



COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
***** BOARD MEETING *****
1/9/2019 7:00 PM

Roll Call

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Guest:</u>
Gordon Hinders		x	
George Pfeiffer			
Nancy Pfeiffer			
Peggy Peterson			
Renee Pipinich			
Kathy Nicholson			
Robert Peterson			
Erin Schroeder		x	
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 December 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or further discussion. Nancy Pfeiffer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Debbie Russell seconded. Meeting Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2018 Election**
 - Peggy Peterson reported that 21 ballots were received from the CSRHA membership. Renee Pipinich and Nanette Till both received 14 votes; Chantel Probert received 3 votes; Justin Henderson received 9 votes. The numbers do not quite tally 100% due to some folks voting for just one candidate and others voted for three. Congratulations to Renee Pipinich and Nanette Till who will serve the CSRHA and board members through December 31, 2021.
 - CSRHA President Gordon Hinders contacted Vice-President George Pfeiffer and explained that due to the number of personal obligations and responsibilities, he could not continue as CSRHA President. He did not submit his resignation in writing as stated in the CSRHA By-Laws. George is certain that it is safe to assume Gordon does not wish to continue as CSRHA President, so in his absence, George is willing to serve as President. The By-Laws outline that if a vacancy occurs, the board has the responsibility to appoint someone to fill the departing member's term; it is not automatic that the Vice-President will become President. George outlined that he feels odd serving as acting President *and* administering a selection process for the vacancy. If this is not decided upon at this meeting, it will need to be decided by the next board meeting.
 - Nanette Till requested this issue open for discussion. First of all, most of the board can assume that Gordon Hinders will not submit a written resignation to the board and explained that there is a need for a motion to accept his verbal declaration of resignation. Secondly, she thought most of the board would be

happy if George would like to resume the Presidential position for the next year. Another motion could be made followed by a vote to handle the issue at this meeting.

- George reviewed the CSRHA By-Laws for resignation rules and noted that we cannot enforce the written resignation to be submitted.

Nanette Till made a motion to accept Gordon Hinders' verbal resignation. Stephanie Williams seconded. Additional discussion ensued.

- If Gordon Hinders' verbal resignation is accepted, George suggested that Peggy Peterson format a letter for Gordon which would outline that the CSRHA accepts this verbal resignation.

Above motion passed with the addition that Peggy Peterson will write and submit a letter stating that the CSRHA accepts Gordon Hinders' verbal resignation.

- With regard to Gordon Hinders' replacement, George Pfeiffer explained that he would fill the vacancy if the board wishes and will serve as President until the end of Gordon's normal term (December 31, 2019). At that time, the normal election process could determine a new CSRHA President.
- Nancy Pfeiffer asked if any of the board members would like to fulfill Gordon's term.
- Peggy Peterson supported George's suggestion and would post for the open Presidential position with the fall 2019 election.

Nanette Till made a motion that George Pfeiffer is accepted as the CSRHA Interim President which would be effective until the end of Gordon Hinders' term of December 31, 2019. Renee Pipinich seconded. Motion passed.

- George Pfeiffer asked if the CSRHA requires an interim Vice-President as he did not find anything in the CSRHA By-Laws pertaining to this situation. Nanette outlined that the President does not have a vote; the Vice-President does have a vote, meaning the new Vice-President would be a board member who already has a vote.
- Nancy Pfeiffer added that she would like to see a volunteer for the Vice-Presidential position to share the workload with the President. George explained that since this is new information to the board, this selection should be deferred to allow time for potential Vice-Presidential candidates to consider the opportunity to serve.
- Nanette Till outlined that if a Board of Director accepts the Vice-Presidential position, the CSRHA will have a vacant Board of Director position. Stephanie Williams suggested that the fall 2018 election results could be considered. The CSRHA could then select the person with the next highest votes and move said individual into a Board of Director position. [Note: this would be Justin Henderson]
- George Pfeiffer asked that this topic be tabled for the next CSRHA board meeting. In the meantime, CSRHA By-Laws will be reviewed.

