



August Monthly Meeting

8/1/2007
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:

25 Members and children attended

Minutes

- I. Barbie called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.
- II. Jenny Marlar read the June meeting minutes
Lonnie Scott moved to accept the minutes as read
Colleen Thermos seconded.
The vote was unanimous.
- III. Treasurer's Report:
 - Kim Jackson gave the Treasurer's Report:
 - Beginning balance \$16793.18
 - Ending balance \$18845.72
 - Jennifer Bixler moved to accept the treasurer's report as read
Kim Steninger seconded
- IV. Stallion Service Auction Report:
 - Donna Bochman gave the SSA Treasurer's Report:
 - Beginning balance \$10818.33
 - Ending balance \$10776.83
 - Lonnie Scott moved to accept the SSA treasurer's report as read
Rosalee Schulz seconded
 - Horse sheets donated by Donna Bochman are being embroidered.
 - A question was brought up about whether Cindy Donaldson needed a breeder's certificate to show at the futurity. Since the mare is not registered, she just needs a hand written certificate from the stallion owner.

Committee Reports

Show Committee

Presenter: Lee Johnson

- We have 415 paid premiums for the July show.
- The books have not been closed yet - we still need the announcer's sheets.
- There weren't any driving classes and this saved an hour.
- We had an 8:15 am start.
- The help supplied help start the show on time.
- Pre-entries will have a separate line.
- Day of show entries will have to step back/come back if they are not showing in classes 1-8.
- Show went fairly smoothly.
- We are in desperate need of show help.
- We lost a flagger and we need help setting up the trail course.
- Barbie - Gate sheets for gymkhana need to have the names of late entries written on them.
- Bobbi - They do! She will get them to Amanda.
- Question was brought up about the age limit of a horse. If a horse is born in December of 04 is it a yearling in January of 05? Yes it is. The horse could be born on December 31 but on January 1, technically, it will be a yearling. The reference for this is from the AQHA.
- Barbie needs to re-do the June points for the Novice class, JR horse class and Superhorse which could change the July standings.
- Was there a grievance filed regarding the JR horse class? No.
- Barbie received a phone call from an anonymous person regarding the JR horse. She called all of the officers and the person involved. It was regarding an Oct 2001 horse.
- Lee- shouldn't we have a grievance on this. We as officers cannot police the club.
- Barbie - we clarified Novice with the club. Barbie talked to the Novice and she filed a grievance. Talked with the officers about the JR horse question and decided to approach it the same as the Novice problem.
- Lee - taking points from people is regarded as a disciplinary action.
- Barbie - it will go to grievance if it reaches that point. It we can solve it before it goes there, why can't we do it that way.
- Lee - this is backwards. Look at the by-laws - read the BOD verbiage - taking points or not being able to show thru interpretation is a grievance. They need to file a grievance if they are unhappy or see that a rule is being broken. We are going about this backwards. The president shouldn't call the BOD members first- a grievance should be filed first.
- Barbie - the person who called Barbie does not show and found out about the discrepancy thru another organization. That person does not want to file a grievance.
- Keisha - shouldn't you file a grievance?
- Barbie - I will not pay \$25 out of my own pocket. I was checking on the information. The person who owns the horse admitted that the horse didn't

qualify. If it went to a grievance, Barbie would not vote since she has a horse in the JR horse class.

- Sean Herzog - Points should not have to be redone if there wasn't a grievance filed.
- Lonnie - It is in reference too - we aren't taking enough time to understand the rules. The person may not have realized the problem. There was breach in the procedure and it was brought to the President's attention.
- Kim S. - the board calling the member is a smooth way to settle things. With the Novice situation, filing a grievance was the right thing to do.
- Jen B. - Keep our club on the up and up with less misunderstandings. Somebody else should have filed the grievance on the Novice problem not herself. She shouldn't have to defend herself.
- Can't take away points from a person without filing a grievance.
- Barbie - when information is brought to attention that can affect points, placings, etc. do we just sit back and ignore it because it has to go to a grievance? Can't we pick the phone up and take care of the problem first?
- Lee - our challenge is to be consistent in how things are handled. It is important that we get things right. We discussed Novice for 2 hours and the by-law inconsistencies for 15 minutes.
- Barbie - the definition of Novice was voted on at the general meeting.
- Lee - there was boisterous goings-on between a select few at the meeting in July until somebody made the motion.
- Lonnie - made a motion to move this discussion to the BOD meeting. Colleen 2nd. The vote was unanimous to move on.
- Kelly - horse owners should have to supply a copy of their paperwork with the entries.
- There was a clarification - Rules violations and the process of grievances handled should be directed to the BOD.

