

CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2018  
San Blas Mexican Restaurant, 11012 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, WA

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m.

**Present at meeting:** Gayle Wilkinson, Matt Thomas, Dianna Breen, Pegeen Anderson, Tim Shea, Laura Pauls, Marcy Naubert

**Approve meeting minutes:** Nov 26, 2017 Board meeting minutes approved (Matt motion, Pegeen 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Treasurer's Report:** (Laura) Treasurer's report similar to November meeting, bank balance is approximately \$10,600 with net income for 2017 around \$2,800.

**Administrative:**

- 2018 Membership Applications: Cutting and sorting applications have been updated and Marcy will bring copies for the first practice. (Cutting application is posted on Website.)
- Audit: Jane Roundtree has agreed to perform the annual CLCOW audit, Laura will contact Jane.
- Show Secretary (Laura): To save money last year, Laura did not pay herself for "day of" Show Secretary duties. She plans to continue doing the paperwork/admin tasks before and after the shows but would like someone to take over day of show duties. Sandra may be able to help and is mostly needed to open in the morning as most people pay at the beginning. We could close the show office for a time during the show but have open in the morning and at the end. Laura will continue until we can find people to volunteer and will talk with Sandra.
- Website update (Laura): Website has been "cleaned up" with some old information and the new entry form has been posted. Laura is looking into possibly using the website to send out emails and texting. Our 2018 annual website bill is of \$965 (includes an increase of \$150 for security) is due now.
- Reinerware Software (Laura): To use the software we need a new computer and someone to learn how to use it. Laura is comfortable with the Excel program currently used and it fits well with QuickBooks. Marcy will continue to do standings in Excel as it doesn't take too much time once all the classes are set up. We'll put Reinerware on hold for this year unless the number of entries increases and become unwieldy for Excel.
- Newsletter (Gayle): Gayle agreed to draft a new Newsletter.
- Social Media Ideas (Dianna): Dianna has lots of good ideas, such as recapping each show with short video clip. Laura suggested posting more "welcome to the show" postings with helpful hints for showing. Since Laura has the entry forms posted now, Dianna can post this into to FB. Big thanks to Dianna for taking on this task!
- Standings sheet update (Marcy): New sheet will be updated with new classes and class details.

**2018 Winter and Summer Series:**

- **Winter Cutting/Sorting Practice Series:** February 10 and March 10 – there are a few other sorting events scheduled for Feb 10 so sorting attendance is expect to be low but we are still planning to set up for sorting.
- **Summer Series:** April 21, June 16 & 30, July 21, August 25, September 29
  - Judges: Joe is working on judges and has several lined up.

- NCHA Challenger Program (Laura): This is an NCHA program aimed at club level shows which allows members to accumulate NCHA points without requiring clubs sanction (NCHA) the shows. Laura is looking into more details.
  - First Show Ideas: Gayle solicited ideas for adding some fun to the first shows. The raffles were successful and Dianna will look into getting more boots to raffle. All are encouraged to think of fun ideas and find raffle items.
  - Increasing Class Entries: Ideas were discussed on how to get more people to enter. One deterrent to entries is winners often don't win their entry fees back. Though winnings are dependent upon number of entries we need ideas for added money. We could provide incentives for the classes with low entries such as more money, more awards for other challenges such as toughest run, hardest cows, etc. and could be put under "Judges Choice". Gayle discussed offering to raffle a new saddle as an incentive to be given at the last show but Tim said this has not been successful in the past. It seems the smaller raffle items such as head stalls, reins, gift certificates work better.
- **Jackpot at Gayle's:** Last summer's jackpot at Gayle's was both fun and a financial success. Gayle will host another on May 19<sup>th</sup> and ask Guy Smith to volunteer again for judging. His donated time last year helped a bunch with cost.
  - **Arena:**
    - Cows: Tim is checking with Gerry Berryhill to help with the cattle.
    - Announcer/Timer – Michelle to announce.
    - Hay supply: Tim and Dianna are looking into hay supply.
    - Food/Fundraisers: Gayle will talk with Jenny volunteering to organize the food. Danette Thomas will be offering cookies as a fundraiser, consensus is \$2 per cookie, \$20 per dozen is a good price. Order forms are ready to go and will be posted to FB.
    - Tractor, Ground Improvements, Set up/tear down: Matt and Laura (or her husband) won't be there for the first practice and Gayle agree to run the tractor. We need someone to run the tractor during the first practice. The board has been hearing Stewart's ground is an issue for other disciplines besides just cutters and we need to talk with Stewart's about ground improvements.

### **Sponsor Status: (Tim)**

- The sponsor form is good to go and Marcy will post to website.
- Kelly Brammer, Jane & Duane Roundtree have sponsored and Marcy will get thank you notes in the mail. We need more sponsors!

**Review/approve Rulebook changes:** Several changes to the Rulebook were approved, generally regarding the new and existing classes as covered at the November 2017 general meeting. Also, Youth classes were combined and "Points to Horse and Rider" was eliminated from Points and Year End Awards section. (Laura motion, Gayle 2<sup>nd</sup>). Marcy will finalize changes as approved and post to the website.

**Schedule next Board meeting is scheduled to immediately follow the March 10 practice.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.