

The Cowboy States Reining Horse Association officers and board of directors met via teleconference on Wednesday, **September 12, 2018**. Our guest speaker, George King from the Great Western Reining Horse Association, visited with us about the possibility of hosting a Mountain Region Affiliate Finals event in the future. George is an NRHA judge, show steward, and is on the NRHA Affiliate Committee. He has been involved with the GWRHA's Best Little Derby and the Low Roller Reining Classic, so his input was greatly respected. After 45 minutes of discussion, the CSRHA leadership team had a wealth of information and a plan of action. We will work with and gather more information from the Rocky Mountain Reining Horse Association, who is hosting the Mountain Region Affiliate Finals from September 19-23 in Denver this year. There is a good possibility this event will be held in Douglas, Wyoming at some point, so we could expect competitors to gather with us from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, western Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, and Idaho. What a goal!

The official meeting was called to order, and following the review of our meeting minutes from the August 1 meeting and current treasurer's report, we moved on to business. The results from the CSRHA Fun Day on September 8, 2018 in Sheridan were reviewed. The event ran smoothly, folks had a great time, and the club came out ahead after all income and expenses were calculated. Year-end points will be calculated and submitted to Kathy Nicholson to publish on the Facebook page and website. We hope to see everyone and help celebrate at the 2018 Awards Banquet, which will be scheduled in conjunction with our first event of the year in April 2019.

The CSRHA nomination period for two board of director positions officially opened on **September 15**. Folks are encourage to reach out to the club's membership to consider being nominated for these positions. There will also be a one year Presidential Appointee who will be chosen.

The 2019 show season was also discussed. Despite the outstanding facility in Big Piney, it is unlikely an event at that venue will work, based primarily on the distance most of our members would have to travel. The CSRHA will put effort into growing the Grasslands Market Slide in Douglas, Wyoming as they also have a great facility and is a more convenient location for most club members. Competitors can look forward to additional money being offered in our classes which we hope will result in more support and generate more interest. There is also a possibility we will see some NRHA/CSRHA 5 and Under Snaffle Bit/Hackamore classes in the future. The following venues will be checked for available dates in 2019: Central Wyoming Fairgrounds in Casper, Ag Complex Arena in Wright, AgriPark Arena in Sheridan, Ford Pavilion in Douglas, and the CamPlex Arena in Gillette. CSRHA member Ashley Villmow recently completed her indoor arena and 30 stalls at her facility outside of Gillette, so this is also a possibility. It is likely the Grasslands Market Slide will be held on the weekend of May 11-12, 2019. The adjacent NRHA affiliates' schedules will also be considered when we plan our 2019 schedule.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 10** at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join the teleconference, please feel free to dial in (951/797-1058 with passcode 681306).

Once again, keep in mind that the CSRHA nomination period for two board of director positions officially opened on **September 15** and will continue through **October 31**. If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself), please send the information to Peggy Peterson at shieldquarterhorses@gmail.com so she can include that information on the election ballots. This is a wonderful opportunity to voice your opinions, concerns, be a voting member, and get on a planning committee for the next few years. What better way to support YOUR local NRHA affiliate?

Want to learn more about reining in our area? Check out the CSRHA website at www.cowboystatesreiners.com. Our website will give you lots of good information including dates of upcoming events, points-of contact, and information about our NRHA affiliate. You may also visit us on facebook and become one of our fans by visiting us at <http://www.facebook.com> and typing in Cowboy States Reining Horse Association in the "search" box at the top of the screen. Reining events in and around the great state of Wyoming are really starting to take off and flourish! We'd love to have you join the fun! If you would like to join and/or get involved with our organization, you can also contact our president, Gordon Hinders at 308/340-5509, our vice-president, George Pfeiffer, at 307/673-1331, treasurer, Nancy Pfeiffer at 307/673-1331, or our secretary, Peggy Peterson at 307/851-0443. If you have **any** news, upcoming events, photos and/or stories to share about clinics, shows, jackpots, fun-days, or *anything* associated with reining, feel free contact your reporter, Peggy Peterson at shieldquarterhorses@gmail.com or 307/851-0443. We're always delighted to receive information about our members, their accomplishments, or anything we can include in our articles to help everyone keep in touch. Please remember that our publications do have deadlines, so the sooner she receives your updates, the better the chance of getting them in print!

Upcoming reining events:

October 18-21, 2018: Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association's *Rocktoberfest* at The Ranch Events Complex in **Loveland, Colorado**. A full slate of AQHA classes will be offered including Senior, Junior, Novice Amateur, Amateur, Amateur Select, and Youth Reining classes. Visit www.rmgha.com for more information.

October 19-21, 2018: Western Slope Reining Horse Association's *Harvest Buckle Bonanza* at the Mesa County Fairgrounds in **Grand Junction, Colorado**. Visit www.wsrha.com for more information.

November 22 – December 1, 2018: NRHA *Futurity and North American Affiliate Finals* at the State Fair Arena in **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**. Visit www.nrha.com for more information.

January 13, 2019: *NWSS \$20,000 RAM Invitational Freestyle Reining* at the National Western Stock Show Complex Events Center in **Denver, Colorado**. Unlike most reining classes, which require competitors perform a specified standard pattern, freestyle reining uses costumes, music, themes, props and special effects and lighting to add to their presentation. The National Western Horse Show invites the nation's top reiners, making this event unique to any horse show in the world! Visit www.nationalwestern.com for more information.

*denotes CSRHA affiliate qualifying shows where points count for year-end awards!