



**COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**\*\*\* GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING \*\*\***  
**4/26/2019 6:27 PM**

**Roll Call**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President George Pfeiffer called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm.

George thanked everyone who brought items for the silent and live auctions and encouraged everyone to bid as the funds generated are utilized for year-end awards.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Not applicable.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Nancy Pfeiffer reported on the financial status of the club and outlined that three years ago, there was practically nothing in the account, but the club has managed to continue every year with good fund raising efforts. The club Fun Days usually bring in an additional \$800-1,000 when the facility is donated. Clinics have also helped immensely. For example, the Bob Loomis clinic raised nearly \$5,000. The Sam Schaffhauser clinics have been made possible due to Robert Peterson's support (Robert has paid for Sam's clinic fees and transportation). The club has had to pay for the arena, but the 2018 clinic raised \$4-5,000 as well. These types of events support our NRHA shows.

In 2018, the CSRHA had three NRHA shows which included the Grasslands Market Slide (double show) and the Sheridan Slide. The NRHA shows do not typically make a lot of money for our affiliate. To thank Bill and Debbie Russell for paying the arena rental fees and being a primary sponsor, the CSRHA has named the event in Douglas the Grasslands Market Slide to support their convenience store in town. The 2018 event had a considerable amount of added money (\$6,000) and had to pay two judges and a show secretary. As a result the 2018 show came out with a \$2,000 loss.

NRHA Professional, Sam Schaffhauser is traveling to Sheridan again in August. This clinic will be limited to ten riders, with five to ride in the morning and five to ride in the afternoon. This is how the event was organized in 2018, and it seemed to work well as everyone received a lot of individual help and attention.

To date, the club has spent funds on prizes for the 2019 events. There is over \$12,000 in the show account. The venues for the events will still have to be paid. The goal is to come out of the show season with as much as we start. There is over \$5,000 in the general account. Overall, the club is in good financial position without the difficulties from years past.

### **BUSINESS:**

George informed everyone about the 2019 show schedule.

- **April 27, 2019 CSRHA Fun Day (Cody, WY)**
- **May 11-12, 2019 Grasslands Market Slide (Douglas, WY)**
  - This event will be two separate shows. In 2018, the Show Committee thought expected to entice more exhibitors with the Non Pro and Open Derby classes, but this did occur. As a result, the CSRHA will not be hosting these classes in 2019. The Show Committee has opted to take \$1,000 and add it to the Limited Non Pro, Limited Open, and Rookie 2 classes instead.
- **June 8, 2019 Sheridan Fun Day (Sheridan, WY)**
  - This will be the second Fun Day for the year.
- **June 20-23, 2019 Slide Into Summer (Livingston, MT)**
  - The NRHA requires all affiliates to host at least three NRHA events. The CSRHA is having two NRHA shows in Douglas. The third NRHA show will be co-affiliated with the Montana Reining Horse Association's Slide Into Summer show to be held at the Heart K Arena in Livingston, Montana.
  - This is a fun show and at a very nice facility. George added that it is worth hauling to; they have a good amount of added money.
  - Note this show is for the NRHA requirement only. The CSRHA will not be using these classes for year-end awards.
- **August 3-4, 2019 Sam Schaffhauser clinic (Sheridan, WY)**
  - There are still a few spots open for this clinic. Those who are interested in getting registered need to contact Nancy Pfeiffer.
- **August 24, 2019 CSRHA Fun Day (Casper)**
  - This will be the final club Fun Day for the year.
- **Trophy Saddle**
  - The CSRHA will be offering a Continental trophy saddle again in 2019. The saddle will be awarded to either the high point CSRHA Rookie L2 or the high point CSRHA Green Reiner L2. Winning the saddle will be based on the most points earned in either class with no combination of the classes. To qualify for the champion saddle, both owner and rider must be members of the CSRHA prior to showing in the class for which they want points to count towards year end. Points are not retroactive. First place will earn 10 points, second place will earn 9 points and so on down the placings. A score of 0 or DQ will not receive any points.

There will be five shows in which to compete for this award: Cody Fun Day on April 27, Grasslands Market Slide on May 11, Grasslands Market Slide on May 12, Sheridan Fun Day on June 8, and Casper Fun Day on August 24.

