



COWBOY STATES REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
***** BOARD MEETING *****
5/30/2018 7:00 PM

Roll Call

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

CALL TO ORDER:

President Gordon Hinders called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or further discussion. Nanette Till made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Kathy Nicholson seconded. Meeting Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nancy Pfeiffer reported that the CSRHA finances are in good shape. All monies from the Grasslands Market Slide have been deposited and all bills have been paid with the exception of the stalls and camper hook-ups. Debbie Russell reported that the fairgrounds staff is working on those details and will contact Nancy when they finish. Nancy estimated the CSRHA made approximately \$1,200 on stalls at this show, and we were within about \$1,000 of breaking even. She will have final numbers by our next meeting.

Nancy took the opportunity to recognize Nanette Till for all the hard work she has done for the NRHA Incentive Program (the NRHA sent the CSRHA \$550 for this program). Nanette informed us that she works to get the necessary paperwork submitted in a timely manner each year. This report is not due until March of each year, but she tries to get these done in the early winter months. Nanette added that it is good that the NRHA spreads the wealth to the affiliates, which certainly helps.

Note that all bills (including the 2018 year-end trophy saddle) have been paid. The club will have year-end awards to purchase later this year.

There was no further discussion on the Treasurer's Report. Peggy Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published. Debbie Russell and Erin Schroeder seconded. Treasurer's Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ***Grasslands Market Slide - Douglas, Wyoming (May 12-13)***

- Debbie Russell reported that the show went well. The club saw good attendance and the weather cooperated, especially on Sunday. The ground was good. The downside was that even with the added money, we did not see many new faces. There was only one rider in the Non Pro Derby. Debbie did not feel we had many entries as we did not draw enough people.
- Gordon Hinders agreed and outlined that it is challenging to get folks to haul if there is not enough added money for the classes. He chatted with Matt (Wagonhound Ranch) where they discussed the 5 and under snaffle bit/hackamore classes. The CSRHA could open provisions to add this class, but Gordon was not sure about making those changes for a limited number of riders. Having this sort of option may open the doors for the cowhorse people though.
- Debbie informed everyone that the Wyoming Quarter Horse Association had their show the following weekend. She noted that the cowhorse people who showed with the CSRHA in 2017 were there. The area was experiencing bad weather, so they had to show in the small indoor.
- Gordon explained that part of the hesitation to show with the CSRHA is the expense. By the time a rider purchases his NRHA membership and the horse's competition license, one can already be in it for \$200. Associate memberships cannot show in open classes.
- Stephanie Williams noted that class numbers have been down at the 4H state level competitions as well. It takes time for the economy to rebound. The CSRHA did have one new youth member at this event. Justin Henderson traveled with three clients, and they are talking about hauling to the Sheridan Slide. She added that the CSRHA did not see thirty new people, but if we can get five people at every show, that would be great. She saw this show as being an overall success.
- Nanette Till agreed. Even with pouring rain, everyone seemed happy. The stalling situation was good, there was good food, and everyone was inside. Everyone seemed to have a good time and things worked well.
- Bill and Debbie Russell paid for the Ford Pavilion which went a long way to help the CSRHA make this show work. The folks at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds have been very accommodating and good to work with.
- Stephanie added that the CSRHA needs to ensure there is a veterinarian's contact information posted at the shows in the event someone needs one. Kaleb Nicholson had to scratch his horse in the Non-Pro Derby which brought light to this subject. Nancy will ensure this information will be posted at future events.
- There was discussion about a Rookie/Green Reiner who had some confusion on how to complete her entry form at this show. Note that this topic will be revisited in a closed executive session prior to the Sheridan Slide on June 9.

Peggy Peterson made a motion for Vice President, George Pfeiffer to draft an explanation of the situation that occurred on Sunday, May 13, 2018, which will be reviewed by the officers and board of directors. Once this draft is finalized, it will be distributed to the CSRHA Rookie/Green Reiner riders to get their opinion on how they would like to see the CSRHA move forward. Note that this decision will affect year-end points for these classes. Nanette Till seconded. Motion passed.

- **Sheridan Slide – June 9, 2018**

- Nancy Pfeiffer asked that everyone submit their stall reservations for this show.

- **Sam Schaffhauser clinic – Sheridan, Wyoming (July 7-8)**

- Robert Peterson expressed his concerns regarding the stalling situation at this venue. The lack of any stalling is a significant drawback for events in Sheridan. Alternatives need to be available. The arena is great, but warm-up and stalling is a definite concern.
- Sam's lodging and plane ticket is all arranged. It will be difficult for Robert as he is providing horses and will be chauffeuring him as well.
- Stephanie Williams outlined that since this is a clinic and the CSRHA has two more events (Sheridan Slide in June and Fun Day in September) at this venue, the club may consider relocating this clinic to

