shows, participants do not have to pay to ride in the open arena. Nancy asked if there could be an added judge's fee for the Ladies and Gents classes. Nanette would be okay with that. George mentioned that the problem with separate fees is that it implies the club pay back part of these fees. Nancy would like to see the club get \$40 per rider rather than \$20 each. Nanette outlined that the Ladies and Gents classes are CSRHA classes so we could add a judge's fee and give a prize. The judge is sitting there already, justifying the fee. Nancy agreed. George explained these classes are basically paid warm-ups anyway.
 - Stephanie Williams outlined that the Ladies and Gents classes did not have a time limit, which is why they took so long to get through. George agreed and mentioned that a time limit would be instituted at the 2019 show. Stephanie commented on the large arena size in Douglas (possibly part of the reason for the long Ladies and Gents classes) and mentioned that she would also recommend a late fee for folks who do not pre-enter. Nancy agreed. George informed us that the Show Committee has not yet set patterns for the shows. The Ladies and Gents classes could have a run-in pattern to speed up the day. These classes will most likely be limited to 5 minutes where riders could use the time as they wished.
 - Nancy Pfeiffer asked about charging a judge's fee for the Ranch Riding classes. George explained that the CSRHA is using these Ranch Riding classes to get participation from the locals, non-reiners, and people who are checking out the CSRHA; he really did not want to charge fees that may make it too expensive. Ranch Riding classes go quickly and really do not hinder the progression of the shows. The entry fees were \$20 in 2018; George did not think we should charge more than that in 2019. The Ranch Riding classes are CSRHA year-end award classes.
 - Nancy Pfeiffer asked if the CSRHA could also rent the indoor arena in Douglas for a reasonable amount. She expressed that we can assume it will rain at least one day during this show, and it would be nice to have a place to warm-up. Debbie Russell informed us the fairgrounds staff was not planning on putting dirt in that arena in 2019, but Bill is working with them on this. Debbie agreed that we need both arenas for the Grasslands Market Slide. In 2018, they just let us use it, due to the weather. Bill is negotiating to rent both arenas for the event. Debbie thinks the CSRHA can get a deal other than the \$700 per day for facilities. Nancy asked if we really want to use the \$2000 from the 2018 derbies in the classes outlined. She suggested that we may want to use that money to rent the arenas instead. Debbie asked to wait and see what she and Bill can work out with the fairgrounds staff first.
 - Nanette Till will need to submit the CSRHA paperwork to the NRHA after January 1 and would like to see the CSRHA advertise the Grasslands Market Slide better this year. This would inform people earlier and hopefully result in folks entering earlier. If we receive no early entries, late fees need to be added. She understands it costs to advertise, but she would like to see that done. Nancy will look at the NRHA deadlines to get an ad in The Reiner and make a plan. Nanette added that the NRHA will have to get through the futurity and the holidays as well, so it will be okay to wait.
- **Other 2019 event dates**
 - George Pfeiffer assumed everyone is on board with the Show Committee's recommendations for the 2019 general show outline.
 - Nanette Till is looking forward to having an event at the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds indoor arena in Casper, Wyoming. George added that if the Montana Reining Horse Association is willing to co-affiliate the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston as our 3rd affiliate show, we can plan an event in Casper. This will also free the CSRHA to do what we would like with other events. We will not be tied into dates, deadlines, or NRHA show requirements. At this point, we will assume we will be co-affiliating the Slide Into Summer Show and use it as the 3rd affiliate qualifying event for the CSRHA. Points earned at this show

will not count towards CSRHA year- end awards nor will it count to the number of shows required for year-end awards. The only aspect the CSRHA would use is that it would be our 3rd NRHA qualifying show.

