



COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
***** BOARD MEETING *****
2/13/2019 7:00 PM

Roll Call

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Guest:</u>
George Pfeiffer			
Nancy Pfeiffer			
Peggy Peterson			
Renee Pipinich			
Kathy Nicholson	x		
Robert Peterson			
Erin Schroeder			
Nanette Till	x		
Debbie Russell			
Stephanie Williams			

CALL TO ORDER:

President George Pfeiffer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or further discussion. Debbie Russell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Nancy Pfeiffer seconded. Meeting Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Vacant BOD position**
 - George Pfeiffer informed everyone that the Board of Director position has not yet been filled and asked for guidance from the board regarding the Presidential Appointee.
 - Debbie Russell suggested Justin Henderson; he was on the election ballot last fall. Stephanie Williams informed us that Chantel Probert would be interested in filling the position. Peggy Peterson was concerned that Justin may not have time to dial into the monthly teleconferences with his busy schedule. George would be sure to contact Justin to explain the responsibilities required for a board position. Stephanie added that this person would also need to help recruit new members to the club and take on extra duties. Kathy Nicholson, for example, has taken the Membership Directory and made it a beneficial document for the club. Stephanie would like to have us consider Chantel to see what she could offer. Nancy outlined that Justin brought a number of riders to the Grasslands Market Slide in 2018, which was extremely helpful, financially.
 - George asked if anyone on the current board would be willing to serve as the CSRHA Vice President. If we had someone to volunteer for this position, we could appoint two new people on the board. Renee Pipinich nominated Nanette Till, but Stephanie explained that Nanette may not have the time for additional responsibilities this year and nominated Renee Pipinich. Stephanie added that the CSRHA needs someone with experience and knows the NRHA rules/requirements.
 - Renee would be willing to fill the Vice Presidential position, but with her business building, her Wednesday and Thursday evenings are filled. She asked if the club could hold the teleconferences on Tuesday evenings instead. Everyone agreed this would be possible.

Stephanie Williams made a motion to appoint Renee Pipinich as the CSRHA Vice President. Peggy Peterson seconded. Motion passed.

- George Pfeiffer then appointed Justin Henderson and Chantel Probert to fill the vacant Board of Director positions, if there were no objections. There were none.
- **2019 Entry Fees/Ranch Riding Classes**
 - In the past, the Ranch Riding classes had a \$20 entry fee with no judge's fee or payback. Prizes have been awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Some board members wished to discuss if these fees should be increased or should the club do something different?
 - Stephanie Williams outlined that the Ranch Riding classes bring in a significant amount of money for the club. Nancy Pfeiffer has done a great job of recruiting for these classes. Stephanie did some research with other affiliates and learned that the YRHA has a \$20 fee along with a judge's fee of \$20. She added that if the club is paying a NRHA judge to work for two hours and the club is giving both day and year-end prizes for this class, the fees should be adjusted.
 - George informed everyone that the Slide Into Summer show in Livingston charges an entry fee, a judge's fee, and pays money back to the riders.
 - Nancy Pfeiffer reported that the club is seeing 10-15 riders in the Ranch Riding classes. The club is making money due to the reasonable fees. She also noted that riders typically enter in both the Novice and Open Ranch Riding classes. She would like to see the fees stay at \$20 with no judge's fees.
 - Renee Pipinich recently hosted an event where she charged \$40 per rider with \$20 going into the pot. She had riders as far as 200 miles haul to her facility despite the impending extreme cold weather. Everyone won a little money; the fees did not hinder attendance. She gave prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. First prize won approximately \$50. She did not have office charges or video charges. Renee added that the Ranch Riding classes do take longer per horse on the pattern, and NRHA judges are due for overtime wages after 10 hours of work.
 - Stephanie suggested that the CSRHA charge a \$25 entry fee for a gradual increase so as to not catch people off-guard. There would be daily prizes and year-end prizes, but no pay back. The club could then consider increasing the entry fee to \$30 in 2020.

Stephanie Williams made a motion to charge a \$25 entry fee with no judge's fee or pay back for the 2019 Ranch Riding classes. Debbie Russell seconded. Motion passed with majority (1 opposed).

- **2019 Entry Fees/Ladies & Gents Classes**
 - The Ladies and Gents classes are typically run concurrently with a 1st place prize and no pay backs. These classes have typically been used by most competitors as a warm-up class. The club had some issues at the 2018 Grasslands Market Slide with riders using too much time in the arena so the club instilled a 5-minute limit on these classes. The entry fee has been set at \$20 with no judge's fee or pay back. George Pfeiffer asked the group if these fees should remain at \$20 or be increased to \$25.
 - Nancy outlined that the fees for this class seem exceptionally low and thought they should be increased and/or include a judge's fee.
 - Renee informed everyone that the GWRHA charges \$40 and a judge's fee for these classes. Very few riders get a score due to the number of folks using the classes as a paid warm-up. Stephanie recalled a show where most riders rode in to school their horses and noted that for some riders, this class is their time in the 'spotlight' and were elated when they won the class. Nancy recalled a time when she went in to school and won a buckle for the class. She suggested the club not have a pay back but give 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. She suggested the entry fees be set at \$25 or \$30 per rider.

