

Yellowstone Reining Horse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 16, 2010  
GranTree Inn, Bozeman, MT  
Called to order: 12:25 p.m.

Present: Jan Anderson, Mike Carlson, Wendy Deans, Chandra Morris, Elise Donohue, Lanette Frye, Jean Keffeler, Kim Alberda, Lawrence Martin, Nicole Mather, John Morris  
Excused: Jackie Sorenson

### **Correspondence**

Jan read a note from Renee Pipinich thanking YRHA for sending flowers to Kurt's memorial service.

Chandra read a letter from APHA regarding PAC point certification for APHA horses entered in YRHA shows. An application has been filed.

### **Treasurer's Report (Wendy Deans)**

As of January 14, 2010:

Checking balance is \$10,599.82.

CD due 3/22/10 in the amount of \$30,323.64.

CD due 4/12/10 in the amount of \$20,200.55.

Lawrence moved to rollover the CD due in March and hold the CD due in April for action at the next meeting – Mike seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion: YRHA did well in 2009 and there is money in the checking account. Things that helped make this possible: Raffles, year-end awards coming in under budget, and sponsorships. Elise again sponsored the green reiner buckles, 10 awarded this year. Livingston Mercantile is a new YRHA sponsor and the Montana Silversmith green reiner buckles were purchased from them. For their sponsorship, they gave us 2 buckles and a percentage off the total cost. Montana Silversmiths also gives us 5% off the cost of the buckles. Raffles helped a lot last year by raising the sponsorship dollars.

### Club credit card

Lanette moved that Wendy/Kim proceed with getting a debit/credit card for the club.

Seconded by Mike. Approved unanimously.

Discussion: The club card can be used for motels, air tickets, awards, etc. Credit card can be issued to the association so it is responsible, not an individual treasurer. Can also do debit card, same terms. With a debit card, multiple cards can be issued, making it possible for more than 1 person to access our account and pay expenses. No rewards or bonuses (mileage, etc.) with a debit card (vs credit card), but application and accounting are easier with a debit card.

### Sponsorships

Wendy reported that \$3,000 has been committed to date in sponsorships. Jan requested board members to make initial contacts with sponsors for Wendy to follow up.

### **Nomination Committee Report (Jean Keffeler)**

Jean presented a letter proposing nominees for all 4 offices and 3 board positions for 2010.

Nominees:

President – Jan Anderson

VP – Mike Carlson

Treasurer – Kim Alberda

Secretary – Chandra Morris

Directors:

Wendy Deans

Nicole Mather

Jan Lukenbill

Additional nominations will be accepted through Friday, January 22, 2010. Additional nominations must be made in writing and submitted to the secretary 45 days before the annual meeting, which has been set for Monday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m., Bozeman, place to be announced. The slate will be posted on the website, emailed, and ballots will be mailed to the membership.

### **Show Committee Report (Mike Carlson)**

#### Saddle award

Lanette – motion to award a saddle again next year, Jan to research options and report at next meeting. Lawrence – second. Approved unanimously.

Discussion: Saddle is very popular, well received. Andersons are dealers for Jim Taylor saddles from FG collection, very nice saddles. Jan will research the various saddles and options, including delivery time.

#### Show Rules

Show rule changes were recommended by the Show Committee and approved by the board:

1. The first 2 classes of each day will be drawn by 7 p.m. the night before.
2. Late entries on the last day of the show will draw for first or last position in the class.
3. The Ladies and Gentlemens' classes will be combined into one class, called the Ladies and Gentlemens' class. This will be a jackpot with a prize awarded to the winner.
4. Entry fees for jackpot classes will be raised \$5.
5. Only one judges' fee will be charged for concurrent classes.
6. Green reiner point calculations will no longer include the additional .5 pt for every horse the rider places above. Green reiner points to graduate will remain at 30 total.

Discussion:

Late entries on last day of show – late entries will draw for first or last in all classes. Lawrence suggested removing language about how classes are drawn for all days of the show instead. Lanette remarked that our show secretary suggested this method and we should let her try it. It means late entries have a 50-50 chance of going first or last. If

we're trying to avoid people taking advantage of show rules, the rule should be applied to all 3 days. The Board recommends that the Show Committee discuss the issue further and bring back a recommendation. Board prefers to give 50-50 chance all 3 days. If the Show Committee agrees, the rule will be amended to read: "Late entries will draw for first or last position in the class on all days of the show."

Green reiner points – The change in calculation will make points easier to figure and keep green reiners in the class a little bit longer. Still need 30 points to graduate.

### Clinics

Todd Bergen could not fit us into his schedule; Mike McEntire could not fit us into his schedule either. Jarvis Anderson will do a clinic for YRHA on April 24-25 for 12 riders. YRHA will take reservations from 15 riders and alternates; if more than 15 riders want to sign up, there will be a drawing for riders and alternates.

### Banquet

Discussion: Timing work out well to hold it in January? All agreed it did and should be booked early again next year. Better for stallion fees, foaling, calving time, etc. Lanette needs 8 weeks to order awards. Jean also needs at least 8 weeks to identify nominees prior to the banquet so they can be elected at the annual meeting, which is traditionally held concurrently with the banquet. These items could be discussed at the board meeting held prior to Sponsor Day activities. A calendar of important dates should be developed for the board to follow.

### **New Business**

Jean – Motion to authorize the new treasurer to do what it takes to get the job done, including purchasing needed software. Seconded by Nicole. Approved unanimously.

Jean – Motion that any club that gives YRHA a donation of \$500 or more be authorized to put a club banner in the venue arena at the show plus one banner on which are listed their club sponsors, if they so desire. The sponsor list banner not to be larger than 3' x 8'. Mike seconded. Approved unanimously.

Lanette – Motion to amend Jean's motion to add that YRHA requires reciprocity of any club that we extend this courtesy to. Wendy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion: Wendy received a request from MRHA to put up MRHA sponsors' banners at our shows because MRHA is approving our shows for their affiliate circuit and year-end awards. YRHA puts on the shows and YRHA sponsors have top priority in the arena. Nicole: Many sponsors contribute to both organizations to get their banners up in the host arena. Jean: Any club that sponsors our show could make a banner with their sponsors on it and put it up at our show. Nicole: If we put up MRHA's sponsorship banner at our shows, would MRHA reciprocate? If so, we would need to do our own sponsorship banner. Jean: We need to have a policy that works for any club that wants to sponsor or donate to us.

### Wrangler Awards

Wendy received a letter from the Moss' (publishers of The Wrangler) – they are working on doing a buckle for Horse of the Year (Bob Berg designer buckle) for every organization that subscribes to the Wrangler. They will develop the criteria and award program; YRHA would be one of the recipients. Jan: YRHA has had a Hall of Fame for horses in the past. Sponsored by Jim Gelhaus, the award recognized the top rider and top horse. Jim developed the criteria for each award. Lanette recommended that the Show Committee discuss this and bring a recommendation to the board or a new committee should be formed.

Adjourned 1:55 p.m.