

Minutes of the YRHA Board of Directors Meeting
October 25, 2008
Anderson home, Wilsall, MT

Called to order: 12 noon

Roll call: Jan Anderson, Mike Carlson, Wendy Deans, Elise Donohue, Lanette Frye, Jean Keffeler, Nicole Mather, Chandra Morris, John Morris
Excused: Jackie Sorenson, Kurt Stabenau
Guest: Lori Waters

Minutes of Sept. 21, 2008 meeting stand approved.

Correspondence read and accepted:

- Thank you from MRHA for sponsorship of shows
- Letter from Jim Gelhaus – Brackett Creek Quarter Horse shows were well attended and YRHA's support was appreciated
- Thank you from Montana 4H Youth Development Program for sponsorship
- Thank you from Kirstie Blakely, who won the raffle for the Rocky Mountain Hat
- Letter of resignation from YRHA President George Stone

Treasurer's report:

- YRHA show this year made a profit with sponsorships (added \$); \$11,150 was raised in sponsorships and \$650 in the raffle.

Breakdown of show expenses/revenues:

\$19,000 income from entry fees

\$19,000 expenses for judges, trophies, prizes, arena rental

\$28,000 total show expenses (includes added \$ payouts)

Recommendation to increase attendance at shows: Invite other organizations such as County 4H, Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club, Backcountry Horsemen of America, Montana State Horse Show Association, etc.

- Banquet this year posted a loss of \$2,500. This was due to the increased cost of the dinner, give-aways and year-end awards. Recommendation: Raise the cost of the dinner to attendees to \$25 or \$30. Additional recommendation: Move banquet to earlier in the year (end of Feb or Mar). This would help with the stallion breeding fee auction, which needs to be early enough for people to make breeding decisions for the coming year.

- Other expenses: Wrangler subscriptions paid by YRHA are \$7/member; for members of both MRHA and YRHA, the cost is split 50-50 between the two organizations. Subscriptions are paid out of annual dues. Clothing expense (YRHA merchandise) – nearly broke even. Sponsorships to other organizations = \$1,500.

- Audit follow-up: Auditor recommended reconciling back checks that have never been cashed and \$227.66 was added back into the treasury this year from back checks never cashed; 2008 back checks not cashed will be added back into the treasury next year.

Committee reports:

Awards – Lanette Frye and Nicole Mather will select year-end awards. Recommendation: Winners of multiple awards to be given a choice of combining their awards; 1st place winners may be asked if they would like a buckle or other award. Wendy Deans will select and order the green rookie buckles.

Banquet – Jan Anderson will check into an earlier date to hold the banquet, possibly Feb 28 or Mar 7, if these dates don't conflict with other regional RHAs and Chico's facilities are available.

Bylaws – Definition of green horse is missing from this year's booklet and what shows green reiners can earn points at needs to be researched/reviewed. Kurt Stabenau and John Morris will review the bylaws and minutes from past meetings and make corrections as necessary.

Nomination – With the resignation of President George Stone, VP Jan Anderson stepped up to the presidency. Mike Carlson was nominated to fill Jan's vacated position of VP by Lanette Frye, seconded by Nicole Mather, and approved unanimously. Lawrence Martin was nominated by Mike Carlson to fill his vacated position of director; seconded by John Morris, and approved unanimously.

Show

- Alternates on the wait list for the 2008 Shawn Florida clinic will be eligible for the lottery for the 2009 clinic; these individuals will be notified by all means possible – email, mail, phone, and publication in the Wrangler. 2008 clinic participants will not be eligible for the lottery.
- Shawna Sapergia would like to do a 3-day clinic with 1-day youth clinic, preferably all in one place.
- MRHA would like to talk about sharing shows (expenses and sponsorships) with YRHA. Recommendation: Review YRHA membership survey results and meet with MRHA show committee to coordinate shows for 2009.
- Affiliate finals are moving to South Jordan, UT, for 2009 and will (tentatively) be held Sept 9-13. This means our affiliate qualifying shows all have to be done by Aug 9.
- Denver will continue to hold the International Reining Festival in Oct.
- To put on 2 shows, YRHA needs to raise \$12,000-\$13,000 (we have \$2,000 towards next year already from the profit on this year's show).
- Elise Donohue cautioned that sponsorship will be an issue this year, with more organizations looking for \$, fewer people able to give and people giving less \$. Wendy Deans offered to look into other fundraising ideas.

Strategic planning – At the next board meeting, Elise Donohue will present the materials from the planning session that was facilitated by Gwen Wagner in Jan. 2008.

New business: The next board meeting will follow the show committee meeting, to be held in the next 2 weeks.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chandra Morris, Secretary