Awards Committee

Presenter: Rosalee Schulz

- The silver for the saddles has come back in. It looks very nice.
 - Lonnie and Rosalee will distribute the saddles around town for exposure (IFA, Stockman's Supply, Corral West, banks, etc.).
 - Sent out the buckle sponsorship letters and Elko Federal Credit Union sent a sponsorship in.
 - A suggestion for putting an additional sign with each of the saddles with all of the sponsor's names was made.
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Membership Committee

Presenter: Lonnie Scott

- Creative discussion at the meetings is good. Please don't be afraid to speak up.
- We need direction and ideas from the members in order to move forward.
- It is up to us (members) to tell them how to run the organization.
- We need to run fairly and stay supportive.
- Need to keep the meetings light.
- A question was brought up on the number of paid entries and at the time it was 64.
- Nice to see fresh faces come in.
- We need to make sure that there are membership/entry forms available at the downtown businesses.
- Need to put it out with the newsletter.
- There was a thank you for putting the minutes on line for everyone to read.
- There was thank you to the BOD for putting their heads together to progress the club forward.

Public Relations Committee:

Presenter: Lonnie Scott for Dena Hartley

Rules Committee:

Presenter: Sandi Yates

- We got together as a board and discussed the verbiage that Kenny brought up at the last meeting regarding the 9 & Under walk/trot class. It was not supposed to be there, yet it miraculously appeared. It was voted on and approved to remove the verbiage from the by-laws.
- Jenny has the correct by-laws to re-distribute.
- Lee - Expressed my thoughts at the meeting. This is not the place to discuss it and we as the BOD need to hold ourselves accountable.
- Kim Steninger - Does this override what was said at the July meeting?
- Yes it does.
- A question was asked at the BOD - do the by-laws coincide with the revised version of the by-laws. Lee went over them and said that everything matched except the one line of verbiage about the 9 & under walk/trot. There were no other deviations.
- Barbie apologized to the club.
- There was only one change made from 2004 to 2005 about insufficient check funds.
- Sandi used the 2005 by-laws for the 2007 revisions.

- Barbie gave the disc back to Sandi containing the copies of the by-laws created this year.
 - Sandi put the 2005 and 2007 revisions on the same disc for future use if needed.
 - Barbie - after going over the by-laws several times, it was noticed that there are several lines that are doubled up or said 2 different ways.
 - Asked if every member could please go over the by-laws before next year and highlight any changes that need to be made for 2008.
 - Jen - this is a good idea and she's already started a folder. We need to do this now while it is fresh in our memories.
 - Lee - we need solid contest rules. 2004 by-laws have general verbiage and it is important to use so we can succeed and grow as an organization. We need to provide clear cut rules for competition so we don't have to rely on historians remembering what the rules used to be. Needs to be black and white. All members need to think about contest rules as well.
 - Lonnie - most of this can be cut and pasted from AQHA. We need to spell out the ApHC rules so that they are easier to interpret. We need to focus on having fun again.
 - Rosalee - the definitions from the 2004 by-laws are not in the 2005 set.
 - These were just FYI and are not actual by-laws.
 - Barbie - we need to clarify - not interpret. We will figure this out in January.
 - Lee - made a motion that for 2008 we attach/amend the by-laws thru the Rules committee a set of contest rules. We take these rules either from the AQHA, APHC, or Paint horse club individually and make them our own.
 - Barbie - thinks this should be tabled until next year.
 - Sandi - It is not inappropriate to put this on the table - we will have a reference point for next year.
 - Rosalee - not in the form of a motion it would have to be voted on. Do we want the 2007 members or the 2008 members to vote on this?
 - Kelli - 2008 members usually do not come on board until March or April and we need to start now with the 2007 members.
 - Kim Steninger - We have lost direction of what a by-law is. A by-law sets up how an organization is run. By-laws should not talk about rules. Ours are 50% by-laws and 50% rules. Official by-laws need to be filed with the state. We need to have by-laws and then separate contest rules.
 - Gail - by-laws and rules is what the top of the document says - we need to separate them and we can do this next year.
 - We need to have a book of contest rules available on the day of the show.
 - Lonnie - we need to go back to Lee's motion and I second it.
 - Revise the motion.
 - Lee - I make a motion that we include contest rules as part of by-law distribution - keep totally separate - keep any contest rules from ApHC, AQHA, paint club and adopt the rules as our own and make them our own so we don't reference them. Lonnie still 2nd. Vote was unanimous.
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Special Events Committee

