

YRHA Board Meeting
September 23, 2009
Bozeman, MT

Meeting called to order: 7:20pm

Roll call: Jan Anderson, Mike Carlson, Wendy Deans, Chandra Morris, John Morris, Kimberly Alberda, Lawrence Martin, Elise Donohue
Excused: Jackie Sorenson, Jean Keffeler, Nicole Mather, Lanette Frye
Guest: Jay Dee Anderson

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Checking balance – \$16,624.12; CD rolled over at 1.9% for 6 mo. on Sept. 22, 2009; Next CD due Oct. 12. CDs will come due in March and April 2010.

Banquet – loss this year of \$2,172 on year-end awards (auction income did not offset award expense).

Sponsorships brought in \$10,250.

Total fundraising including sponsorships and raffles – \$12,651.

Total fundraising split between all shows to cover added money, \$4,217/show.

Show income = entries + fundraising allocation.

YRHA ended the year with a profit of \$1,100.

Handouts: Category Summary Report; Income, Expense, Profit & Loss statement; Expense Report for Shows.

Discussion: Expense per show in 2009 averaged \$17,150. Expenses for 3 shows = \$51,450.

Projecting forward to next year, YRHA would need to have \$52,000 available to put on 3 shows, per our bylaws. Discussion: Original intent of bylaw was to cover deficits at the end of the year, if necessary, by providing a reserve to dip into. As long as our projected budget matches our reserve, we are meeting our bylaws in good faith.

Discussion: Club credit card – for plane, car and hotel reservations for judges, clinicians, secretary and purchasing ribbons, awards and prizes. Wendy and Kim to check into different cards and present options at next meeting.

John moved to leave \$5,000 in interest from our CD in the checking account. Seconded by Lawrence. Approved unanimously.

Nominations: All officers and two directors up for election. Wendy would like to step down as Treasurer; she will run for a board of directors' seat and will continue her role as YRHA's fundraiser. Jan will run for Pres.; Mike for VP; Chandra for Secretary. Elise to say on as Past Pres. Jackie and Nicole's positions to be elected; all will be asked to run again. Other nominees will be sought by the chair.

Awards:

Budget – Lawrence moved that a budget of \$5,500 be approved for year-end awards with the recommendation to the chair that more be spent on first place awards than second (up to \$150 for first and up to \$100 for second). Seconded by Mike. Approved unanimously. Discussion:

Worked well last year to offer choices to winners. Jay Dee – would be good to continue to provide an option of a buckle for first place; many people have not won a buckle. All present liked the option of trophy stirrups for first. Also, all liked headstalls for second; can the price come down to \$100?

Green reiner buckles (10 graduates) – Wendy has been in charge of ordering these; this year, Jan will. Have traditionally bought Montana Silversmith buckles; no reason to change. Cost is \$65 ea.

Elise donates the green reiner buckles. Wendy: Mercantile in Livingston wants to be a sponsor in 2010 and help with Green Reiner buckles (they carry Montana Silversmiths).

Shows:

2010 Show Schedule – John moved that Yellowstone Slide I be set for May 27-29, 2010; Yellowstone Slide II for July 15-17, 2010; and Yellowstone Slide III for Aug 5-7, 2010.

Lawrence seconded. Approved unanimously. Jay Dee will follow-up with all the other area clubs (MRHA, NRRHA, CSRHA, Big Sky Reiners, IdrHA) before the dates are officially filed with NRHA. All three affiliate circuit shows must be completed by Aug. 8 to meet the 30-day affiliate finals requirement; YRHA can meet that requirement with this show schedule. The Mountain Region Affiliate Finals will begin Sept. 8, 2010.

Green reiner points – Discussion: Keep the total for graduation at 30 points, but change the way points are computed by eliminating the additional .5 point per horse that the green reiner places above in the class. With this change, it would not be so easy to get a large number of points in just one or two classes and would make the standings simpler to compute. This change will be reflected in the Show Rules for 2010.

Show Rule Changes (5) – Will be held for the next board meeting.

Bit judge – Will be held for the next board meeting.

Sponsor Day: Oct. 24, 2009, at 2pm at Anderson Training Stables in Wilsall. Wendy is sending thank you notes and notices of Sponsor Day activities to all sponsors and invitation flyers to all members. An article was sent to The Wrangler and put on our website. Activities will include 3 non pro reining performances, dog races and dog tricks. Jan will provide dog biscuits and cookies for the dog race and trick participants. The affiliate champion plaques and pewters will be presented and all will be followed by a potluck supper.

Lawrence moved that we roll over the unused \$100 banquet deposit we have at Chico, add \$89.14 to it and purchase a winter getaway gift certificate to be given to a sponsor who is present and whose name is drawn at Sponsor Day. Seconded by Mike. Approved unanimously.

Banquet: John moved our year-end awards banquet and auction be held Feb 27, 2010. Mike seconded. Approved unanimously. Discussion: 2010 marks YRHA's 25th anniversary. Would like to bring in Alan Mitchell, the president of NRHA. Jay Dee will follow-up on this and ask Alan if he will also do an informal judges seminar for us. Banquet will be held in Bozeman, Mike to scout locations. CR Morrison will be invited to be our auctioneer (Jay Dee). CR and Alice are storing the commemorative quilt that was purchased at YRHA's 20th anniversary auction; Jay Dee will follow-up with them and arrange for it to be displayed at the 25th anniversary banquet. Unfinished business: Forward all fundraising ideas to Wendy.

New business: None.

Adjourned: 9:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chandra Morris, YRHA Secretary