



July Monthly Meeting

7/11/2007

6:30 pm

Stockmen's Hotel & Casino

Meeting called by:	Barbie Smith	Type of Meeting:	Monthly/Roundtable
Facilitator:	Barbie Smith	Note Taker:	Jenny Marlar
President:	Barbie Smith		
Vice President:	Sandy Yates		
Secretary:	Jenny Marlar		
Treasurer:	Kim Jackson		

Attendees:

24 Members and children attended

Minutes

- I. Barbie called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.
- II. Jenny Marlar read the June meeting minutes
Colleen Thermos moved to accept the minutes as read
Lonnie Scott seconded.
The vote was unanimous.
- III. Treasurer's Report:
 - Kim Jackson gave the Treasurer's Report:
 - Beginning balance \$12715.40
 - Ending balance \$16793.18
 - Gayle Scott moved to accept the treasurer's report as read
Donna Bochman seconded
 - There was a question about the cost of the show software. Margaret tweaked the cost to \$500 after she adjusted our software.
 - Barbie acknowledged Kim's excellent ledger report and commented that it was nice because it was so organized and easy to read. The members attending the meeting agreed.
- IV. Stallion Service Auction Report:
 - Donna Bochman gave the SSA Treasurer's Report:
 - Beginning balance \$10818.33
 - Ending balance \$10818.33
 - The buckles are ordered and on the way.

Committee Reports

Show Committee

Presenter: Lee Johnson

- We had 438 paid entries at the June show. This is up from 280 at the biggest show in 2006.
- Some of the issues from the June show were:
 - a. Show ran really late - 10:30 pm.
 - b. Had a late start - it was supposed to start at 8 am and it started later.
 - c. Day of show entries hamper the time. Pre-entries help out. If a competitor is not showing in classes 1-8, they need to step back and wait.
- Can Amanda receive the entries on paper and then wait to enter them until after the show has started? No. They need to be entered into the computer right away since this creates the gate / judges sheets.
- Kenny voiced his opinion that he would like Tim Parkenson to be added to the No-rehire list.
- Some comments from the members present were that he was very personable. Tim spoke with a few members of the club and complimented us on how our program is so great for the kids. (Barbie would like to have Jenny put this in the newsletter)
- A comment was brought up by a member that maybe we could hand out bags of candy to the kids as a class award. After some discussion it was agreed that the participation ribbons are fine for an award.
- We were supposed to have a practice trail course, however, there was not enough help to set it up. Is it really worth the effort for the possible 3 people who would use it.
- We need show help. If anyone is interested, please get a hold of Bobbi or Mitch Pommerening at 934-9426.
- The auction for the old trail bridge did not take place. Possibly hold off until the year end awards banquet.
- We need to do something about getting the gymkhana classes completed quicker.
 - a. Start the trail class earlier? Possibly after people are saddled up? We cannot do trail until after the horsemanship class. This was discussed in 2006 and written on the premium. This is not an "at will" class. Age division trail will run after the age division horsemanship. If they are not at the gate and they haven't let the gate help know they are going to be late, then they will be disqualified from that class.
 - b. Move reining to the back arena after the last horsemanship class?
 - c. Entries might drop towards the middle of the show season, which would mean lighter shows.
- If members leave before their classes because it is too late, do they get their entry fees back or do they need to take this to the grievance committee.

- We need to get past the “we can’t do that” attitude and come up with solutions to make the shows run more smoothly.
 - How can we get the gymkhana people to help with rest of the show if the show people don’t stay to help after their classes?
 - It was decided that the trail classes are not what is holding up the show.
 - Possibly wait until after the July show to see what kind of entries there are and how long it lasts.
 - We need to let the judges know that the shows are considerably larger.
 - Gayle brought up that we could possibly start gymkhana earlier in the back arena. However, it was brought up that we don’t have enough help to run 3 different venues, (trail, show, and gymkhana).
 - Lee made a motion to rent a shed for all documentation so that it is one spot.
 - Stalls - overnighters need to pay the fair office for the stalls. Day use is free, however, the stalls need to be cleaned out after use. At the last show there was several stalls that had not been cleaned out. We could possibly lose the use of the stalls or a fee could be added to the show premium if this is not taken care of. Jenny will put this in the newsletter and make a sign for the Show Secretary’s table. We will also announce this throughout the day.
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Awards Committee

Presenter: Rosalee Schulz

- The saddles shipped Thursday, July 5, 2007 and should be in Thursday, July 12.
 - Kim will get them paid for.
 - Rosalee will bring the saddle stands to the July show.
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Membership Committee

Presenter: Lonnie Scott

- New members are welcome. At the next meeting we will make proper introductions and greetings.
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Public Relations Committee:

Presenter: Lonnie Scott for Dena Hartley

- Banners have not moved forward and we really need to get these made as a responsibility to our sponsors.
- Can we get the show results submitted to the Elko Daily Free Press?
- The Free Press has the show schedule for the Special Events section.
- The Free Press is sending someone out to take pictures at the July show.
- We have let our sponsors down.