- The CSRHA will plan two more events in 2019. Options are:
 - June 8: Sheridan, Wyoming. This date would have to be firm due to the fairgrounds being too busy (note that stalling will have to be at the fairgrounds). This event could be either a Fun Day or an NHA show. Assuming the Slide Into Summer show will be co-affiliated with the MRHA, a Fun Day would be preferred. George and Nancy know the area as far as motels, the arena, restaurants, etc, but understand it is still an inconvenience for stalling. The Sheridan College arena shed/runs should be more available by summer 2019.
 - August 24: Casper, Wyoming. This date has been reserved for the CSRHA. This event could be either a Fun Day or an NRHA show. If we choose to plan an NRHA show, we have to submit it to the NRHA. This would be stand-alone show (CSRHA only) and points would not count towards the Affiliate Finals (show would not be an NRHA qualifying show). The CSRHA could plan a show for that day and later decide if it will be an NRHA show or not.
 - Wright, Wyoming. The CSRHA would have more flexibility in terms of dates, because this facility has stalls in place. Peggy explained that this area has really grown recently and has restaurants and motels in place now.
- Stephanie Williams was in favor of the dates outlined, but would like to keep events in Sheridan, because the club has grown a solid Ranch Riding community there. The Sheridan locals have been supportive, and the club has made a good profit with these classes. Wright is not as accessible, and she is concerned people will not haul to this venue. If we have an event in Casper, the club may grow, but she expressed that the CSRHA needs to stay safe. Going to too many new places in one year is too risky for the club. Nancy agreed and outlined that a lot of the Ranch Riding people are now CSRHA members.
- George thought we would be in better shape with stalling at the Sheridan College arena in 2019. They were in the middle of a big project in 2018 with the automatic waterers so they were not available. The sheds and runs will be available in 2019. The pens that are near the outdoor arena should also be available. Next time George and Nancy meet with Director of College Services/Zane Garstad, they will discuss hook-ups for LQ trailers. He may be able to provide a portable generator to hook-up so folks can overnight on the grounds.
- George informed us that the Sheridan Fun Day on June 8 would have a schedule similar to the September 2018 Fun Day. Nanette thought that Stephanie and Debbie made a good point about the Ranch Riding people; we do want to support them. George suggested that with the event Casper on August 24, we may not want to do the September Fun Day in Sheridan.
- Gordon reviewed what was decided: April 26-28 at Cody, May 11-12 in Douglas, June 8 in Sheridan, June 20-23 in Livingston, Montana as an NRHA affiliate qualifying show only, and August 24 in Casper. If Livingston does not work out, the CSRHA will need to make Sheridan a NRHA show. We are waiting to hear back from Ryan Anderson.

George Pfeiffer made a motion to approve the 2019 show schedule as follows: 4/27 CSRHA Fun Day in Cody, 5/11-12 Grasslands Market Slide in Douglas (2 NRHA shows), 6/8 Sheridan Slide (NRHA show if Livingston does not work out), 6/20-23 Slide Into Summer in Livingston (1 NRHA show), and 8/24 Casper. Note that the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston, Montana will count only for an affiliate qualifying show; not CSRHA year end points. Peggy Peterson seconded. Motion passed.

- George Pfeiffer presented one other issue we should think about. Assuming the CSRHA can co-affiliate with the MRHA in the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston, would the CSRHA like the event in Casper to be a small NRHA show, Fun Day, or an NRHA jackpot? Erin Schroeder reported that she has ridden in that arena and said the ground is not good; there is no stopping ground there. With that, she suggested this event be a CSRHA Fun Day. There is a large group of people who would ride in a Fun Day over an NRHA event. She did not feel the reiners would like the ground. George commented on how it would be good to plan a CSRHA Fun Day this first year at Casper to see how things go. The CSRHA could consider hosting an NRHA show there in 2020. This event would then replace the September Fun Day in Sheridan.