- **June 20-23, 2019 Slide Into Summer**

- George Pfeiffer spoke to MRHA's Vice-President Ryan Anderson about co-affiliating with the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston, Montana. George was happy to report that Ryan discussed this with the MRHA President who would be happy to have the CSRHA use this event as their third NRHA qualifying event for the 2019 show season. This would mean that the CSRHA would not have to plan a third NRHA event or make one of the CSRHA Fun Days into a NRHA show.

Nancy Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston, Montana on June 20-23, 2019 the third CSRHA affiliate show. Peggy Peterson seconded. Additional discussion ensued.

- George Pfeiffer explained that the CSRHA would be under no obligation to assist with this event, financially or manpower, but added that it would be nice if the CSRHA could volunteer wherever needed. George will inform Ryan Anderson that the CSRHA will assist to the extent of the members in attendance.

- Renee Pipinich asked if there will be CSRHA classes at this show. George explained that this event will be a NRHA show for affiliate qualifying points only and not a club show in terms of points earned toward CSRHA year-end awards. This event will be used only to fulfill NRHA's requirement of having three NRHA events within the year.
- Stephanie Williams understands the NRHA requirement and asked if the CSRHA could incorporate CSRHA classes into this event in the future. George explained that the complication lies where the CSRHA classes and rules differ with the MRHA in regards to NRHA classes. George added that Ryan Anderson indirectly proposed something related to this (to be discussed late in the meeting). George did not think it would be feasible to make this event a part of the CSRHA 2019 year-end awards due to the late date. Nancy Pfeiffer added that the CSRHA's goal is to get involved with this show with the least amount of complications this first year.

Above motion passed.

- **CSRHA Membership Directory**

- Kathy Nicolson reported that she needs updates by January 31, 2019 to complete this project and added that she would like the CSRHA class champions and reserve champions write-ups and photos by January 31, 2019 as well.
- Kathy sent a copy of a proposal for sponsorships for ads and prices to Nancy for review. Kathy asked the board when the Membership Directory should be ready for distribution so she could establish a final deadline. Nanette Till outlined that the CSRHA leadership needed to finalize the date of the first event in 2019 at this meeting. The Membership Directory was available at the 2018 Awards Banquet; this was a good starting point.
- Kathy submitted a copy of the draft to Nancy Pfeiffer for her review. She would like people to sign up for items that need to be reviewed to include: CSRHA show rules, what does it take to win the year-end saddle, class descriptions, and classes that will be awarded at the year-end banquet. Nancy will forward this to the board to get assistance on this project.
- Nanette suggested these items be submitted to the Show Committee for review/updates. She asked if Gordon Hinders will still be on that team. If not, she is asking for a board member to volunteer to help on the Show Committee. George assumed that Gordon will no longer serve on the Show Committee, but he will ask. Nancy and George will review these items and send Nanette a copy for review. A decision will be made and can be expected by the end of the week.
- Kathy added that she also needs advertising and sponsorships for the directory. Nanette asked if Kathy is contacting the businesses who advertised in 2018. Kathy explained that everyone will need to make contact with their sponsors who advertised in previous years. For example, Nanette would need to contact those from Cody, etc.
- Kathy would like all advertising and sponsorships by March 1, 2019.
- George reminded everyone to submit their biographies and stories for the directory in a timely manner to help Kathy. Nancy added that she is waiting on George Pfeiffer, Robert Peterson, and Carson Peterson for their write-ups for the champion and reserve champion articles in the directory.

