**YRHA Meeting Minutes**

**May 21, 2018**

**Erie County Fairgrounds**

In attendance = Kelly Hedges, Travis Pufpaff, Kirby Dygert, Duke Dygert, Frank

Schlossin, Vincienzo Santos, Serafina Gagliardi, Courtney Craig, Sarah Judkiewicz, Jennie Mancino

Absent = Karen Schmitz

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:21pm.
2. Minutes were approved from the prior meeting FS put forth the motion, CC seconded, all in favor. The only alterations that needed to be made were changing the first letter of KH’s last name, 7C from May to July, and the word employee in 3C to committee member.
3. Treasurer’s Report: nothing reported at this meeting.
4. President’s Report:
   1. The individuals manning the gates should not be approached regarding drags and the like. Keep in mind they are volunteers.
   2. Drags are determined by the announcer – better communication with the gate keepers is a must in the future.
   3. Appoint someone to work the gate and pay them.
   4. Post a draw sheet with the designated drags in the warm-up pen.
   5. Do not change the drag even if there are scratches.
   6. CC to reach out to the people that have manned the gate in the past as well as Jackie Colby and Sam Gothe.
   7. Help at the shows, especially distributing the shavings and breakdown at the end.
      1. TP recommended hiring someone to help for $100/day.
      2. HSC to reach out to Noah Miller and/or Jonathon Jackson or do they think having a horse show manager is a better idea?
         1. Duties need to be outlined.
5. Vice President’s Report – nothing to add at this point.
6. Secretary’s Report:
   1. Working on the Tool Kit through NRHA.
   2. Working on the Texas Dance Hall Party for the July show.
7. Committees:
   1. Horse Show Committee –
      1. See the expense sheet – made 5k+ profit from the May show.
      2. Shavings left at the end of the show should be offered to the exhibitors at cost plus tax.
      3. Apparel is not under expenses, but as income.
         1. To be sold at future shows or given away as prizes.
      4. July show specifics have been submitted and approved.
         1. There is a new stall form for July – stalls are $150 early/$175 late.
         2. Paid warm-ups from 5-10pm on Wednesday night.
            1. Better feedback when lumped than when split.
         3. Leave the gate open for warm-ups or have someone man the gate?
            1. Have someone man the gate – KD put forth the motion, FS seconded, all were in favor.
         4. FS recommended running the 7-Up concurrently so exhibitors could cross enter – 3 people mentioned they did not participate in the class because they could not cross enter.
   2. YPS –
      1. Processing the enrollments for the foals that were just born.
      2. Last meeting was 3/25/18 – next meeting to be determined.
      3. All of the stallion banners will be on display at the September show.
         1. Will need to secure the cables to hang the sponsors’ banners.
         2. Should the added cost for the cables be incurred by YRHA or YPS?
         3. DD to check with Bill and Laura regarding the stallion banners.
      4. Continuing to process the certificates.
   3. By-Laws – KH nothing to report.
   4. Youth –
      1. Made $278 from the stall raffle.
   5. Affiliate – Kim Hedges will push in July for the Affiliate Show.
   6. Drag/Grounds –
      1. Much improved in the showpen.
      2. Issues with the warm-up pen will need to be addressed for the July show, ie open door, windiness, ground prep.
      3. The environment needs to be consistent for every exhibitor within each class.
   7. Awards/Banquet –
      1. Jackie Colby to sponsor the Daryl Sherwin.
   8. Marketing/Sponsor –
      1. KH requested VS construct a spreadsheet of all the sponsorships.
      2. Tribute, Todd Bowman, and Rick Clark (Shine and Spook) are possible sponsors.
      3. Calendar idea for 2019 – JMG to advertise at the July show since we had the board for Whitey at the May show.
         1. Specifics to be provided at the June meeting.
      4. Texas Dance Hall Party in July – need to secure the band.
   9. Nominating – nothing to report.
8. Old Business:
   1. CC reached out to Taylor
      1. Option #1 $650 – new website design w/updates for 1y and mobile access; $125 for maintenance the following year, then 2y contracts going forward.
      2. Option #2 $350 – spruce up our current website; $125 maintenance for the following year; 2y contracts going forward.
      3. KD put forth the motion, VS seconded, all were in favor for Carousel Design Option #1.
      4. JMG to create a website submission form for inclusions/alterations.
      5. CC, KD, and JMG to have access to Taylor to make adjustments.
      6. JMG to mock-up a layout for the website.
9. New Business:
   1. CC heard disparaging comments at other shows about our club. Office/Club/HSC need to be united.
   2. KH stated there have been more cancellations this year than in years past – let’s make every effort to avoid this in the future.
   3. Meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month either at the Fairgrounds or at Bella’s if KD cannot attend. KD put forth the motion, TP seconded, all were in favor.
      1. New meeting dates:
         1. June 12th
         2. July 10th
         3. August 14th
         4. September 11th
         5. October 9th
         6. November 13th
         7. December 11th
   4. KH wanted to end the meeting with the following thought – we are a diverse group and he wants us to keep our energy up.
10. FS made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm, KD seconded, all in favor.