

Yellowstone Reining Horse Association
Board Meeting, convened by conference call
September 21, 2008

Meeting called to order by President George Stone, 3:40pm

Role Call

Present: George Stone, Jan Anderson, Wendy Deans, Chandra Morris, Jean Keffeler,
Kurt Stabenau, Mike Carlson, Lanette Frye

Excused: John Morris, Jackie Sorenson, Elise Donohue, Nicole Mather

Minutes

5-19-08 meeting minutes read and approved by email; posted on website.

Correspondence

Gwen Wagner card – thank you for service appreciation gift at April 2008 meeting,
received and read by George.

Treasurer's Report – Wendy Deans

1. Reinvest CD

Discussion: \$41,469.52 in checking account; \$31,000 from CD that came due in July. Treasurer Wendy Deans recommends reinvesting for 6 months; interest rate is just below 3%.

\$22,899.41 invested in a CD in spring; will be coming due Oct 12.

George – what cash flow is needed in checking account? Wendy – approximately \$2,500 until January, when purchasing of awards for banquet will start. Fundraising starts around Feb. Wendy's recommendations: reinvest \$30,000 in a 6 mo. CD and roll back the other (\$22,000) CD when it comes due; that will leave enough in the checking account to cover expenses until January.

Motion, Jean Keffeler: Invest \$30,000 per treasurer's recommendation and rollover \$22,899.41 when it comes due Oct. 12.

Second, Mike Carlson.

Approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Awards – Lanette Frye

1. Affiliate qualifier clothing

Discussion: Choice of windbreaker jackets or down vests – cost will be \$35 ea., embroidered. Intent of clothing is for all qualifiers to look the same, be identifiable as a group.

Embroidery will include new logo and will read: YRHA Affiliate Qualifier 2008.

Down vest – men's could work for everyone; they are reversible (embroidery only on one side); color choices include black/sand, brown/sand, navy/sand.

Wendy has the list of Affiliate qualifiers; will double-check with NRHA records and give the names to Lanette; qualifiers will be contacted re: sizes.

Motion, Mike Carlson: Purchase down vests for \$35 ea., Lanette to choose colors; if men's vests don't fit women, Lanette will have the authority to choose something that does.

Second, Kurt Stabenau.

Approved unanimously.

2. Affiliate awards

Discussion: Awards will cost approximately \$1,280 for champion and reserve champion in each NRHA Affiliate class.

Motion, Jean Keffeler: Spend \$1,280 for affiliate awards.

Second, Jan Anderson.

Approved unanimously.

Audit – no report

Banquet – no report

Bylaws – no report

Fundraising – Wendy Deans

Sponsorship Appreciation Day – October 25 at Anderson's

Report: Sent out year-end thank you to sponsors with invite to Sponsor Day, starts at 2pm; next week, will send invite to membership.

Events planned: Reining demo, potluck, and a fun dog-friendly event for all participants – such as a dog race or special characteristics contest.

Mike Carlson: Recommend holding next board meeting at noon at Anderson's home on Oct 25 to be followed by the board helping with set-up for the potluck and other activities – all present agreed.

Discussion: Jean – who are YRHA's biggest corporate sponsors? Wendy – no corporate, but biggest sponsors are Double D, Little Mission Creek and Howard Mann. Jean – any businesses? Wendy – yes, including First Interstate Bank. Jean – any way to recognize these bigger sponsors? Wendy – many have attended Sponsor Day in the past and have expressed appreciation for their recognition on this day. Wendy is in charge of Sponsor Day; Jan is assisting her.

Nomination – no report

Show – Mike Carlson

Report: Florida clinic – Alice Morrison has resigned from managing the clinic; George has the list of participants and those wait-listed in 2008 and will pass it on to Mike.

Lottery strategy/procedure being developed – intent is for everyone to have the same chance. The 2008 waiting list will be contacted first and those individuals will be asked if they want to be in the lottery; the rest of the membership will be notified of the lottery and invited to participate along with the general public. Milestones will be set for incremental payments; refund policy to be determined. Advertising will be by:

website, email, mail, The Wrangler, and word of mouth.

Sept 16, 2008 committee meeting report: Mike, Jan and Wendy have been in touch with Shawna Sapergia; she's interested in doing clinic – need to nail down cost and date – she could speak at the annual banquet, if the dates coincided.

Strategic Planning – no report

Web Page – Chandra Morris

Report: \$360 extra (over bid) for web site upgrade. The upgrade involved more than a facelift, a new database was developed to make it easier for multiple people to contribute content. Chandra offered to train all interested BOD members in new features and use of website at a future general or special meeting.

Motion, Jan Anderson: Approve additional expenditure.

Second, Mike Carlson.

Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Membership survey – Jan Anderson

Report: List of questions started, these will be emailed/mailed to BOD for review; may be able to have the survey ready to hand out to the membership on Sponsor Day. General distribution will be by website, email and mail.

New Business

No new business.

Good of the Order

George Stone – Needs to resign as president and go off the board, effective immediately.

Discussion: George explained that he doesn't have time to spend on the organization and feels he needs to step out and make way for someone who can spend the necessary time. Lanette – according to parliamentary procedure, Jan (VP) steps in as president and a new board member is appointed to fill out her term. Also, George's resignation must be in writing. Jean – process for filling board vacancy? Does nominating committee have role? George – in the past, president and BOD identify candidates and vote, no committee/membership involvement. Jean – who will call candidates and when? Jan asked the BOD to come up with names to fill the vacancy and present them to her as soon as possible.

Formal passing of the gavel to the new president will be at the next full meeting of the board (Oct 25), pending acceptance of George's written resignation.

Adjourned 4:30pm