- **Awards Committee**

- Stephanie Williams asked if everyone received the email from Peggy which included an attachment outlining prizes for the 2019 events. To outline without going into deep detail, the Awards Team has planned:
 - 1st Place prizes - \$15-\$40 budget
 - 2nd Place prizes - \$10-\$15 budget
 - 3rd Place prizes - \$5-\$10 budget
- Stephanie visited with the local embroidery business in Cody, Wyoming and was informed that the one-time fee to enlarge the CSRHA logo would be \$60. She added that the entire CSRHA logo could

be used, but requires a lot of stitching, so suggested just using the letters, "CSRHA" which would be \$20-25. Nancy thought this seemed expensive as she had caps ordered and was charged just \$12.50 for the caps and embroidery.

- Stephanie informed everyone that the graphics on the coats and vests would be the 4 inch logo. The cost is based on the number of stitches. Hats had the small logo as well. She added there are not many choices in the Cody area for embroidery.
 - She has also been working on fleece blankets for the Grasslands Market Slide and will check into the cost of adding the year as well. This project is not expected to take long once the blankets arrive.
 - Stephanie ordered leather halters. CSRHA and the year will be etched into the name plate of each halter. She chose not to put the year on a handful in the event they could be used for 2020.
 - She worked with Custom Cowboy/Julie with regards to wild rags and leather reins. Julie will give the CSRHA a 20% discount for bulk orders of 16 or more wild rags. Stephanie found wild rags in Basin for \$15, but she would like to support Custom Cowboy as they have supported the CSRHA with an ad in the Membership Directory in the past. The reins are 5/8" harness leather and are very nice. Julie priced the reins at \$40 a pair with a bulk order. Kyle Tack also has weighted reins which are very nice, listed for \$50 a pair, but Stephanie is not sure she would be able to get a discount on them.
 - Tom Balding (another long-time CSRHA sponsor) has two types of keychains. The spur and rowel style is priced at \$25 each; the spur and rowel with the bucking horse is priced at \$54 each. She was not sure these items could be priced with a bulk order. Stephanie asked for input from the board.
 - There are five CSRHA events, so there is a requirement for prizes for three fun days and two NRHA shows. Everyone seemed fine with the wild rags for \$15 each or \$35 with the 20% discount, either way. It was decided to delay the purchase of the reins until it is decided where items will be purchased. Peggy outlined that it is a good idea if the club can support its sponsors whenever possible. Nancy will do some additional shopping for good prices. Kathy added that Western Supply in Riverton has been a good sponsor for the club and suggested maybe Rhonda Slack could donate or discount some prizes. Peggy will check with her and report back to Nancy and Stephanie. Stephanie will purchase reins once a decision is made. It was agreed that the board would be satisfied with the decisions the Awards Committee make.
 - Nancy Pfeiffer reported that she is having difficulty working with Continental Saddlery and asked Nanette to try to contact them in regards to the CSRHA year-end trophy saddle. She also proposed that since the club knows the high-point winner by September of each year, the saddle be made thereafter so the individual can select the correct size. This option would result in the club not displaying the trophy saddle at each event, so Nanette suggested that maybe Continental would issue a demo saddle that could be used for that purpose. She added that it is a nice incentive for competitors to see the saddle at the CSRHA events. This topic will be discussed further at a later date.
- **April 2019 clinic, fun day, and banquet**
 - A date for this weekend in April still has not been determined. The original date of April 25-27 will be in direct conflict with the Great Western Reining Horse Association's Best Little Derby in the West on April 23-28 in Nampa, ID. The other option was the weekend of April 18-20, but this is Easter weekend. Kathy Nicholson added that the show in Nampa is scheduled to begin on April 21 and runs the entire week.
 - George asked Peggy about the results of the poll that was conducted. She did not have the results with her, but did share it with George via email prior to this meeting. *Results: 2 votes for weekend of April 18-20; 3 votes for weekend of April 25-27; 5 votes did not matter with varying reasons to include 1 suggestion for Renee Pipinich as a clinician and 1 suggestion for Justin Henderson as a clinician.
 - Stephanie Williams outlined that the voting results were pretty evenly split and added that the board needed to decide on hosting a clinic or not at this meeting. Peggy Peterson suggested that the club may have to split the events to host a clinic/fun day for another time. Stephanie reminded the group of the travel time for people to attend and would like to see the clinic, banquet, and fun day combined into one weekend as had been done in 2018. This would also open the doors for more people to attend and added that the club needs to attempt to combine the events so folks do not have to travel so far for just one event.

