

Yellowstone Reining Horse Association
General Meeting, May 19, 2008, Bozeman, MT
Minutes

Called to order: 4:20 pm

Roll Call

Present: George Stone (President); Janis Anderson (Vice President); Chandra Morris (Secretary); Wendy Deans (Treasurer); and Directors: Mike Carlson; Lanette Frye; Jean Keffeler; Nicole Mather; John Morris; Kurt Stabenau

Not present: Elise Donohue, Jackie Sorenson

Also attending: Alice Morrison (Yellowstone Slide Show Manager)

Minutes

Approved.

Correspondence

Thank you note received from Billi Heigh.

Treasurer's Report/Audit

Wendy Deans reported there was a loss of \$3,000 from the annual awards banquet. Items costing more than they had in past years accounted for the loss. These items included the cost of meals, year-end awards, and 17 percent gratuity (not included in budgeting for the banquet last year). Wendy suggested charging more for the dinner and getting bigger auction items and/or holding a stallion auction, to better cover costs next year.

Two CDs are set to mature, one in July and one in October. Motion by Kurt Stabenau to decide on reinvestment of the July CD at the next meeting. Seconded by Lanette Frye. Approved.

Audit/review of the treasurer's books for 2007 was done by Sandy Bushnell, Livingston. The reviewer's letter recommended reconciling the account with Quicken rather than by hand and noted that outstanding checks have caused accounting discrepancies. Wendy will provide the board with a list of outstanding checks at the next board meeting. Some of these may be earnings checks that have never been cashed. A suggestion was made that YRHA checks be imprinted with a statement restricting the check's viability to six months. Motion by Nicole Mather to pay Sandy Bushnell \$65 for the review and to continue getting reviews annually by an individual or firm outside the club. Seconded by Mike Carlson. Approved.

Traditionally, for expenditures of \$150 or less, no board approval is necessary. President George Stone asked, however, that he be informed of all such expenditures.

Committee Reports

Awards – Chairman Lanette Frye reported:

1. Anne Kent has volunteered to do young rider plaques, new this year. These will carry over year to year.
2. Three options for awards were presented, with and without awards for NRHA classes, and with the new young rider plaques.
3. The amount spent on awards in the past was \$1,500. It will be more this year.
4. NRHA trophies will be purchased out of entry fees.

Motion by Jean Keffeler to give out awards for all 28 classes, including NRHA classes, plus the young rider plaques, for a total expenditure of approximately \$2,000. Seconded by Kurt Stabenau. Approved.

Ribbons – Chairman Lanette Frye recommended providing:

1. Ribbons for all youth classes through sixth place
2. Ribbons for two-handed rookie and green rookie classes through second place

Motion by Jean Keffeler to approve the purchase and awarding of ribbons as recommended. Seconded by Mike Carlson. Approved.

Banquet – Chairman Jan Anderson announced that the annual awards banquet will be held April 4, 2009 at Chico Hot Springs. A deposit has been sent to Chico to hold the date.

Bylaws – Chairman Kurt Stabenau reported that in order to stagger the terms of the board of directors by 2010 as voted in at the annual meeting in April, five current directors will have to agree to serve 1-year terms instead of 2-year terms. Volunteers for the 1-year terms are: Kurt Stabenau, Jean Keffeler, Mike Carlson, Lanette Frye, and John Morris. According to the new bylaws, five directors will be elected in odd years, six in even years.

Logo – Chairman George Stone presented three options for a new logo for YRHA. Motion by Nicole Mather to select logo option 2 (pictured below). Seconded by Jean Keffeler. Approved. Motion by John Morris to pay the graphic designer, Crystal Armstead, \$260 for her services for creating the logo. Seconded by Kurt Stabenau. Approved.



YRHA Merchandise – Lanette Frye reported that Dally O has offered to donate \$250 worth of YRHA merchandise in exchange for a sponsorship. New merchandise to be imprinted with the new logo includes:

1. Ladies fitted lightweight vest
2. Down vest

3. Jackets (windbreaker type)
4. Caps
5. Sweatshirts
6. T-shirts/polo shirts

There will be a fire sale for imprinted merchandise that remains in stock. All merchandise to be sold at shows, the banquet, clinics, and advertised on the website. May also be custom ordered through Lanette. Motion by Jan Anderson to order 15 caps and 6 of all the rest of the items, and to accept Dally O's sponsorship. Seconded by Mike Carlson. Approved.

Fundraising – Chairman Wendy Deans reported that fundraising income was down about one-third. She also reported that sharing shows is working out for all the associations.

Nomination – Chairman Jean Keffeler will be seeking five directors for 2009. The five board members who volunteered to serve one-year terms to comply with the bylaw change will be invited to reapply.

Show – Chairman Mike Carlson discussed food service for the Yellowstone Slide. Show Manager Alice Morrison has been in contact with several caterers and will select one. Alice also reported that the judges and show secretary will be housed in Livingston because The Fort in Wilsall no longer serves breakfast. The purchase of radios was approved at the annual meeting and Alice asked that another set of two-way radios be purchased and available at the show for gate people.

Clinics – Shawn Florida has been booked for May 16-17, 2009. In order for everyone interested in riding in the clinic to have an equal chance at getting in, Mike recommended a lottery system. All interested parties will have to sign up by a particular date, then the lottery will be held to pick the participants and 5 alternates. Milestones will be set for upfront payments (nonrefundable). If the chosen participant misses a milestone or has to drop out, the first alternate gets the participant's spot and pays the participant back. Motion by Nicole Mather to do a lottery pick for participants and to set milestone dates for pre-payment of the clinic. Seconded by Kurt Stabenau. Approved. Alice Morrison volunteered to coordinate the clinic.

Barn contract for Yellowstone Slide – Fee is \$500/day rental plus \$1000 to cover expenses for a total of \$2,500. Motion by Kurt Stabenau to approve the barn contract. Seconded by Lanette Frye. Approved. Contract signed.

Haul-in fee for Yellowstone Slide - \$10 for horses not stalled on the grounds, to be collected by the show secretary.

Show Manager fee – Motion by Wendy Deans to pay the show manager (Alice Morrison) \$150/day. Seconded by Mike Carlson. Approved.

Waiver of liability must be signed before a contestant can pick up his/her show number. Waivers are included in the entry packet and will be available on the day of the show.

Website – Motion by Nicole Mather to purchase website editing software (Contribute) for \$170. Seconded by Mike Carlson. Approved.

Old Business

Raffle saddle – Wendy Deans reported that the price went up on the saddle donated by Four Corners Saddlery, so that their out of pocket cost was \$500 greater. Motion by Jan Anderson to allow Wendy to split the difference in the extra cost with Four Corners. Seconded by Nicole Mather. Approved.

New Business

Membership survey – Jan Anderson recommended a membership survey to get feedback and help YRHA plan future shows, clinics and other events.

Standard meeting schedule – Elise Donohue requested the board to set up a regular meeting schedule. Conference calls were discussed. Motion by Mike Carlson to check into the feasibility of conference calls. Seconded by Jan Anderson. Approved.

Banner sponsorship – Motion by Nicole Mather to give a sponsorship of \$500 each to the Hungry Horse and Manntana shows. Seconded by Mike Carlson. Approved.

Affiliate circuit awards – Motion by Jan Anderson to continue providing affiliate circuit awards (pewters for first place, plaques for second place, and a jacket or other clothing item for all qualifiers). Seconded by Mike Carlson. Approved.

Adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by Chandra Morris