



**COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
10/22/2016 12:00 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		
Nanette Till			
Christin Brubaker	x		
Mark Nicholson	x		
Collie Vinger	x		
Debbie Russell			
Ryane Clark	x		

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Gordon Hinders called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes from the September 21, 2016 teleconference meeting were reviewed.

- On page 2, under NEW BUSINESS/Year-End Banquet/Prizes & Awards, Collie Vinger pointed out that the CSRHA has had a \$3,000 limit in the past, rather than \$300 (via email).
- On page 1, under TREASURER'S REPORT, Nancy pointed out that there was a net *gain* of \$906.67, rather than a new loss from the Funday in Sheridan.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Show Account balance 10/21/2016	\$7,188.70
General Account balance 10/21/2016:	\$3,435.28

- Peggy asked if Nancy had received the funds from Heather Fultz's \$87.00 returned check. Nancy had not received anything to date. Peggy Peterson said she would follow-up with Heather.

There was no further discussion on the Treasurer's Report. Peggy Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published. Nanette Till seconded. Treasurer's Report stands approved.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Election**
  - There was discussion about the 2016 election. Peggy sent an email out to the board on 9/7/2016 regarding those who were up for nomination. She will follow-up and recheck the organizational chart for the CSRHA to verify if anyone needs to be nominated/elected.
  - Ryane Clark was the presidential appointee.
  - CSRHA By-Laws were reviewed by Nanette Till. The deadline dates are as follows:
    - October 1: names submitted for BOD and officers
    - November 1 – December 15: ballots to be mailed
  - Nanette Till will work with Peggy Peterson with this project.
  
- **Awards Banquet**
  - Nancy Pfeiffer reported on the following venues:
    - Best Western/Sheridan: She recently attended an event there, and it was very good. She spoke to them about having the CSRHA awards banquet with 20-30 people in attendance. They provided Nancy with sample menus with hors d'oeuvres, the main meal, and dessert. They have 3 different sized banquet rooms and will charge \$25 for the room if we have dinner there. Dinner will be priced at \$30/plate. Motel rooms are priced at \$63/night. A block of rooms can be reserved for the CSRHA.
    - Sheridan Inn: This venue was very pretty with good atmosphere, but they have not returned any of Nancy's phone calls to date.
  - Nancy Pfeiffer and Debbie Russell will work on the banquet meal, offering 2 choices for the main meal.
  - The CSRHA Awards Banquet will be Saturday, March 18 at the Best Western/Sheridan.
  - Nancy Pfeiffer will work with Brenda Leonhardt on the membership list to be emailed and mailed via the USPS to ask everyone to RSVP by February 15, 2017. Peggy Peterson will submit the updated RSVP form once she receives information from Nancy.
  
- **Year-End Awards**
  - The Awards Committee is: Brenda Leonhardt, Nancy Pfeiffer, and Peggy Peterson.
  - It was agreed that the budget for champion year-end is \$100 and reserve champion year-end is \$50; those members may decide what they would like; we could 'bundle' the award money.
  - There will be year-end awards in the 13 CSRHA classes.
  - Nancy Pfeiffer will make a list of the award recipients; Gordon will be getting a new show hat for his year-end award (size 7¼)!
  - George Pfeiffer suggested that Nancy visit with Ann Marie Johnson, who purchases the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association's year-end awards.
  - Peggy Peterson will search for \$50 and \$100 award ideas.
  - The list should be submitted soon so recipients may decide what they would like.
  - The year-end award funds come from the general account.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **2017 Show Season**
  - Gordon Hinders and George Pfeiffer met to discuss the 2017 show season. The CSRHA really needs to add money to these shows to get better participation. We want people to get their entry fees back if they win a class, at a minimum. They emailed a tentative show schedule to the officers and board. To review:
    - **April 22, 2017:** CSRHA Play Day at the Flying T Ranch (Nanette Till's place) outside of Cody, Wyoming. This will be a CSRHA event only (not NRHA) with ranch riding and western dressage added, all of which WILL count toward year-end points. There will be no money added, but prizes will be awarded. There is a possibility that there will be a clinic on April 23

as it is better to schedule clinics earlier in the year. Most people are 'done' by August. It was also outlined that the CSRHA needs to support local trainers, whenever possible.