- Renee Pipinich and Chantel Probert will be traveling to the show in Nampa; Robert Peterson will be attending the NRBC, which is the weekend prior.
- The difficulty in finding a clinician is due to so many in this area attending the event in Nampa. The board could check with Levi Hostettler, Chuck Nesmith, and/or Justin Henderson to see if they would be interested in being a clinician. Chuck is also a NRHA judge, so there would be a possibility of hosting a judge's clinic in conjunction with the weekend's events.

Nancy Pfeiffer made a motion to host a clinic on April 25-26, the CSRHA banquet on the evening of April 26, and a CSRHA Fun Day on April 27. A clinic will be scheduled depending on how many people would be interested in participating. Stephanie Williams seconded. There was no further discussion. Motion passed.

- **Awards Banquet**

- Nanette Till and Stephanie Williams will be working with The Irma and arrange for the buffet for the evening of April 26, 2019.

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

- Debbie Russell reported that the dirt is in the Ford Pavillion and on the fairgrounds' calendar. Nancy Pfeiffer asked about an update on the indoor stalls and indoor arena. Debbie explained that she has not received a discounted price yet, but Bill Russell is negotiating. There will be an AQHA show the following weekend. Nancy added that the CSRHA will pay what is required, but is hoping for a negotiated price.
- Renee Pipinich stressed the importance of the ground conditions and added that something needs to be done in reference to the difficulty they experienced in 2018. Debbie reported that the dirt will be the same as in 2018 and explained that there is a concrete floor underneath. Wyoming State Fairgrounds Building and Grounds Supervisor/Mark Maue did attend the Kiser ground school and suggested that if someone would like to meet with Mark, they could discuss options for ground conditions and ways to improve. Renee reminded everyone that she worked diligently with Gordon Hinders at the 2018 event, but had serious difficulty in getting good conditions. She added that the weekend of May 11-12 is a challenging weekend to pull entries due to the many NRHA high paying events in the surrounding areas. To make the Grasslands Market Slide successful, it is imperative to get good ground. The CSRHA may need to consider changing the date for 2020. She agreed that this venue has enormous potential, but the CSRHA needs to ensure better ground for the reiners. She understands it is not always perfect, but stressed that it was really bad in 2018; there was no real base.
- There was additional discussion on the ground conditions at this venue. Everyone agreed that if the ground is not good, folks will not haul to this show.

- **Sam Schaffhauser clinic**

- Robert Peterson had no updates for this clinic other than the dates of August 3-4, 2019 were confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MRHA/YRHA/CSRHA Circuit**

- When George Pfeiffer visited with Ryan Anderson regarding the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston, MT, they discussed the interest in a MRHA/YRHA/CSRHA circuit award with the idea being that each affiliate could designate a show to be their own affiliate show. The MRHA's affiliate show would be the Slide Into Summer event in Livingston; the YRHA's affiliate show would be one of the Yellowstone Slide shows at Anderson Training Stables in Wilsall; the CSRHA's affiliate show would be the Grasslands Market Slide in Douglas, WY. Each association would donate money and give an award for the high point in each of the combined shows. The idea would be to get each association out of their comfort zones and participate/support each affiliate's shows.
- It was agreed to discuss further and pursue if there is interest. It was added that if the prizes were enough to entice people to haul to other affiliate's shows, there would certainly be interest. This would most likely not happen in 2019. At this time, only the concept was discussed. Nanette Till added that it would

be good to get crossover between the other affiliates. George Pfeiffer will proceed with this further if the board is interested in pursuing the idea.

Next meeting: Teleconference **February 13, 2018** 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. Debbie Russell seconded. The CSRHA meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.