

Yellowstone Reining Horse Association
Board of Directors meeting
GranTree Inn, Bozeman
January 15, 2011

12:30pm meeting called to order

Roll call: Janis Anderson, Mike Carlson, Kimberly Alberda, Chandra Morris, Elise Donohue, Wendy Deans, Lanette Frye, Jan Lukenbill, John Morris, Nicole Mather
Excused: Jean Keffeler, Lawrence Martin

Correspondence Received:

Letters from several judges interested in judging YRHA shows.

A letter from NRHA requesting affiliate clubs to get their show approvals in on time.

Thank you note from Jay Dee Anderson for the flowers.

Letter from the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) notifying us that our 2011 application for Paint Alternative Credits (PAC) is due. Lanette Frye moved that YRHA continue to offer PAC at our shows in 2011; Nicole Mather seconded. Motion carried.

Action item: Chandra Morris will submit the application to APHA for PAC.

Treasurer's Report:

YRHA ended the calendar year with \$12,453.64 in the checking account. Checks written in January for the year end awards and banquet will come out of that amount.

We have a CD coming due on May 22, 2011. The 11-month CD is earning 1.35 percent on \$25,855.31. We have another CD coming due Nov 12, 2011. This 11-month CD is earning 1.05 percent on \$20,512.84.

All entries for the 2011 season have now been collected and deposited. There are two outstanding checks that have not been cashed, one written to an individual and one to a ranch.

Jan Anderson stated that we have been estimating that it costs \$15,000 to host a show, or \$45,000/three shows. Wendy Deans calculated actual show expenses for 2009 and came up with \$46,700/three shows. She noted that in 2010, we had a lot more show expenses than in previous years and it has been much more difficult in the last two years to raise money for shows, largely due to the poor economy.

Fundraising Report:

Wendy Deans reported on raffle items for 2011: KbarJ will give another pair of chaps at cost and Cameron Meissner/Meissner Reining Horses has stepped in as the sponsor for the chaps; Rocky Mountain Hat Co. will again donate a custom-made 50X beaver hat; and Tom Balding Bits & Spurs will donate a pair of spurs. All three prizes will be on one ticket. Raffle tickets will sell for \$10 each. First winner will be awarded the hat, second winner the chaps, and third the spurs.

Mike McEntire reining clinic. Cost is \$500/rider including lunch both days; \$35/day or \$50/two days spectator fee (does not include lunch, which will be available for purchase on the premises). 12 riders and alternates will be selected by lottery on February 25,

2011. No restrictions on participants. First payment of \$250 will be due March 4 to reserve the riders' slot; full payment will be due March 18.

Eight green reiner buckles were purchased from Livingston Mercantile for the 2010 graduating class. Two of the buckles were donated by Livingston Mercantile and the rest were again purchased and donated by Elise Donohue.

A Schooling Show will be held April 16, 2011, generously co-sponsored by Anderson Training Stables and Brackett Creek Quarter Horses. There will be no paybacks or jackpot at the show and all proceeds will be split equally between YRHA and MRHA.

Banquet report:

Mike Carlson reported that 81 reservations were received for the banquet this year. Banquet dates for 2012 and 2013 were proposed. Lanette Frye moved that the 2012 banquet be held on January 14, 2012 and the 2013 banquet be held on January 26, 2013 (one week later in January); Mike Carlson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thanks to Wendy Deans for providing the win pictures, which will be shown at the banquet on her tabletop computer.

Awards report:

Lanette Frye reported that 3 Forks Saddlery was great to work with for this year's year-end awards. Everything was done on time and with quality.

For awards not given out at the banquet tonight: Wendy Deans will write down the names of the winners and who is picking up their awards for them. Lanette labeled all awards with winners' names this year so there would be no confusion as to who selected what.

Show awards ordered: Splint boots, black, Velcro fasteners, above the fetlock type, ordered 50.

Show awards under consideration: Duffel bags, personalized. Polo wraps and reins. Lanette tries to choose awards that last. Coolers have been considered, but these don't last; slinkies are expensive but could be done for first place. Winter blankets, if they're quality. Spurs, if they're quality, but cost has typically been prohibitive. Nicole Mather commented that a new start-up bit and spur maker might offer a lower price.

Leftover show prizes will be inventoried prior to season.

YRHA saddle giveaway for class winner at season's end – Andersons will again be a co-sponsor with YRHA. They were offered the same deal on the Jim Taylor reining show saddle as last year and the FG Collection will throw in a matching headstall this year! The Show Committee recommended adding a second place drawing winner for this year and giving a show headstall, so we will need to order an additional headstall. Winners names will be drawn in August at the end of the last show. Any class winner throughout the season is eligible, with the exception of green reiner class winners. First name drawn

gets the saddle and matching headstall, second name gets the headstall. Award goes to the owner of the horse.