- **Sam Schaffhauser clinic**

- George asked if Robert Peterson had heard any updates from clinician, Sam Schaffhauser regarding the April clinic in Cody. Robert reported that he would know more by tomorrow [November 15]. The issue is the difference in transportation/travel time; it essentially doubles with him traveling to Cody. April is also worse with cancellations and delayed flights. Sam would have an additional day of travel on both sides of this clinic. George asked if there would be another day or location to consider. Peggy Peterson added that there are some folks who would like to ride in this clinic, but they will be attending the Casey Deary clinic in May at Ashley Villmow's arena outside of Gillette. If the dates were different, they may be able to ride in both. Robert informed us that the weekend of August 2-3 is available, but there is still a concern with having the clinic in Cody due to travel time. He asked about having the clinic at Ashley Villmow's outside of Gillette or in Wright. Wright is closer to Casper, but it an 11-hour drive for the Cody folks who would like to participate. The Agripark arena in Sheridan may be available that weekend and would be preferable. Nancy suggested the possibility of hosting this clinic in Douglas. Debbie Russell informed us that they did reserve April 26-28 just in case, and added that the facility in Douglas would be available anytime in April. George explained that the April Fun Day and Awards Banquet could always be rescheduled in the event of bad weather and thought we should consider scheduling Sam in August in Sheridan. Robert thought it would be helpful to explore options and asked if stalling, college students, rodeo team, etc would be an issue with the August 2-3 timeframe. George did not speculate this would be a problem. Nancy will check the facility schedules at both Sheridan and Douglas, but noted August 2-3 is right before the Wyoming State Fair (August 14-17) in Douglas. George thought the feasible locations would be Wright or Sheridan. He and Nancy will check into renting the arena in Sheridan on August 2-3. Robert Peterson and Sam Schaffhauser will inform us of what they would like. Travel time is about 2 hours from Casper either way. Ashley Villmow's arena is 16 miles south of Gillette; she may be another option.
- George and Nancy will check with Director of College Services/Zane Garstad regarding the availability in Sheridan. Robert will verify with Sam on the August dates to make a firm decision. Nancy will work to get an arena close enough to Casper and noted that he could fly out of Sheridan when he finishes on the last day. George informed us that their airport is getting a United Airlines flight there with baggage service after January 1, 2019. Nancy explained how this could save him a day of travel. Regardless, the CSRHA will plan on hosting a Sam Schaffhauser clinic on 8/3-4 with travel on 8/2. A viable location will be found.

- **Miscellaneous**

- Nancy Pfeifer received a call from NRHA Affiliate Program Representative/Lauren Rufo regarding the problem with the Mountain Affiliate Finals. The NRHA is meeting next week regarding the low participation in Denver. Their first choice is to split the Mountain Region with those who reside east of the Rockies to show with the North Central affiliates in Lincoln, Nebraska and those who reside west of the Rockies to show with the Northwest affiliates in Nampa, Idaho. The NRHA is calling each affiliate in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Utah to gather information and generate ideas.
- Nanette explained that this is an old issue they have been dealing with since she was on the board; they do not understand the time it takes to get to these shows. For example, Nampa is 12 hours from Cody; Lincoln is 15 hours.
- Gordon attended the Mountain Affiliate Finals which were held in Denver last month and reported that JD and Janice Anderson traveled with only one client. There was no one from Utah, and some from Colorado did not even haul.
- Nanette outlined that the Denver facility is part of the problem. Nancy informed Lauren that the facility is bad.
- Nanette asked if there was any discussion about allowing riders to choose where to go. Gordon explained that the Idaho Reining Horse Association is the only affiliate that can choose to go to the Northwest Affiliate Finals or the Mountain Affiliate Finals. An affiliate has to choose one or the other, so the IdrHA members have been going to Nampa. Very few riders from Wyoming haul to Lincoln; most are closer to Nampa. George thinks people should be able to choose which way to go. It would be quicker for those in Bozeman and west to go to Nampa. Nanette explained that it is really only two hours difference either way (Lincoln or Nampa) for her and thinks the NRHA should consider letting us choose. Nancy reported

that the NRHA will not let an affiliate split; George thinks the affiliates should work for having a choice. Nancy will contact Lauren Rufo to report her findings from this discussion.

Next meeting: Teleconference **December 12, 2018** at 7:00 pm. Dial **951/797-1058** with passcode **681306**.

ADJOURN:

Any information folks gather based on the meeting needs to share it ASAP so decisions can be made in a timely manner. This especially includes information from Ryan Anderson regarding the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston, Montana and the Sam Schaffhauser clinic.

There was no additional business to discuss. Peggy Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Pfeiffer seconded. The CSRHA meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.