

**Yellowstone Reining Horse Association
Teleconference October 27, 2010**

President—Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jan Anderson Mike Carlson, Chandra Morris, Wendy Deans, Elise Donohue, Kim Alberta, John Morris, Jean Keffeler, Lanette Frye, Lawrence Martin

Absent: Nicole Mather, Jan Lukenbill

Correspondence

Sharon Gelhaus (Brackett Creek Quarter Horses) wants to do a schooling show in April at Anderson Training Stables to benefit YRHA and MRHA equally.

Renee Pipinich called about planning around our shows in 2011 and possibly using a YRHA show for the NRRHA Affiliate and year end.

With one addition, the letter drafted to the NRHA regarding bronzes, plaques and trophies was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jean Keffeler moved that the CD due December 12 be rolled over and renewed. Seconded by Lanette Frye. Approved unanimously.

Mike Carlson moved that the \$5,000 redeemed in spring 2010 from one of our CDs be left in the checking account. John Morris seconded. Approved unanimously.

After all show bills have been paid and earnings checks cashed, YRHA has a profit of \$1,240.43 for 2010 and is in the black. This will be carried forward to 2011. On the plus side of our financial picture, the awards banquet broke even, we realized a profit of \$1,760 from our clinic, and PeeWee costs were covered by donations. On the minus side, we had a small loss on our second show (mainly due to comp meals and judges' expenses) and we did not reach our fundraising goals.

Kimberly Alberda reported that 2 of the 3 outstanding bills from YRHA Slides still have not been paid. Jan Anderson asked Kim to follow up with a phone call and a letter asking the 2 individuals to resolve their bills and make final payment within 10 days. The individuals' names will be reported to NRHA if they fail to pay by the deadline.

Banquet & Show

Banquet

Will be held January 15, 2011, at the Best Western GranTree Inn, Bozeman. We will contact Open Range to see if they will again provide music for the social hour and silent auction.

Shows

Show secretary – Betty Mayer has committed to all 3 YRHA shows for 2011.

Concessions – Faith Peterson (Crazy Mountain Catering) has committed to all 3 YRHA shows.

Videographer – Dan Browning (RainDancer Video) has committed to all 3 YRHA shows.

Mike Carlson moved that the show dates for 2011 be approved. They are: May 26-28, July 7-9, and August 4-6. Lawrence Martin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Clinics

Wendy Deans will check with Shawn Florida about doing a clinic for YRHA and Jan Anderson will check with Andrea Fappani. If neither are available, other clinicians including Bryan Dygert and Mike McEntire, will be considered.

Other suggestions: Incorporate a clinic with the schooling show in April (Kim Alberda); hold a judges' clinic in conjunction with the first show in May (Jan Anderson).

Nominations

Four director positions will be open in 2011 and candidates are being sought.

Jean Keffeler, Chair, asked the board to recommend additional candidates. The list of eligible candidates is due to the board on or before November 15. Ballots will be mailed December 1 and write-in nominations may be proposed by the membership after that date.

Awards Committee

Jean Keffeler moved that YRHA award prizes through third place at all shows and approve an awards budget of \$5,940. Mike Carlson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion: Jan Anderson stated that the show committee recommends giving prizes to 3rd or 4th place this year. YRHA made money on 2 out of 3 shows last year and we feel the need to give back a little more. Wendy Deans added that with a profit of \$1,240 from Slides I and III to carryover, we will just about break even if we give prizes to 3rd place this year. Jean Keffeler stated that adding these prizes would be a motivator. Wendy reminded the board that our bylaws state we have to have an amount in reserve that is equal to the cost of our shows. Cost per show is approximately \$15,000 and we need reserves in the amount of \$45,000 to cover these costs. We have \$46,000 in CDs and believe we have the required reserves.

Lanette Frye, Chair, said the year-end awards will come in \$600 under the approved budget.

Sponsor Day

Wendy Deans reported there was not a huge crowd, but everyone who came had a lot of fun. Lori Waters and This Whiz It gave a reining demo. The pair ran pattern 5 in reverse and Jay Dee Anderson narrated the maneuvers and had Lori school her horse through it. Chandra Morris and Boggies Gun Phire gave a freestyle demo in honor of opening day of deer hunting season. The dog races were held and a delicious potluck supper and birthday cake were served. The lucky sponsor who won the \$100 gift certificate to the Rib & Chop House (had to be present to win) was Jan and Jay Dee Anderson.

Unfinished Business

Jean Keffeler moved that YRHA adopt a conflict of interest clause in our by-laws. Mike Carlson seconded. Approved with one nay vote. The text of the clause is as follows:

Be it resolved that should any issue come before the YRHA Board of Directors or any of its committees that might create a financial conflict for a Board or Committee member, i.e. a particular decision on the issue would have financial consequences for the member, then the member must: (1) declare to the Board or committee that a potential conflict of interest exists; (2) excuse himself/herself from the discussion on the issue; (3) not vote on the issue; and (4) not attempt to influence the vote of other Board members on this issue.

Discussion: Lawrence Martin questioned the necessity of including such a clause in YRHA's bylaws. It was recommended that we research NRHA's conflict of interest policy and determine if it adequately covers the club.

Wendy Deans moved that the adoption of the conflict of interest clause be reconsidered at a future meeting of the YRHA board pending further research into the subject. Mike Carlson seconded. Approved with one nay vote.

New Business

Elise Donohue is working on ideas for promotion of reining in 2011. These will be presented at a future meeting.

Adjourned 8:53 p.m.