- Nanette Till's arena. She can stall everyone there, offer on-site food, etc. Nanette added that she has room for 12 horses and folks can stay there free of charge.
- Peggy Peterson offered to help Robert with horses and getting Sam around if necessary. Robert appreciated the offer, but explained how challenging the facility makes it for events.
 - Gordon Hinders asked everyone if there is any interest in moving the clinic now that we are just a month and a half away (July 7-8). Robert explained that he does not expect to change things overnight, but we do need to be aware of these limitations for the 2019 show season. The lack of appropriate facilities in the area is a huge concern. He asked how we could get the Sheridan College board to improve conditions at the arena. It was noted that folks are not allowed to overnight there either. Nancy explained that the facility was built with the rodeo team in mind, but agreed that it would be better if folks could at least camp there. They do have a loafing shed with 23 runs available.
 - Debbie Russell visited the arena in Wright and noted that the arena is good. They have one 40-stall barn and are working on another. They have camping with bathrooms, etc. The staff wants to work with folks to have events there. Kathy Nicolson added that Ashley Villmow rides there once a week and always has good stopping ground. This is certainly a potential venue for the future.
 - Nanette Till asked if the CSRHA can make Sam's clinic better now. Nancy offered that if the facility in Wright is available, she has no objection to moving it. Peggy suggested that the people who have committed to ride in the clinic should be contacted before a decision is made. It was also noted that the facility may not even be available. Debbie will call on Thursday, May 31 to get more information. It was also noted that Wright is in the middle of nowhere with very few motels or restaurants. We need to be sure to consider Sam and his needs.
 - Erin Schroeder spoke to the staff at the Natrona County Fairgrounds in Casper. They charge \$650/day for the arena. The ground is not great, but stalls are available. She also asked about the facility in Big Piney and noted what a nice facility they have. We should consider that for the future. Peggy added that the IRHA's president was interested in co-hosting an event with the IdrHA and the CSRHA sometime. Potential dates need to be considered.
 - Gordon Hinders asked Robert if he was interested in relocating the clinic or would he like to keep it in Sheridan. Robert explained that this was difficult to entertain without checking with the people who have committed and signed up. Those who have signed up may not want to move. Robert is okay to leave the clinic in Sheridan, but this is something that must be considered for the future.
- **Event Results**
 - Peggy Peterson was contacted about posting event results on the facebook page and the website so folks can track their points through the show season. Nancy informed everyone that points have been tallied and posted for the 2018 season thus far. Kathy Nicholson is working on getting results posted on both the facebook page and the webpage. We will ensure there is a statement on the facebook page to direct folks to the website due to the difficulty in posting a spreadsheet.
 - Robert Peterson informed everyone that Google docs will have to be the solution to this problem. Anyone can access these documents, so there will not be the confusion of posting all this information in various locations.
 - Nanette Till outlined that it is important to post results from the shows so folks can double check their points. This is a good way to ensure accuracy as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2019 Show Season**

- The CSRHA needs to start checking to see what is available for the 2019 show season. Now is the time to make plans to ensure reservations are made with the arenas. We also need to confirm if we would like to co-host a show in Big Piney with the IdrHA and the IRHA. The following assignments were made to check into dates, cost, etc:

Facility	Name
Sublette County Fairgrounds, Big Piney	Gordon Hinders

Central Wyoming Fairgrounds, Casper	Robert Peterson and Erin Schroeder
Southern Campbell County Ag Complex, Wright	Debbie Russell
Agripark College Arena, Sheridan	Nancy Pfeiffer

- **Central Wyoming Fairgrounds, Casper**
 - Gordon Hinders was informed that their schedule is firm with dates for two years out. Erin Schroeder spoke to a staff member who informed her that the arena may be available in the August/September timeframe. She noted it is expensive at \$650/day. In addition, they charge \$75/hour for the use of their tractor and drag. Gordon outlined that it is possible to get a tractor/drag donation. Erin and Robert will get some dates and check into it.
- **Southern Campbell County Ag Complex, Wright**
 - Debbie Russell will check on this facility. They do have a Kiser drag, and this is a nice facility. They have stall barns there. There is a good possibility of hosting a NRHA show, a Fun Day, or a clinic there. The facility is not expensive to rent.
- **Agripark College Arena, Sheridan**
 - Nancy Pfeiffer will speak to Zane regarding living quarter trailers spending the night and the lack of stalling options. Sheridan is a great place to go, but we need stalls.
- **Wyoming State Fairgrounds and Event Center, Douglas**
 - Nanette Till commented about how great this facility is for the CSRHA events and noted it should be a 'must' for 2019. If we add the facilities at Big Piney and Wright for next year, things will start to look good with better facilities.
- **Flying T Ranch Arena, Cody**
 - Nanette Till confirmed that the club can use her facility for the 2019 spring Fun Day. The CSRHA comes out ahead financially with this event, thanks to Nanette.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - George Pfeiffer will return from Nebraska on Friday, June 1 or Saturday, June 2 at the earliest. Nancy will ask him to submit an email to the CSRHA officers and board regarding the CSRHA Rookie/Green Reiner issue mentioned above. Once this draft is finalized, it will be sent to those riders affected. When we hear back from George, there will be a special meeting called (prior to the Sheridan Slide on June 9) to discuss, motion, second, and vote on the issue at hand.

Next meeting: Teleconference **June 27, 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. Erin Schroeder seconded. The CSRHA meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.