



**COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
1/18/2016 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			
Nanette Till			
Christin Brubaker		x	
Collie Vinger			
Debbie Russell			
Ryane Clark		x	
Ashley Villmow	x		

CALL TO ORDER

President Gordon Hinders called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from the November 22, 2016 teleconference meeting were reviewed.

- Nancy outlined that the 2017 show dates have been changed by a day or two, but she was okay with leaving the minutes as posted and correct the dates with this meeting's minutes.

There were no additional corrections or further discussion. Peggy Peterson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Nancy Pfeiffer seconded. Meeting Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Awards Banquet (March 18, 2017)**
 - Nancy Pfeiffer reported:
 - Everything with the Sheridan Best Western has been finalized.
 - Ryane Clark is working on an invitation/flyer/RSVP for the banquet. The RSVP will be attached at the bottom of the invitation to be returned to Nancy with money. This will need to get on the website and facebook by February 1, 2017 based on our last meeting decision. Nancy will confirm with Ryane that the RSVP and funds need to be sent to her (Nancy).
 - It is extremely important that we get an accurate head count for the banquet as the Best Western will charge us if we get some 'no-shows'. It was suggested that we have dinners pre-paid to avoid an unnecessary expense.
 - George Pfeiffer added that the Best Western will work with us if we need to reschedule due to weather or some unforeseen circumstance where attendance would be seriously affected. We would like a count on the number of people who are intending on coming as we cannot have folks just show or not show at will.
 - Nanette Till suggested that folks submit payment for their meal with their RSVP. The Yellowstone Reining Horse Association normally has everything prepaid, regardless.

- Nancy informed everyone that they would most likely be able to find a motel room in March, but the CSRHA has a block reserved at the Best Western. She suggested that folks call the Best Western ahead of time to ensure to get the agreed upon rate for their stay.

- **Year-End Awards**

- Nancy Pfeiffer reported:

- The headstalls by Glenn Stoner have been ordered. They are all the same with a rolled earpiece. They will have either a basket weave or floral design. Note that the buckles can be upgraded as well. Nancy sent him a \$500 deposit for the headstalls.
 - George Pfeiffer opted for a pair of Tom Balding spurs and ordered them before Tom agreed to sponsor the Loomis clinic.
 - Nancy is working on a few more photographs for the reserve champion awards.
 - Peggy asked about the reception for Bob and Pam Loomis in June. Nancy has no additional information, but is assuming it will be sometime Friday evening (June 2).
 - We will also plan a silent auction during the year-end awards banquet. Everyone needs to bring an item or two for this fundraiser. Nancy informed us that the silent auction may be smaller than in years past, but we will just do what we can. We will not ask Tom Balding for a donation. Brenda reminded everyone that we still have a bit made by Mark Nicholson that can be auctioned. Peggy and Nancy suggested that everyone contact at least one sponsor to get items for the silent auction.
 - Collie Vinger asked about the CSRHA perpetual pannier that Kevie Morrison purchased a few years ago. Peggy agreed to ask her about it via facebook. Ryane Clark could possibly pick it up as they both live in the Casper area now.
 - Nancy Pfeiffer asked the Best Western Events Coordinator about a room for the CSRHA board meeting from 2-4 pm on March 18. This will not be a problem. Nancy will have more information on location at a later date.

On a side note, Collie Vinger informed us about a NRHA/NSBA/AQHA/APHA show in Billings, Montana on September 1-4, 2017. Scott Neuman is advertising 4 judges for an affordable, fun show. Nanette Till heard this show will be at the Pavillion in Billings. Scott shared this on the Montana Reining Horse Association's facebook page, so be sure to stay tuned for more information.