PeeWee Reiners – Jan Lukenbill reported she would like to do Breyer horses again this year. The cost ranges from \$16.40 - \$25.49 each, and 5 were donated by members last year. \$147.16 was the total cost; Murdoch's gave us a big break on price. Members like donating for the PeeWee Reiners, however, a problem arose last year because people wanted to put their donations on their show bills, which was difficult for the show secretary to accommodate. To avoid the show-bill problem and not have to fundraise for the Breyers, Lanette offered to include the purchase of the Breyer horses in her awards budget.

NRHA Trophies – the letter sent by the YRHA board concerning the poor quality of resin trophies was received and acknowledged by the NRHA and Jan Anderson was notified the issue would be discussed at a January 2011 meeting. Jan spoke with NRHA Executive Director Dan Wall and board president Rick Weaver at the 2010 futurity about the issue. She spoke to them as president of our club and as a competitor and reinforced what our letter said and more: that there were complaints about the resin trophies at every show she went to. Dan and Rick offered to see that the defective resins were repaired or replaced. Jan noted that bronzes were given to the winners at the futurity and that it is still possible to special-order and buy bronzes for our club, but they are very expensive. Dan and Rick told Jan that NRHA is making an effort to strengthen the resin used in the trophies, but they can't correct the color in any way. In a separate conversation, bronze sculptor C.R. Morrison told Jan that the resin used in the trophies would have to be softened to prevent breakage. The upshot of it is, we will await word from NRHA on how they propose to resolve this issue and put off ordering trophies until then.

Contracts

Mike Carlson moved that we sign an arena use contract with Anderson Training Stables. Costs are \$2500/show, \$7500/season, \$500/day for clinic, \$1000/two-day clinic. These costs cover the grounds and bathrooms as well; seconded by Nicole Mather. Motion carried. The contract was signed and given to the secretary for the files.

Green horse eligibility – additional wording proposed to clarify our rules. Lanette Frye moved that the words “with the exception of a jackpot and/or schooling show” be added to the sentence “Horse cannot have been shown astride prior to January 1 of the current year” to read: *Horse cannot have been shown astride prior to January 1 of the current year with the exception of a jackpot and/or schooling show*; seconded by Mike Carlson. Motion carried.

70/70 Saddle giveaway by NRHA – we will promote this program to our eligible club members and follow up with the show secretary to ensure that any rider aged 70 or greater who scores a 70 in any class is entered into the NRHA drawing for the saddle.

Abuse Concerns – the board is acutely aware of abuse issues and would like to develop a protocol to be followed in case abuse is observed at one of our shows. The YRHA show rules include the NRHA show rule clause covering abuse. Additional suggestions for letting members and competitors know that YRHA will not tolerate abuse of any kind include adding a statement to our entry forms and/or announcing our policy during shows. Lanette Frye stated that the board needs a protocol to follow. If a case of abuse is brought forward to the NRHA show representative and the representative decides it should be reported to NRHA, the reporting individual has to put up \$100 to file the protest. If a show judge observes abuse, he/she can file a protest without paying \$100. Elise Donohue emphasized the importance of acknowledging that we (board and members of the club) are aware of abuse issues. Jan Anderson summed up: As horsemen, we have the obligation to police ourselves. Lanette suggested that this issue go back to the Show Committee for further discussion and development of a protocol for the board to follow.

Show Entry Forms – Kim Alberda stated that all show entry forms need to be completed for our records and this is not occurring. Entry forms and copies of show bills come to Kim after the show from the show secretary. If the entry forms are incomplete, the show bills are incomplete and Kim's records are incomplete. Payouts get delayed and Kim has lots of extra work chasing down competitors to reconcile accounts. The show office is the place to take care of these issues before they become problems, which means that our show secretary will need assistance. Nicole Mather volunteered to work with the show secretary at all three shows this year. Nicole knows our members and their horses and can help keep the show records straight for our Treasurer.

Awards Table – Lanette will be unable to attend two shows and will need volunteers to set up the awards table and hand out awards during the show.

YRHA Conflict of Interest Policy - The NRHA conflict of interest policy, adopted in April 2010, was handed-out for review and brief discussion followed. The majority present agreed that abiding by the NRHA policy would be sufficient for our needs.

New Business

Elise Donohue mentioned that Cameron Meissner would be at the general membership meeting and would like to open up a discussion about the possibility of YRHA adding a club class to the Open (as is done in Idaho), which would allow a trainer to school a horse for a client. A brief discussion of pros and cons ensued and Elise commented that Idaho had solved something that we haven't yet had a need to solve. Jan wanted to understand Cameron's request more fully and get members' input and proposed opening the discussion in the general meeting to follow.

Meeting adjourned: 2:35 pm