

Yellowstone Reining Horse Association  
Annual General Membership Meeting  
January 15, 2011

Meeting called to order at 3:20 p.m.

Roll call: Janis Anderson, Mike Carlson, Kimberly Alberda, Chandra Morris Elise Donohue, Wendy Deans, Lanette Frye, Jan Lukenbill, Nicole Mather

Excused: Jean Keffeler, Lawrence Martin, John Morris

Guests: Sharon Gelhaus, Mary Dunkel, Dan Gervais, Pat Gervais, Jay Dee Anderson, Jared Amen, Valerie Siegel, Cameron Meissner, Mira Williams, Jess Woodring

Minutes of January 15, 2011 Board of Directors meeting read, corrected, and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Waived; report provided during reading of the minutes.

YRHA Conflict of Interest Policy

In response to a question from Cameron Meissner about the conflict of interest policy mentioned in the minutes of the preceding board meeting, Jan Anderson noted that a policy for YRHA had been proposed but the board wished to pursue further research on its necessity. Upon learning that NRHA had adopted and ratified a conflict of interest policy in April 2010, the board felt YRHA would do well to simply abide by the NRHA policy.

Election Ballot

Eleven ballots were cast. The ballots were counted by Elise Donohue and Nicole Mather. The results were unanimous and four directors were elected and welcomed to the YRHA board for two-year terms beginning in 2011: Lanette Frye, Pat Gervais, Valerie Siegel, and J.R. Winter. Outgoing directors Jean Keffeler, Lawrence Martin and John Morris were thanked for their service.

Show Dates Announced

Yellowstone Slide I will be May 26-28; Yellowstone Slide II will be July 7-9; and Yellowstone Slide III will be August 4-6.

Spring Reining Clinic

Mike McEntire (2010 Open Futurity Reserve Champion) will conduct a clinic March 26-27 at Anderson Training Stables. Twelve riders will be accepted, spectators are unlimited. Cost is \$500/rider including lunch both days. Riders and alternates will be selected by lottery with the drawing to be done on February 25th. Half payment is due March 4, full payment is due March 18. If full payment is not received by March 18, the first alternate will be notified and full payment will be due immediately. Alternates will be tapped in the order they were drawn. Spectator fees are \$35/day or \$50/2 days, with lunch available on the premises for purchase. Jay Dee Anderson commented that Mike is

a great teacher and if you don't get the chance to ride in the clinic, come as a spectator because you'll get a lot out of being there watching and listening.

#### NRHA 70/70 Saddle Giveaway

Riders aged 70 and above who score a 70 in any class during the 2011 season will be eligible for the drawing for a saddle. It is up to the rider to inform the show secretary of their age and fill out the NRHA form at the show office. The show secretary turns in the completed forms and also the scores to NRHA.

#### Sponsorships

Wendy Deans reported that several sponsors have already stepped forward. Rocky Mountain Hat Co. will again donate a custom-made 50X beaver hat; KbarJ Leather along with Cameron Meissner/Meissner Reining Horses will sponsor a custom-made pair of show chaps; and Tom Balding/Balding Bits and Spurs will donate a pair of spurs. These items will be raffled to help raise funds for our shows. All three items will be featured on one raffle ticket costing \$10. The raffle will be drawn at the last show.

#### Non NRHA Class for Short Stirrup

Jessica Woodring inquired about the possibility of holding a non NRHA class for children under 10. Jan Anderson said her query would be taken up by the show committee at its next meeting.

#### Schooling/Club Class Concurrent with the Open

Cameron Meissner expressed a need for a club class on Friday night that could be run concurrently with the Open and used for schooling clients' horses for the next day's classes. There is a need for this because there are no schooling classes on the second day of our show and some trainers have used, but are uncomfortable with using, the judged NRHA freestyle class for schooling. Cameron cited the Idaho shows as an example, where a club class runs concurrent with the Open, allowing trainers to school. The Idaho club class is not a prize class, but requires membership in the club to participate.

Various objections were raised including: If one club class is added, we would have to add club classes to all other NRHA classes; the additional classes may require prizes and/or year end awards; and club class(es) may add another 30 horses/day to the show, which would make the show days too long for judges and competitors.

Various options were also proposed: Move one of our schooling classes to the middle day; and offer paid warm-ups after the freestyle (last class on Friday), which would run until 10 p.m.

The paid warm-up idea received widespread support. In addition, it was noted that this could be done this year, whereas adding a club class couldn't be done until next year. Jay Dee Anderson thought he could put a couple more lights outside the arena to accommodate the paid warm-up class.

Jan Anderson recommended this issue go to the show committee for further discussion and recommendations.

Meeting adjourned 4:07pm