- **2017 Show Season**

- George Pfeiffer reported: the CSRHA will have 5 shows (3 NRHA shows with 2 play days) and had some minor date adjustments to include:

- **April 22, 2017:** CSRHA Play Day that will include Ranch Riding at the Flying T Ranch (Nanette Till's arena). Note that points will count toward year-end awards.
 - **May 20, 2017:** NRHA/CSRHA *Grasslands Market Slide* in conjunction with the Wyoming Quarter Horse Associations' Woolly Quarter Horse Show in the big indoor (Ford Arena) in Douglas, Wyoming. This arena is located just northwest of the stalling barn and is a top-notch facility. The Show Committee met and discussed the possibility of adding money (~\$600) but found that if we add money, the CSRHA can't have entry fees being any more than 10% of the added money, per NRHA rules. As a result, the committee decided that this will be a jackpot show, similar to what we did with the Hurry, Wait, and Whine show in Rapid City. Competitors can enter NRHA classes, CSRHA classes, and/or AQHA classes or any combination as they wish. The Show Committee also opted to add a Rookie Professional class which will run concurrently with the Open and Limited Open classes, however the Rookie Professional class will NOT count toward year-end awards.
 - **June 4, 2017:** NRHA/CSRHA *Sheridan Slide* date was changed to accommodate the Bob Loomis clinic on June 2nd and 3rd. As of this date, the CSRHA is receiving good sponsorship monies. Note that the entry fees for this show have not yet been determined. The committee is in the process of finding a NRHA judge and secretary at this time. Nanette Till

contacted George Stone and George King who informed her that they both let their NRHA judges' cards expire. George Stone advised that he would be available to judge the CSRHA Play Days. Nanette will contact Marilyn Randall to see if she could judge this event. The Show Committee has decided to make this event the CSRHA showplace show of the year and add \$2,000 to be distributed as follows: add \$500 in the Open and \$500 in the Non-Pro, add \$250 in the Limited Open and \$250 in the Limited Non-Pro, and add \$250 in the Novice Horse Open and \$250 in the Novice Horse Non-Pro classes. George Pfeiffer made a motion that the CSRHA offer \$2,000 in added money at the Sheridan Slide. Nanette Till seconded. Motion passed.

On a side note, the CSRHA Show Committee has decided to avoid the Western Dressage, Ranch Trail, and other ranch type classes. Due to the fact that we are a reining horse association, and we may be unnecessarily taxing our judges with learning new rules for the various classes, we will avoid the addition of ancillary non-reining classes. The Ranch Riding is close enough to reining classes that the club could still recruit competitors to generate income, and these classes have been showing some potential for folks to get into the reining classes.

Note that the Novice Ranch Riding class will be for entry level (those who have never won anything) and Ranch Riding will be open for everyone else. The Show Committee will work on more detailed class descriptions for these classes.

- **July 15, 2016:** NRHA/CSRHA *Park County Slide* in Powell, Wyoming will be a jackpot due to the difficulties with the entry fees as outlined previously. The Show Committee decided that the CSRHA can collect more money with entry fees by having a jackpot show. Note this show will be at the Park County Fairgrounds and will have both Ranch Riding classes which will be counted toward year-end awards.
- **September 9, 2017:** CSRHA Play Day that will include Ranch Riding in Sheridan. This event will be similar to the September 2016 and the April 22 events with points counting toward year-end awards.

There was discussion on the 2017 CSRHA year-end awards. The same classes as 2016 will be recognized for year-end awards and will include the two Ranch Riding classes. The Show Committee decided that the CSRHA needed to set criteria on what it would take to qualify for a year-end award. For example, in 2016, some year-end award recipients showed in only one event to earn the highest points. The Show Committee decided that in order to qualify for a 2017 year-end award, one would need to show in at least 3 of the 5 shows the CSRHA hosts. The more shows in which a rider competes, the better his/her chances are at earning a year-end award. Nanette Till made a motion to accept the year-end award criteria presented to the board. Debbie Russell seconded. Motion passed.

Nancy Pfeiffer outlined that 4 of the 5 CSRHA shows will offer the Ranch Riding classes (April 22, June 4, July 15, and September 9). This class will NOT be held at the Grasslands Market Slide in Douglas due to the AQHA/WQHA show running concurrently. The WQHA will have Ranch Riding classes for Open, Amateur, Novice Amateur, and Youth. For a Ranch Riding year-end award, riders will have to compete in at least 2 of the 4 shows where the class is offered.

