

Western Slope Reining Horse Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023, 6:30 PM, Via Zoom

**Present:** Bub Poplin, Ray Stephenson, Janey Pearcey, Kelsey Rhyne, Martha Grimes, Desiree Hardin, Cindy Gunzer, Janey Phillips, Joel Fischer, Kjersten Davis

**Minutes:** This was the first official meeting of the newly elected board. Therefore, there are no minutes to be approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Currently after ordering saddles for the 2022 year-end awards, costing \$12,850, that is currently putting us \$14,000 down but once the sponsorship money for those saddles is accounted for the Club will only be out the money for the Club sponsored saddle and the additional year-end awards. Bub motioned to accept this report and was seconded by the Board.

**Show Committee Report:**

*Schooling Shows:* April 22 in Rifle and June 11 in Grand Junction.

*NRHA Shows:* May 24-28, July 13-16, October 25-28. Also adding the Columbine Classic to our year-end point calculations. Rocky Mountain Reining Horse Association will count towards their year-end awards.

*Judges:* May show will be Hoot Bricker, the July show will be Pete McAllister, and the October show will be Terry Thompson. These are all AAA judges.

*Shootout:* Will be choosing two divisions per show to compete in a shootout Saturday nights before our aged events. The top five placings from respective classes will be asked to come back and compete for a saddle. The May show will be the WSRHA Rookie 2 and WSRHA Primetime Non-Pro. The July show will be the WSRHA Green Reiner and the WSRHA Limited Non-Pro. Then the October show will be the WSRHA Non-Pro and the WSRHA Novice Horse Non-Pro Level 3. Tim Bauer from Equine Oasis will be providing these saddles on-site.

Motion on the Show Committee Report made by Kelsey and seconded by Martha. The Board then approved this motion; motion passed.

*Other Notes:* The Shootout will be replacing The Run for the Saddles.

Ray is seeking food vendors for our Spring Show BBQ.

Ray has also reached out to Lyndsey Lamell and she has agreed to photograph our shows.

Hotels in Montrose have gotten more expensive, the Holiday Inn is currently the best to work with this year.

Schooling classes for the May show will be our core group of classes, Ladies, Gents and Open. Let's revisit ranch riding in the future.

### **Awards Committee:**

We have had great donations the last couple of years but for the 2023 year we will have to buy trophies. NRHA trophies have gotten very expensive, to replace these Martha has found a company, Cowboy Bronze. For 2023 we need 28 pewters, 17 Morrisons and 36 plaques. The budget from Cowboy Bronze is \$8658 verse \$18105 from NRHA. With Cowboy Bronze there will be additional shipping and engraving costs but overall, it saves a significant amount of money.

Martha needs Board approval to order the May and July trophies.

Motion made by Kelsey and seconded by Kjersten. The Board approved; motion passed.

Buckle Bonanza provides 27 buckles at \$175 that comes to \$4725. There were 5 WSRHA Green as Grass buckles for a total of \$875 in 2022. For seeing ordering that many again the board needs to approve \$5600.

Motion made by Kelsey and seconded by Cyndi. The Board approved the Buckle Bonanza budget; motion passed.

Year-end maximum budget for 21 classes placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> at \$11025.

1<sup>st</sup> - \$200 - \$4200

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$150 - \$3150

3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100 - \$1200

4<sup>th</sup> - \$75 - \$1575

The budget for year-end awards is tabled to July.

### **Sponsorship Committee:**

Janey and the sponsorship committee would like to give more recognition to our sponsors. Ideas include: a more eye catching website section for sponsors, an Instagram account, recognition during our Shootouts during the saddle presentation, also a gift like the wine goblets we have given out in the past. An idea thinking outside the box is reaching out to the Montrose City Chamber of Commerce.

Bub would like to challenge the Board Members to a Buckle sponsorship or a class sponsorship.

Discussion occurs about sponsorship forms and processes.

### **Youth Committee:**

We are going to do our youth sweatshirt fundraiser again, at \$50 per logo on it. MK was elected at the youth mountain delegate and her mission is to get more teenage youth involved.

**Website:**

Kim Norby is making great contributions to updating the website.

**Bylaws:**

There was discussion about the changes that are proposed. As well as the topic of the 501 c3 and 501 c7 was discussed at length and a plan was formulated to go forward to get it straightened out.

Motion was made by Kjersten and seconded by Ray to go forward with the updated Bylaws going to the General Membership meeting pending the clarification about the 501 c3 verse 501 c7. Motion passed by the Board; motion passed.

**Banquet:**

It will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Vista which is doing a special room rate for us. During the day will be the newly named "From the Judges Chair to You" replacing the title of "Secrets to Judging". It will be a similar set up to last year's events.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM by Kelsey and seconded by Martha. Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.