

Yellowstone Reining Horse Association
Annual General Membership Meeting
March 8, 2010
Strand Union Building, MSU campus, Bozeman, MT

Called to order: 5:45 p.m.

Present: Janis Anderson, Mike Carlson, Wendy Deans, Chandra Morris, Elise Donohue, Kimberly Alberda, John Morris, Lanette Frye, Nicole Mather, Lawrence Martin
Not present: Jackie Sorenson, Jean Keffeler

Elections

23 ballots received and counted. New officers and board members have been elected. Newly-elected officers include: President – Janis Anderson, Vice President – Mike Carlson, Secretary – Chandra Morris, and Treasurer – Kimberly Alberda. Newly elected board members include: Wendy Deans, Jan Lukenbill and Nicole Mather. The board wishes to welcome new board member Jan Lukenbill and to acknowledge and thank outgoing board member Jackie Sorenson for her service on the board the past two years.

Correspondence

1. Thank you note from Connie LeHocky.
2. Proposal from CSRHA President Joan Broadbent for a Team Challenge event to be held at the Yellowstone Slide II. The proposal was discussed, several questions were raised, and the board elected to discuss this again with the possibility of implementing it in 2011. Jan will respond to the proposal.
3. Proposal from Kristi Rose for an NRHA National Championship title program. The proposal was discussed and several questions were raised. The consensus of the board was that the proposal would not provide substantial benefit to YRHA members. Jan will respond to the proposal.
4. Letter from Warner Stevens, lawyer for the Corral West bankruptcy, requesting YRHA to inform him if Corral West owes YRHA anything.
5. Note from Rod Warren regarding his auction purchases. The note was discussed and it was proposed that in future a representative of the YRHA board be designated to bid at the auction for absentee bidders, following the bidder's instructions.
6. Letter from APHA approving YRHA's application for Paint Alternative Competition credits at YRHA shows.

Treasurer's Report

This was Wendy Deans' last official report as Treasurer and the board wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to Wendy for her outstanding service in this office through the years. Wendy will continue to lead YRHA's fundraising committee as a member of the YRHA board at large.

The checking account balance is healthy and fundraising for the 2010 show season has begun. All NRHA trophy fees for 2010 have been paid as has the insurance premium for 2010. The only remaining expenses that need to be paid now are plane tickets for the

three judges and prizes for the shows. The Treasurer recommended rolling over YRHA's two CDs coming due in April and June.

Nicole Mather moved we roll over the CD due in April for 6 months. It will come due next in Oct. Mike Carlson seconded. Approved unanimously.

The board will decide to roll over the second CD prior to its June due date.

The club debit card is in the works. Signees include the treasurer, fundraiser, awards chair and president. New Treasurer Kimberly Alberda requested all signees to establish a paper trail (keep all receipts) and keep their registers current to make accounting easier and more accurate.

Fundraising

Letters have been mailed to sponsors and funds have started to come in. We need another raffle item in addition to the custom hat, which has again been donated by Rocky Mountain Hat Co.

Lanette Frye moved to allow Wendy to contact Kelly Gully to sponsor/donate a pair of custom made show chaps or chinks for YRHA to raffle and report back. Lawrence Martin seconded. Approved unanimously.

If we can't get the chaps donated, Wendy will seek sponsors for the purchase.

Lanette moved that YRHA retrieve the handmade YRHA 20th Anniversary quilt and raffle it at \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets, to be awarded at the year-end banquet. Tickets will be sold from the first YRHA Clinic (Jarvis Anderson Clinic, April 24-25, 2010) until the banquet (January 15, 2011). Lawrence seconded. Approved unanimously.

The quilt was auctioned at the 20th anniversary celebration, purchased by Bill Bradley, and generously donated back to the YRHA for auctioning or raffling again. It has been stored for YRHA by Alice Morrison.

If YRHA were to have a booth at area horse events, we could sell raffle tickets and advertise our shows. The custom hat and custom chaps could have wide appeal to those attending horse events. Farmer's Market is a possibility as well.

Banquet

January 15, 2011, has been booked at the Best Western GranTree. Mike to confirm that we will have the same rooms as this year's banquet before signing the contract.

New board member Jan Lukenbill has been appointed to the banquet committee.

Arena Contract

Lawrence moved that we accept and sign the Arena Contract with Anderson Training Stables for YRHA events in 2010, which include YRHA's three shows and the Jarvis Anderson Clinic. Mike seconded. Approved unanimously.

Shows

Crazy Mountain Catering has agreed to cater all 3 YRHA shows.

Mike recommended advertising our clinics and shows in The Wrangler. Wendy will follow up on the ad cost with The Wrangler.

Lanette moved that YRHA put together a poster to advertise our clinic and shows. Nicole seconded. Approved unanimously. Mike recommended distributing the poster to tack and feed stores, area arenas, horse and other stock events.

John Morris volunteered to take posters around to area arenas. Wendy, Lanette and Chandra will put the poster together.

Saddle

Jan proposed purchasing the same basic saddle as last year (the Jim Taylor reining saddle), to be given away at the Yellowstone Slide III by drawing from the names of YRHA class winners throughout the season.

Additional Clinic / Rookie Day

Consensus of the board is that it is getting too late to try and schedule another clinic or put on a Rookie Day event for 2010. These events will be discussed at a fall board meeting for the 2011 season.

Awards

Prizes have been inventoried and there are lots of second place awards left and about one show's worth of first place awards. We will continue to give prizes for all classes; these are important to our members and competitors. We will continue to give only first and second place awards. Last year, the budget was \$1500/show, broken down to \$30/first prize and \$20/second prize.

Lawrence moved that Lanette be allowed to spend up to \$30/first, \$20/second for a total budget amount of up to \$4500/3 shows. Mike seconded. Approved unanimously.

Lanette has additional ideas for prizes this year including hat cans, split reins, one-ear headstalls, polo wraps and pocket knives. Connie LeHocky has graciously offered to donate more of her Home Branded stoneware for prizes and Wendy will contact her to follow up on her offer.

Jan Lukenbill has been appointed to the awards committee.

PeeWee Reining

Best show at which to offer this event would be the Yellowstone Slide III. Mike will follow up with Anne Kent to determine if she wants to plan and conduct another PeeWee Reining for YRHA.

Adjourned: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Morris, YRHA secretary