

Western Slope Reining Horse Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 3rd, 2024, 6pm Via Zoom

Attendees: Bub Poplin, Ray Stephenson, Janet Pearcey, Kelsey Rhyne, Martha Grimes, Kjersten Davis, Janey Phillips and Kelsey Walsdorf. Missing members: Joel Percival, Paul Mckee, Desiree Hardin and Caryn Gibson.

General Business: Bub Poplin asked if Kelsey Walsdorf would like to join The Board as someone who would like to contribute more to the club. Kelsey Rhyne made a motion to add Kelsey Walsdorf to The Board, Martha Grimes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion.

Looking to 2025

After receiving the contracts for the 2025 show season The Board concluded that some of our fees had to increase to keep The Club making money at our shows.

Stalls – hard cost of stalls is \$36.00 for shavings and \$20.00/night of use.

2024 charged \$150.00 at all shows. After hard cost that comes to Spring Spectacular and Buckle Bonanza only making \$14.00/stall and Not for a Million making \$34.00/stall.

Proposed 2025 rates. At a 5 day show charge \$175.00/stall making The Club \$39.00/stall. Then for the 4 day shows charge \$165.00/stall making The Club \$49.00/stall.

RV's – The cost the facility charges for events that take their own reservations is \$20.00/night. Currently The Club is charging \$25.00/night, The Board would like up this fee in 2025 to \$40.00/night, increasing our profit to \$15.00/night/rv.

Martha Grimes made a motion for these fee increases in 2025. Janey Phillips seconded the motion. The Board votes to approve these fee increases.

Ray Stephenson suggested increasing our video fee for the 2025 show season. The number that The Board agreed upon is \$35.00/horse. That is up \$10.00 from the 2024 rate of \$25.00/horse. Along with this The Board also suggested raising what Ray Stephenson gets paid per horse from \$10.00 to \$15.00. With this increase that is profiting The Club \$20.00 vs. \$15.00. The Club would like to keep in place if a horse only shows once it is a \$15.00 fee and if a horse only shows in youth classes there is no charge.

Martha Grimes motions to pass this suggested video fee increase and Kelsey Rhyne seconded the motion. The Board approves the motion.

2025 Show Dates

April – move in Wednesday April 23rd, school Thursday the 24th and show Friday the 25th through Sunday the 27th. At this show The Board is looking at it only being an Ancillary show and The Show Committee is looking at the added money for this show that will be discussed at the upcoming Show Committee meeting.

May – move in Tuesday May 22nd, school Wednesday the 23rd and show Thursday the 22th through Sunday the 25th. This show would hold the derbies and our annual bbq.

August – move in Wednesday August 20th, school Thursday the 21st and show Friday the 22nd through Sunday the 24th. This show should remain very similar to the 2024 Event.

October – move in Tuesday the 21st, school Wednesday the 22nd and show Thursday the 23rd through Sunday the 26th. This show should remain very similar to the 2024 Event.

Kelsey Rhyne motioned to pass these show dates and Kjersten Davis seconded the motion. The Board voted and approved the motion.

We will also be finding out shortly if the City of Montrose will approve our events to have the arena open till 11pm possibly 11:30pm to allow our exhibitors more time to ride in the evenings.

Tabled Topics

We are still looking to do our gate giveaway items. The Board would like to come up with a budget for these items and explore new items to give away to exhibitors.

The Saddle Shootout classes will continue in 2025 with some reconstruction to the financial aspect of these classes. The show committee will discuss possible options at their next meeting.

Banquet

Ray Stephenson is looking to form a Year End Award Banquet committee. Becky Poplin and Kelsey Walsdorf have stepped up to help Ray create a great experience for our membership. Some thoughts that were thrown out there as additions to our banquet were: provide more for our sponsors, door prizes, possibly have Bill Kauffman mc the event and create a video reel recapping the year.

Martha Grimes made a motion to end the meeting and Kjersten Davis seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion to end the meeting at 7:40pm.