All the show facilities have been arranged for 2017. Powell has a new facility manager, but Gordon will ensure our date of July 15 is still in their schedule.

Gordon has received a few emails regarding NRHA judges for just \$500/ day; one from California and one from Oregon. The CSRHA has to consider the travel expenses to get the judges to our shows. Gordon and George also received an email from the facilities manager at Big Piney as they are searching for organizations to hold events in their facility. With the 2017 CSRHA show season outlined, the Big Piney facility can be considered as a co-affiliated location with the Idaho Reining

Horse Association for some time in the future. There is also a possibility that the CSRHA could co-affiliate with the Idaho Reining Horse Association and the Intermountain Reining Horse Association for a Derby at some point.

The Central Montana Reining Horse Association/Shawn McClurg has announced that they will be hosting three shows: May 13, July 1, and July 2, 2017.

The CSRHA affiliate paperwork has been submitted to the NRHA for 2017.

- **Fundraising**

- Nanette asked that each officer and board member apply for sponsorships for the Sheridan Slide. Even \$100 each would help significantly. Be sure to remind them of the Membership Directory and that banners can be hung in the arena.
- Peggy asked if anyone has developed a sponsorship package similar to what the CSRHA has had in the past. There is a form on the website, but it needs to be updated. Brenda offered her assistance with this if someone would send it to her. Collie designed these for 2016 and will see about finding the files. Nanette thought she had them on her computer. This topic was tabled so Collie, Nancy and the other Fundraising Committee members can work on a more generic sponsorship package. Nancy will work on it at home and submit it to those on the fundraising committee (Nanette, Brenda, Christin, Kathy Nicholson, Peggy, and Nancy).
- Gordon has not heard anything from Christin regarding the potential of ½ beef for raffle ticket sales. He will also contact her to see if she wishes to remain on the board as she has missed meetings. Nanette will review the CSRHA By-Laws regarding this as well.
- Peggy did not get the doll and horse sold on e-bay, so this set and all the accessories will be offered at the live auction during the Award Banquet in March.

- **Youth Club**

- Gordon informed everyone that he has not completed much with this project.

- **Membership**

- Brenda has been working on memberships and rearranged the CSRHA roster. She informed us that everyone should have access to the Google sheets. Nancy was confused about how to access these sheets, so Brenda will email some instructions to everyone on how to access these.

- **Affiliate Incentive Program (NRHA Toolbox)**

- Nanette Till reported:
 - Nanette will contact the NRHA to inquire about incentive money for the CSRHA based on the 2016 clinics that were completed.
 - The deadline to report activities is in March.
 - George asked about getting incentive money for the Bob Loomis clinic, but Nanette thought that this will have to be on the following year's program (it will have to be reported by March 2018 for the 2017 clinic).
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NEW BUSINESS:

- **CSRHA Trophy Saddle**

- Nanette Till ordered the trophy saddle from Continental Saddlery over the phone on January 18. The trophy saddle will be offered for the 2017 CSRHA Rookie Level 2 class only. The Show Committee will add language to the show rules which will outline that previous saddle winners will not be eligible. The saddle should be finished and shipped within 3 months. George Pfeiffer made a motion that the saddle be offered for the CSRHA Rookie Level 2 only and that previous saddle recipients will not be

- eligible. Note that this decision will be based on the earlier discussion where the rider must show at more than 50% of the 2017 CSRHA shows. Debbie Russell seconded. Motion passed.
- Nancy reminded everyone of the discussion that was held at the board meeting in October. Nanette asked if those of us present would be willing to donate \$100 for the trophy saddle. Nancy asked Nanette when she would need to start collecting these funds. Nanette informed us that she will work on the written paperwork on January 19 and contact those who agreed to donate. She will send the checks to the CSRHA Treasurer (Nancy) and submit receipts to those who donate.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm**, via teleconference. Dial **951/797-1058** with passcode **681306**

There was no additional business to discuss. Peggy Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Pfeiffer seconded. Meeting adjourned.

ADJOURN:

The CSRHA meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.