- The money from our two biggest sponsors was already spent.
 - Can Rosalee send out the buckle sponsor letters because we are lacking funds?
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Rules Committee:

Presenter: Sandi Yates & Barbie Smith

- The by-laws are completed.
- Barbie brought up the need for some clarification on the Novice division. We need to make sure that the people showing in the Novice division are actually Novices. If a person has won 3 blue ribbons or a year end high point award for the Novice division they are not eligible to enter the Novice classes.
- Lonnie - Is this 1 specific class?
- Sandy - Is it a specific year end or performance award.
- Kenny - It doesn't say overall - it says year end high point award. If they want the by-laws changed, it has to be at the first of the year.
- Lonnie - could it possibly be set up so that the individual has to earn a certain amount of points before they move up to the next division.
- The by-laws are literal.
- Barbie - the by-laws don't specifically state the same verbiage as the AQHA rules.
- Lee- these are poorly written by-laws; what are we calling them; Novice is a division.
- By-laws are not consistent.
- We need to make sure that the entries are appropriate.
- Why isn't overall used in age specific divisions?
- They wanted it as a specific year-end award and not overall high-point award.
- Lonnie moved that if you win one class it will knock a person out of the Novice division. Kenny 2nd - saying that it stands with one class winner be removed from the Novice per division.
- We needed interpretation of the existing by-laws. Novice is a division.
- Lonnie needed to clarify the motion - 1 year end high-point award in a division removes you from that division - (Novice).
- There was a vote: 10 were for; 1 against; 5 abstained from voting.
- There was a question: If a person showed in Novice at the June show when they were not eligible, do the points that they earned roll over into the 19 & Over class?
- It was commented that this is not fair to the other competitors to roll the points over.
- If they don't qualify as a Novice they don't get their points.
- We possibly need to get everyone together to discuss this.
- Novice - if it has been more than 5 years since a competitor has won a high-point award in the Novice division or three blue ribbons, then they are eligible to show in the Novice division again.
- People in the Novice division should file a grievance if they have a problem with the person that shouldn't be showing in the Novice class.
- A sign needs to be made that will be posted at the Show Secretary's table defining what a Novice is and it will also be posted in the newsletter.
- Lee - bring it to the grievance committee and let them take care of it.

- Barbie - I will approach the person and talk to them. If they don't want to back out then file a grievance.

Special Events Committee

Presenter: Carolyn Steninger

- A flyer is available for a trail ride that is scheduled August 25 & 26 at the 71 Ranch in Halleck.
- Did we have an entry for the parade?
- Will we have an entry for the next parade? (Silver State Stampede or Fair Parade)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Trail Bridge - will be auctioned off at the year end awards banquet.
- Concessions - Skip's Snack Shack backed out of the July show because he had to be at Art in the Park. Kelly Herzog will speak to Phred's and see if they can do it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carolyn read her letter concerning the 9 & under kids cross entering into a loping class.
- Kenny stated that when it was brought up at the last show they couldn't find it in the by-laws and they went off of what was done in the past which is 9 & under kids cannot cross enter into a loping class. He then read the by-laws that were passed out at the beginning of the meeting and it stated it clearly under Article 8 - Committees - Rules Committee in the last sentence. He said the rules were per the Appaloosa Horse Club rulebook.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Barbie has most of the points done.
- Jenny needs to hold off on the newsletter until after the shows in order to put the points in.
- Show secretary could enter the judge's placings into the software and then the points secretary would validate them.
- Lighten up the next meeting and have fun.
- Is there going to be a tack auction? Yes, however it may not happen until next year. We can still sell our items at the shows.

- A show halter was left at the June show. Please call Barbie to identify - 397-5516.
- Dana Damveld motioned to have the meeting adjourned. Colleen Thermos 2nd. It was unanimous. 8:43 pm.