Presenter: Carolyn Steninger/Lonnie Scott

- A flyer is available for a trail ride that is scheduled August 25 & 26 at the 71 Ranch in Halleck. Information available in the newsletter.
- Gabe Cody is putting a trail ride together for September 29; last about 5-6 hours with minimal breaks; bring a sack lunch;
- Needs suggestions for activities/games at the lunch afterwards.
- Call Gabe at 738-5501.
- NQHA will do insurance.
- Will there be anything for the AQHA Limited Rider?
- This will be affiliated with NENHA, NQHA and AQHA.
- There will be two different routes - one for riders with disabilities and one for riders w/o disabilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Concessions - Debbie Urrizaga called and confirmed that the Elko Gymnastics club will be taking care of the concessions for the August and September shows.
- Please support the girls in their fundraising. (Raising money for the traveling team).
- They would like to set up a certain time for ice cream because they do not have the capacity to store frozen items throughout the day.
- "Bring bibs and serve the ice cream at 1:00pm" comment was made. Humor.
- A question was brought up to Kim about paying for the lights at the June show. Kim replied that the Fair Board had sent her the bill, so that is where she sent the payment. Payment can be made either to the fair board or to Landon at the fairgrounds.
- Carolyn read a letter regarding the 9 & Under walk/trot
- Response to the letter:
 - Rosalee - said she wasn't yelling at her, she was trying to let her know not to enter her daughter into an inappropriate class. If she wants to lope, why is she in the 9 & under class?
 - Sandi - 9 & under was designed for kids who are not comfortable with loping. 5 year olds can enter the 9 & under.
 - Needs to be brought up at by-law revision time and Carolyn will read the letter again if needed.
 - Bobbi - 7 year old can't compete with 13 year olds!
 - Keisha - I'm new, but isn't that what the open class is for?
 - Rosalee - if they enter a loping class- they don't need to be in 9 & under.
 - Bobbi - Isn't this a schooling show? Trainers use the show to school their horses.
 - Throwing the saddles in changes the direction of the show.
 - Research was done on this and the by-laws need help.