A person's top four placings will be used to calculate total points. The person with the most points in one of the two classes wins the saddle. In the event of a tie, a run-off will be held at the Casper Fun Day to determine the winner. Previous CSRHA saddle winners are not eligible to win the saddle again. The winner

of the saddle will receive a certificate to Continental Saddlery for the "C35 Alabama Pro Reiner" model. The winner can then order the saddle with their specification (such as seat size, stirrup length, etc.) Continental Saddlery also offers the winner the opportunity to upgrade to a different model. If the winner wants a different saddle, they will get an allowance for the base model of \$2,950 and pay the difference for the more expensive model.

- Kathy Nicholson made a very nice stand-up poster that will be displayed at all the 2019 CSRHA events which outlines the above information. Note that the trophy saddle will also have nice Nettle stirrups.
- Stephanie Williams informed everyone that Sam Gullickson will be taking photographs at the CSRHA Fun Day at the Flying T Ranch arena on Saturday, April 27. She added that Sam is very talented at capturing images of horses. She suggested that the CSRHA have calendars made and offer them for fund raisers.
- George made a point to recognize Kathy Nicholson who designed the 2019 Membership Directories. He added that these booklets are top-quality, especially considering the size of the CSRHA. When you have the chance, be sure to thank Kathy and thank her for her work on these. She has a Facebook presence and her email is [kathyn2401@gmail.com](mailto:kathyn2401@gmail.com). Nancy Pfeiffer reminded everyone to submit good photos for the 2020 Membership Directory.

The floor was then opened for comments, suggestions, etc.

- **Membership**
  - Peggy Peterson asked the group for new ideas to recruit new members and encouraged everyone to post event flyers in locations in their areas.
  - Katy Bammel informed the group that there are college students at the University of Wyoming who have expressed interest in reining. She will check with the equestrian team as well.
  - George asked that everyone help with promoting the Grasslands Market Slide in Douglas.
  - The CSRHA needs more members and competitors. Everyone needs to encourage folks to come to our events. We did receive some new memberships with the Ranch Riding classes at the Cody Fun Day. Some people are intimidated by reining as it is difficult and challenging. Nancy added that most Ranch Riding competitors will enter at least one reining class. Showing 2-handed is often a seller for riders
  - How can we recruit more youth riders? It was noted that the 4H organization seems to be waning. All associations have difficulty in getting youth riders. Offering lease agreements and accommodating riders with 2-handed classes will also help.
- **Sponsorships**
  - Nancy Pfeiffer informed everyone that the Ford Arena and outside stalls were rented for the 2018 Grasslands Market Slide. The Ford and Pepsi Arenas have been rented for 2019, with the Pepsi Arena being for warming up or practice.
  - Bill Russell negotiated a contract for the CSRHA and will be putting dirt in for the club. The cost for these arenas is \$700/day for each, donated by Bill and Debbie.
  - Please take the time to thank Bill and Debbie Russell by emailing [dbjorussell@hotmail.com](mailto:dbjorussell@hotmail.com) or mailing them at 161 Esterbrook Road, Douglas WY 82633 for their generous sponsorship.
- **Show Schedule**
  - Nanette Till suggested another date for the April event in 2020 and beyond. The NRBC and the Great Western Reining Horse Association's Best Little Derby are both big events that are conflicting with the CSRHA's April schedule. She added that her arena may not be available in the future. The club has to get started with an event each year, but with unpredictable weather, it is challenging.
  - George agreed in that finding a date where everyone is happy is difficult. We considered hosting the 2019 Fun Day over Easter weekend. Please contact George Pfeiffer or another board member if anyone has other suggestions and/or requests. The Show Committee will do the best they can.

- Nancy Pfeiffer added that the show dates need to be outlined in the fall and are due to the NRHA by January 1 of each year. Suggestions need to be received in September/October.
- Colorado has so many shows that most do not need to travel far. To entice them to Wyoming, they need a lot of added money and have the event convenient enough to haul. The CSRHA has been working on getting Montana reiners to haul to the CSRHA shows.
- People want money earnings on horses for breeding and showing purposes; showing with the CSRHA is a great opportunity to win money.
- **Prizes**
  - If anyone has ideas for great prizes, contact Stephanie Williams at [swilliams@park6.org](mailto:swilliams@park6.org). It is challenging to come up with new ideas for class prizes.

Next meeting: Teleconference **May 7, 2019** 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. The General Membership Meeting adjourned, and the Awards Banquet commenced.