- **May 18-20, 2017:** CSRHA will co-affiliate with the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association and their Woolly Quarter Horse Show in Douglas, Wyoming. We will have combined AQHA/NRHA reining classes in the Ford Pavilion (140' x 200' indoor arena). Bill Russell (Debbie's husband) reported that these dates are reserved and they will pay for one day's use (valued at \$700) if we call the event the *Grasslands Market Slide*. It was decided that we most likely will not have a Western Dressage class at this event as we will most likely have a full weekend of showing as it stands. We could have the reining, ranch riding, and jumping classes all in the Ford Pavilion with the other classes in the Pepsi Equine Center, and the outdoor arenas used for warm-up. Nanette Till asked about including APHA classes with just a \$25 fee. George Pfeiffer suggested that if the CSRHA can add APHA classes without any additional problems, it could be managed. He added that if the CSRHA could get some sponsors, we could add \$600, dividing it up between the Open, Non Pro, Novice Horse Open, and Novice Horse Non Pro classes (\$150 each). There will not be enough time to include a clinic at this event.
  - **June 3, 2017:** NRHA jackpot reining at the Sheridan College Agri-Complex in Sheridan, Wyoming. Zane Garsted at Sheridan College informed George that there is a possibility of stalls being available. If stalls will be available, and, since Mary Glass is not going to have the Hurry, Wait, and Whine show in Rapid City in 2017, perhaps the CSRHA could host both an AQHA and a NRHA show with the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association. If this happens, this could result in a 3-4 day event. At minimum, there will be a NRHA show at Sheridan.
  - **July 15, 2017:** Park County Slide in Powell, Wyoming. This will be the third NRHA event for the CSRHA with \$600 total added, but this may change. We would add ranch riding and western dressage to this show and will be open to add trail classes, etc. to gain more participation. The only conflict would be with the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association's show in Torrington, Wyoming. Nancy Pfeiffer also suggested that the CSRHA add a western dressage and ranch riding year-end award for the 2017 show season, again to gain more participation and interest. It was noted that the Central Montana Reining Horse Association is not certain about hosting any shows in 2017. If they do, and need a 3<sup>rd</sup> show for their schedule, they are welcome to co-affiliate with the CSRHA's Powell or Sheridan shows.
  - **September 9, 2017:** CSRHA Play Day in Sheridan, Wyoming at the Sheridan College Agri-Complex. This will be a CSRHA event (not NRHA) with points counting towards the year-end awards. There are no conflicts with other NRHA affiliates and will be held similar to the 2016 event.
- With these show dates, it was outlined that the CSRHA will have Western Dressage at the following events: April 22 at Nanette Till's, July 15 at Powell, and September 9 in Sheridan. The Ranch Riding classes will be at the following: April 22 at Nanette Till's, May 18-10 at Douglas, June 3 in Sheridan, July 15 in Powell, and September 9 in Sheridan. We will have 3 Ranch Riding classes: 18 and under, 19 and over, and any age novice; all three will have year-end awards. It is doubtful that there will be a year-end award for the Western (or Cowboy) Dressage due to lack of participation.
  - Nanette Till added that the CSRHA needs to add Green as Grass reining classes, which is basically a 2-handed rookie class with no lead changes. We will need a class description for this class. Class descriptions for the lower level reining classes will be tabled for the show committee's next meeting. The show committee will also work on getting Novice Horse L1 and Novice Horse L2 classes added to show bills.
- **Affiliate Incentive Program**
    - Nanette Till presented the NRHA's Affiliate Incentive Program to the group and asked if anyone would mind if she worked on it. We were all encouraged to visit [www.nrha.com](http://www.nrha.com) to learn more. The program is designed by the NRHA to reward active affiliates who are providing quality NRHA programming to their membership. Incentives are available to current NRHA affiliates in good standing.
      - \$100 – Affiliate Webinar Participation (maximum 2)
      - \$100 – Affiliate Toolbox Test (maximum 2)

