

YRHA Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 2, 2009
Bozeman Public Library

Called to order: 3:15 p.m.

Present: Jan Anderson, Mike Carlson, Wendy Deans, Chandra Morris, Kurt Stabenau, Jean Keffeler, Nicole Mather, Lanette Frye, Lawrence Martin, Elise Donohue, John Morris

Excused: Jackie Sorenson

Guest: Lottie Stabenau

Correspondence: Thank you letter from APHA for 2008 program participation and request for 2009 participation. Action: Show Committee Chair Mike Carlson to complete and return APHA application.

Treasurer's Report: \$10,000 currently in checking account. CDs coming due Mar. 22 and Apr. 12. Few checks written since last meeting. YRHA's net worth is approx. \$65,000.

Committee Reports:

Awards

Year-end awards budget

Lanette Frye: 35 year-end awards (20 grand, 15 reserve) to be given. Buckle or leather duffle for grand; buckle or trophy headstall for reserve; combined awards – saddle pad. There is a one-time setup fee for the buckles. Total budget request for awards – \$5,000. Motion to approve budget: Jean Keffeler. Second: Elise Donohue. Approved unanimously.

2009 Show awards and budget

Lanette: Request for help with awards at shows. She cannot attend the last show and will need someone to take her place. Good opportunity for a committee member or interested YRHA member to step up!

Lanette requested a budget of \$1,200/show for 2009 prizes. Inventory of prizes on-hand: 45, to be used to supplement the 2009 show prizes and for awards banquet door prizes. She recommended dropping 3rd place prizes. Motion to give prizes for 1st and 2nd only: Nicole Mather. Second: Jean Keffeler. Approved unanimously. Action: Chandra Morris to update the show rules for 2009 to reflect this change. Motion to approve 2009 prize budget of \$1,200/show: Jean Keffeler. Second: Elise Donohue. Approved unanimously.

Audit

Kurt Stabenau: Time for the annual checkbook audit. Motion to have Kurt and Lottie Stabenau audit the checkbook: Lawrence Martin. Second: Jean Keffeler. Approved unanimously.

Banquet

Jan Anderson: The board desires to move the date up, but Chico doesn't have an earlier date available. Action: Mike Carlson and Lawrence Martin to scout new locations for the banquet to be held either March 7 or 21. YRHA went in the hole \$2,500 last year on the banquet; \$500 on dinners and gratuity, and the rest on year-end and door prizes. It will be necessary to raise the price of the dinner to cover the actual cost of the dinner and gratuity this year.

Strategic Planning

Elise Donohue: The key to a discussion on strategic planning is why YRHA? What is its mission, why was it organized, why do we want to be members, promote it and keep it going? The session conducted by Gwen Wagner in January 2008 offered some good insights into this. Elise has the notes from that session and will make them available to everyone interested. A future board discussion will follow.

Fundraising

Wendy Deans: Handout for discussion – history of fundraising since 1999. Only having 1 show and good fundraising, YRHA broke even in 2008 despite a lack of income from the Charlie Smith clinic and a loss at the banquet. Membership dropped dramatically last year. Show entries increased following a decline in 2007. Actions: Wendy to mail letters to existing and potential new sponsors the week of January 5 and report on the success of her fundraising appeals before the end of January. Chandra Morris to mail 2009 membership renewal letters (in addition to email and posting on the web site).

Shows

In consideration of the Idaho Futurity and Derby, now scheduled for August 5-9, 2009 in Pocatello, YRHA's third show will be scheduled for July 30 - Aug 1.

Wendy Deans: To maintain its affiliate, YRHA must have 3 shows. With funds on hand and commitments from sponsors that are similar to or greater than last year's, YRHA can put on two shows with good added money and ostensibly meet the minimum added money required by NRHA for a third show. Cost to produce 1 show is approximately \$18,000-\$20,000. Kurt Stabenau: Our by-laws state that we must have in reserve an amount equal to the average of what we spent last year. Wendy Deans: We have that amount in reserve.

Motion to proceed on the operating assumption that YRHA will put on 3 shows in 2009 to maintain our affiliate with added money to be determined by the end of January (to meet the NRHA deadline): Jean Keffeler. Second: Kurt Stabenau. Amendment to the motion to include the show dates of May 28-30, July 9-11, and July 30-Aug 1, 2009: Jean Keffeler. Second: Mike Carlson. Approved unanimously.

Clinics

Jan Anderson: Shawn Florida Clinic is scheduled for May 15-16, 2009. The date has been published in The Wrangler. Participants will be selected by lottery. Intent to participate must be made by Feb. 15; deposit must be received by Feb. 28. Mike Carlson is the contact for clinic reservations.

Nominations

Jean Keffeler: Recommendation that the individuals who volunteered to go off the board this year to achieve the staggering of terms all be nominated for election to the board in 2009. Directors elected in 2009 will serve 2-year terms. Kurt Stabenau, one of the volunteers, asked not to be nominated. The 2009 nominees are Lanette Frye, Jean Keffeler, John Morris, Lawrence Martin, and Kim Alberda (pending acceptance). Action: Chandra Morris to notify the membership and call for additional nominees.

By-laws

Follow-up from October 24, 2008 meeting: Green Horse class eligibility will be inserted in the 2009 show rules (not by-laws). Action: Lawrence Martin, Kurt Stabenau and John Morris will clarify the section of the by-laws pertaining to the reserve that must be held in the treasury and present this to the board for action at a future meeting.

New business

The NRHA Affiliate rep is now the president of the club, per NRHA.

Next meeting: Jan. 30 or Feb. 6, by conference call.

Adjourned: 5:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Morris, Secretary