Nancy Pfeiffer made a motion to charge \$30 for the Ladies/Gents class with no payback and no judge's fee. Debbie Russell seconded. Motion passed with majority (1 opposed).

- There was some additional discussion as to how to clarify and award these classes which will be tabled for the next CSRHA teleconference.
- **April 2019 clinic, fun day, and banquet**
 - Stephanie reported that the event flyers have been finalized. Tammy Scott will be the announcer at the Fun Day. She will also try to announce the Grasslands Market Slide in Douglas in May.
 - Finding a trainer for a 2-day clinic has been a challenge as most are hauling to the big show in Nampa, Idaho that week. As a result, Stephanie suggested a Ranch Riding clinic or a judging clinic. The NRHA awards monies to affiliates for hosting a judging clinic. The club could also consider a 'Ride a Reiner' event where folks could do some run downs, circles, and spins on a trained horse.
 - Erin Schroeder suggested Levi Hostetler of Casper as a clinician.
 - Nanette has not heard back regarding a judge for the Fun Day. Hailey Vieira has judged for the club in the past and could be considered as well. If Gordon Hinders is not showing, perhaps he could judge.
 - Nancy mailed the CSRHA Banquet invitation to all 2018 members and new 2019 members this week. She included a membership form and the flyer for the Sam Schffhauser clinic with hopes of seeing more people registering early.
- **May 11-12, 2019 Grasslands Market Slide**
 - Debbie Russell reported that everything is on track for this event. She and Bill are working on getting shavings at \$5/bag if the club buys a truckload. She will also check with the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association to share this expense. The shavings could be marked up a bit which would result in a slight profit for the club as well.
 - Debbie is concerned about the local motels being full during the work week due to the increase in oil field workers. There should be no issues with hook-ups in the show area at the fairgrounds. Nancy will get the show staff motel rooms reserved soon.
 - George informed everyone that Chuck Nesmith and Shawn McClurg will be the event judges. Cathy McClurg will be the show secretary.
 - Nancy asked about additional advertisement for this show. Peggy will check into the cost of a ½ page ad in The Wrangler Horse and Rodeo News. She will also investigate advertising in the area newspapers and magazines to help spread the word.
- **August 3-4, 2019 Sam Schaffhauser clinic**
 - Nancy mailed sign-up forms to the CSRHA members. To date, one person has signed up with their deposit. 4-5 others have shown interest, but have not submitted their fees. Robert Peterson had no additional updates.
- **Year-End Trophy Saddle**
 - Nancy reported that Continental Saddlery will not return her calls. The cost for this saddle has been \$1,400 in the past. There is a possibility that they do not want to offer trophy saddles anymore. As a result, she contacted the OKRHA who recommended Kyle Tack and/or Silver Spurs, which is the official trophy saddle maker for the NRHA and is a corporate sponsor. The Kyle Tack trophy saddle is priced at \$2,500; Silver Spurs trophy saddle is priced at \$2,000 (normally \$3,500). Both saddles are very nice, but it is doubtful that the club will be able to find a trophy saddle for \$1,400 again. Nancy asked the group about spending \$2,000. She thinks the club can afford the additional expense as sponsorships have been solicited each year. George is donating his \$600 back to the club for this, so \$1,400 would need to be raised.

- Debbie agreed that the Silver Spurs saddle would be nice. She informed everyone that the trophy saddle maker would likely be Andrew Maschke and be their economy line.
- Stephanie added that Nanette has this on her 'to-do' list, but if there is no word by the end of next week (February 22), she moved that the club go with Silver Spurs.
- Nancy will contact the CSRHA membership and past sponsors for \$100 donations which would include a full-page ad in the CSRHA Membership Directory. Stephanie asked to clarify the \$100 donation. If a sponsor sends \$100, they will receive a full-page ad in the directory. They can also have a full-page ad if they donate \$100 worth of merchandise for the CSRHA silent auction. A business card ad is \$20 or \$25. Be sure to send these ads to Kathy Nicholson or Nancy Pfeiffer by March 1.
- Stephanie added that Charity with the Saddle Salon will do a \$100 gift certificate for the CSRHA silent auction. She does amazing work with leather; if anyone would like their tack rejuvenated by the Saddle Salon, it can be dropped off at the Awards Banquet in Cody. Stephanie will bring items back to the Grasslands Market Slide in May. Charity is very thorough and has even worked on museum pieces. Nancy will send an email out to everyone who will be attending these events so they are aware of this as well.
- George received an email from Kathy Nicholson; she has not received any ads from sponsors to date. She also needs updated biographies from Debbie Russell and Renee Pipinich for the Membership Directory.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **The Wrangler Horse & Rodeo News**

- George received an email from Paulette Moss of The Wrangler Horse & Rodeo News magazine. They have run the CSRHA's page for free and distributed The Wrangler to the club's members for free the past number of years. They are asking the CSRHA to pay \$8 per address per year to distribute the magazine to club members. This would total approximately \$320 per year for the CSRHA. This is not an outlandish request considering the amount of exposure this publication gives the club.

Debbie Russell made a motion to pay The Wrangler Horse & Rodeo News \$8 per single address per year for CSRHA members. Stephanie Williams seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Teleconference **March 12, 2018** at 7:00 pm (please note the day has been changed to TUESDAY). 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 8:10 pm.