

Yellowstone Reining Horse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Teleconference  
September 23, 2010

Called to order: 7 p.m.

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

### **Correspondence**

Email received from the president of MRHA notifying us that the date of the Big Sky Classic will be moved up one week in August. The Classic will now be 10 days after YRHA Slide III.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Checking balance - \$21,677.14. Not all issued checks have cleared. We are "in the black" after all three shows; reports will be presented at the October 23 meeting.

3 people have not paid their bills from YRHA Slide III; all have been re-billed; Kim will follow up with phone calls and a final notice letter to each, giving them 10 days to make payment; after the payment deadline is up, NRHA will be notified of any who have still not paid.

### **Banquet & Show Committee**

The Best Western GranTree Inn in Bozeman has been booked for the Year-End Awards Banquet, which will be held January 15, 2011.

Tentative show dates for 2011 are May 26-28, July 7-9 and August 4-6. The dates will be discussed by the Show Committee and recommendations presented to the full board at the October 23 board meeting, to be held in conjunction with Sponsor Appreciation Day at Anderson Training Stables, Wilsall.

### **Nominations**

Four director positions are up for election in 2011: John Morris, Lawrence Martin, Jean Keffeler, and Lanette Frye. Lanette has agreed to run for re-election; the nomination committee will seek at least 3 candidates for the remaining 3 positions and present the slate of candidates to the board at the October 23 board meeting. The committee consists of Jean and Elise Donohue – any new members are welcome as is input from the rest of the board.

### **Awards**

Lanette requested an increase of \$25/award in the budget for the year-end awards. This represents a total increase of \$1,600. Mike Carlson moved to accept the awards budget of \$6,675; seconded by Elise Donohue. Lanette's goals are to select awards that will be keepsakes for the winners and to offer choices for those who have already earned many buckles.

**Sponsor Day**

October 23, 2010, at Anderson Training Stables, Wilsall. Wendy Deans is coordinating Sponsor Day activities, which will include the presentation of affiliate awards, the traditional potluck meal, and dog races.

**Unfinished Business**

None reported

**New Business**

Lawrence Martin moved that a letter be sent to NRHA requesting a return to bronze trophies; seconded by Jan Lukenbill. The resin trophies have proven to be extremely fragile and don't inspire awe or convey respect to the winners, as they should. Chandra Morris will draft a letter for the board's signature.

Treatment that could be construed as abusive was observed at YRHA Slide III. Abuse is in no way condoned by YRHA. The board will take a recommendation from the show committee regarding the appropriate action to deal with this observed instance. Section V. Disciplinary Guidelines of the YRHA show rules spells out the organization's zero-tolerance stance on abuse. The show committee will discuss the YRHA policy on abuse at its next meeting and a recommendation will be brought forward to the board. Action may include sending a letter to the infractor. In future, show premiums will carry a statement of YRHA's policy against abuse on the show grounds.

Adjourned: 8:07 p.m.

Next meeting: 10 a.m., October 23, 2010, at Anderson Training Stables. Meet in the arena.