- \$100 – Attend NRHA Derby Summit (maximum 1)
    - \$100 – Attend NRHA Futurity Summit (maximum 1)
    - \$100 – Attend Regional Affiliate Championships Summit (maximum 2)
    - \$100 – Bonus Affiliate Development Activity (maximum 1)
    - \$200 – Host Green Reiner Slate (1 & 2) (maximum 2)
    - \$250 – Host Affiliate Reining Clinic
    - \$500 – Host RHSF Rookie Day presented by Classic Equine
    - \$500 – Host Ride a Reiner
    - \$500 – Host Membership Secrets of Judging Course
  - If anyone is interested in completing any of these activities, please visit with Nanette so we do not duplicate efforts. Some of them have to have an application to get on the list with NRHA.
  - George and Nancy Pfeiffer will be at the NRHA NAAC and Futurity, so may be able to attend the Futurity Summit meeting, depending on the schedule.
  - We may contact NRHA judge, George Stone, for the Secrets of Judging course.
  - We may qualify for the \$250 for the reining clinic we had with Renee Pipinich earlier in 2016.
  - Gordon Hinders and Nanette Till will work on the Affiliate Toolbox Test.
- **Fundraising**
    - Peggy Peterson presented a project which her mother, Linda, and friend, Judy Sikkink developed for a CSRHA fundraiser. They purchased two dolls with two horses and sewed a number of outfits for them. Peggy showed everyone photographs of the items and asked how best to market/sell the items for the CSRHA as a fundraiser. It was decided that the project should be listed on e-bay from now until December 16, 2016, with hopes that it will generate good bids with the Christmas season approaching. A link will be listed on the CSRHA website and the CSRHA facebook page for additional advertising.
    - Christin and Saylor Brubaker offered ½ beef for a CSRHA raffle ticket fundraiser in 2016. Gordon Hinders will ask them if they would be interested in a 2017 sponsorship as this was a good fundraiser (\$3,000) for the club.
    - Gordon Hinders will also check with Virginia Schmidt with the Double Doc Arena and Wyoming Legacy Meats about a 2017 sponsorship.
- **Youth Club**
    - Gordon Hinders would like to see the CSRHA be more active in developing a Youth club. His previous affiliate, the Idaho Reining Horse Association, gave a saddle for a raffle prize. To be a IdRHA youth member, each individual needed: a \$200 sponsorship, IdRHA membership, be an honor roll student, attend board meetings, and help at shows. They did not have to own a horse to be active in the club. Each trainer donated a weekend for the youth.
    - The CSRHA Youth Committee consists of Gordon Hinders and Brenda Leonhardt. Gordon has 6 young people who are going to try reining. Can we reach out more actively to the 4H clubs, schools, and the FFA in our areas? Maybe we could offer a scholarship rather than a saddle (for those who may not have a horse).
    - Gordon was encouraged to get with Brenda and meet with Stephanie Williams (youth member, Brie Williams' mother) to brainstorm other options and get young people involved.
- **2017 Membership Directory**
    - Nancy Pfeiffer informed us that Kathy Nicholson is willing to work on this project again for 2017.
    - The cost of doing the Membership Directory was \$500 in 2016 and was part of the sponsorship package. The goal was to get it printed and available for the first horse show (June 2016), but it would be great to have it ready for the Awards Banquet.
    - Ads for the 2017 issue will be due by April 1, 2017. We will target the Membership Directory to be published and available for the May 18-10, 2017 show.

- **2016 Taxes**

- The CSRHA paid Cynthia Rankin \$412.50 to prepare and submit the CSRHA's 2016 taxes. George Pfeiffer has been preparing taxes for over 40 years and would be willing to do them for the CSRHA. As the CSRHA Treasurer, Nancy Pfeiffer can supply him with the necessary information. He will donate his services for the club.
- Nancy Pfeiffer made a motion that we have George Pfeiffer prepare and submit the 2016 taxes for the CSRHA. Peggy Peterson seconded. All agreed; motion passed.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm**, via teleconference. Dial **951/797-1058** with passcode **681306**

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

**ADJOURN:**

The CSRHA meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

*\*Thank you George and Nancy Pfeiffer, for once again, hosting this annual meeting at your home. Thank you for the delicious pizza, delectable pumpkin cake, and beverages! Your hospitality and continued support of the CSRHA is greatly appreciated!*