- Somehow between 2000 and 2004 by-laws were changed to say walk/trot kindergarten instead of just walk/trot. Cannot find where this was approved/amended.
- Kim S. - there is not a rule about a child of any age entering into a loping class. There isn't any reason why she can't enter.
- Lonnie - Hasn't this already been agreed upon? The verbiage was dropped; this is a non-issue - make clarification.
- Kim S. - The entry premium states about 2-3 year old horses in the kindergarten class cannot cross enter into a loping class but not the 9 & under kids.
- Rosalee - we use the ApHC rules on this.
- Barbie - There is a process for this (grievance). They can enter. If someone has a problem with it they can file a grievance and we will follow the process.
- AMEN!!!!!!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jenny Marlar stated that it would be nice to have a Digital Voice Recorder for the meetings. She cannot write down every word that everyone says and this way we will have real documentation of each meeting. The DVR's can be downloaded onto a computer and then saved on discs for future reference (by-laws, etc).
- Jen B - made a motion to allow Jenny to purchase a DVR for \$100 or less.
- The motion was rescinded by Lee - this DVR will be utilized at every meeting.
- Kim S - if the \$100 is not adequate, come back to the membership to get more.
- Jen B - made a new motion - Go buy a DVR under \$200, if it is more than \$200, come back and this will be utilized at every meeting.
- Dee - make it higher
- Rosalee - made a motion to trust Jenny to go out and buy a decent DVR that will do everything that NENHA needs it to do.
- Jen B 2nd and the vote was unanimous.
- Storage shed - we need to purchase a storage shed to store all of NENHA documentation and paperwork.
- Kenny was going to check into buying/renting a shed and putting it at the fairgrounds.
- Possibly get one donated?!
- Donna - Can possibly purchase a used one and she will talk to Kenny about it.
- Kim J - was standing next to a sponsor at the last show and the sponsor's name was not mentioned when the sponsors were being announced. We need to make sure that all of our sponsors are mentioned.
- A current list of sponsors will be given to Rosalee, Jenny and Amanda.
- Jen B - Announcer is doing a good job and it was probably an oversight.
- Kim - Stick horse rules - the last show had a pattern (barrels) and some did it correctly and some didn't. This needs to be fun and educational. The competitors were placed by times not correctness of pattern.
- Barbie - originally this was set up as a western pleasure class and it is a buckle sponsored class.
- Gail - we need to teach them and encourage them to do it right.

- Barbie - it was supposed to be a western pleasure class and not barrels.
- Dana - have someone volunteer to show the kids the correct pattern before they do the class.
- Sandi - we used to be able to walk the trail class on foot before the class, can we do this with the stick horse class?
- Lee - we weren't given rules on what the class was supposed to be. We need to let him know whether it should be Western Pleasure or Gymkhana.
- Lee - made a motion that the stick horse for the remainder of the year will remain western pleasure with 3 gaits. Lonnie 2nd.
- Jen B amended it to include that we let the judge know that it is a judged class with placings. Vote - 16 for and 1 against. Passed.
- Change in the show schedule at the July show did not allow enough time for a tack change. We should announce changes several classes ahead.
- Bobbi and Lee will take care of this.
- Lee - same competitors no driving class for August show. Will have better communication.
- Jenny will put a blurb in the newsletter about possible chances of schedule changes at the shows and to be prepared.
- Do we need to announce the stick horse class?
- Since it is a buckle class and judged it needs to be announced.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Birth Certificates: The club will have to resubmit competitors under 18 birth certificates. Somewhere along the line they have been lost. This will be placed in the newsletter as well.
- It is valid that we ask for birth certificates at the show.
- A sign stating that birth certificates need to be re-submitted will be posted at the Show Secretary's table.
- Trail: After research, if we open trail back up to be an at-will class how will this affect the by-laws, etc. If it is an at-will class it will expedite trail and be over quicker.
- There was open discussion about making trail and at-will class again.
 - ❖ The last show was stacked up at the trail course.
 - ❖ The judge has the gate sheets so it won't allow for "cheating".
 - ❖ Easier for the show.
 - ❖ June's show ran as an at-will class and it ran smoothly.
 - ❖ It was the club's decision 2 years ago to change the trail class to begin after the horsemanship class.
 - ❖ Do we change mid season?
 - ❖ This is not a by-law change.
 - ❖ Last year the class was run as an at-will class.
 - ❖ How can we expect to run a show smoothly with 415 entries if trail is run as a class that doesn't start until after the horsemanship class?
 - ❖ People pay a lot of money to show at these shows and we owe it to them to run as smoothly as possible.

- ❖ Open trail runs more smoothly.
- Lonnie made a motion to open the trail up as an at-will class. Lee 2nd. The vote was unanimous.
- Jenny needs to send thank you letters to Barton's Country Corral and Skyline Vaquero for the nice product and service for making things right with the silver.
- Keisha made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Tammy Lowe 2nd.
Vote was unanimous.