

**CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON**  
SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 2019 5:00 PM  
IHOP Restaurant, 7445 S. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA 98404  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Call Meeting to Order:** at 5:40 pm

**Present at meeting:** Gayle Wilkinson, Marcy Naubert, Skunk Smith, Darby, Lizz Matijas, Julia Finnegan, Robin Nichols, Gordon Nichols, Murray Greatsinger, Renae Lewandowski, Bert Lindsey, Janice Horton, Dayna Myers, Sheri Fionell, Dianna Breen, Jessica Ware, Laura Pauls, Dustin Blake, Joe Jones

**Treasurer's Report:** Laura distributed the 2018 P&L statement and reported 2018 was a good year in that we exceeded our fundraising goal by 10%; the goal was \$5000 and we raised \$5500. We also raised money specifically for the youth programs. Timing was challenging with the Ft. Worth program and the youth did not attend the CCC show so we have \$362 available for the 2019 season. We have no outstanding debts or prize checks. We do have website and insurance bills (our major administrative costs) due soon and expect them to be similar to last year at about \$1500. We currently have \$11,985 in the bank. P&L Statements are available upon request.

**Winter Cutting & Sorting Practice:** Gayle reiterated the January 26 and February 23 practice dates with a 10:30 am start time, sorting to follow at approximately 2:00 pm. Gayle asked for set-up volunteers and Laura made a list of all planning to help. Thanks to all in advance for your help!

**Summer Series:** Scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 17<sup>th</sup>, and September 7<sup>nd</sup> and September 28. Marcy asked everyone to take a copy of the series flyers and post where we can to encourage more participation. Gayle talked about the fun Friday night Potluck and Flag Practice before each show and asked for a show of hands with about six people showing interest in going.

Help with show set-up is needed! Set up is on Friday nights starting at 5:00 pm and Marcy will check with Krystal at Stewart's to make sure we can set up the night before for the May Sunday show. Also, help with concessions is needed. Renae volunteered to check with Thurston Co. WASHET to see if they are interested in helping.

**Cattle Charges:** This year's cattle charges are \$35 for cutting only and \$45 for those used for both cutting and sorting. (Last year was \$30 and \$40.) We will be required to sign a contract for the cattle cost, a minimum order of 40 cows, and a replacement cost of \$1200 should anything happen to a cow. Generally we order around 60 cows so meeting the minimum should not be an issue and we have not lost a cow. We are responsible for supplying hay and Kimball's did an excellent job last year. Marcy will check with Kimball's for this year's hay.

**Classes Offered:** Gayle reviewed the existing classes offered and everyone seems satisfied. Janice mentioned that Roger Braa said if we offered a boxing class he would participate. Everyone agreed a boxing class would be desirable. There are a few options for which rules to use and Janice and Renae

offered to check with Roger and help determine the class parameters. The consensus is to offer an open (fresh cows) and an amateur/beginner (used cows) boxing class. Big thanks to Renae and Janice!

**Awards:** Last year the board discussed ideas for attracting more riders to the shows such as additional prizes, saddles etc. In the end it was suggested that money is a good incentive and came up with a \$1000 drawing for the banquet dinner with all buckle winners (present at the banquet) eligible for the drawing. However, it was not promoted and therefor tabled.

After much discussion and several ideas kicked around it was agreed to offer a \$1000 prize drawing for all summer series riders that ride in at least 5 of the 7 shows for their class. At the end of the season, each rider meeting the criteria of riding in 5 of the 7 shows will be eligible for a "ticket" which will be entered into a \$1000 drawing at the annual awards banquet. If a rider chooses to ride in two classes, and meets the 5 out of 7 criteria for each class, they will be eligible for two tickets. The same holds for three classes and so on.. Ticket holders *must* be present at the banquet to win. (Joe Jones motion, Dianna Breen 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

**Cuttin' Loose and Stewart's Arena:** The panels at Stewart's arena are not in good shape and the Board has been discussing the potential liability issues and possibly buying our own panels. However, before buying our own panels and working through issues such as storage, security, etc. we needed to check with Stewart's. Tim Shea talked with Krystal about this issue and Krystal said their family is making improvements this year, primarily with fencing. She said family members would assess the panels and replace if needed but probably not until next year. In the meantime, more quality control is needed during set-up to ensure each panel is tied securely.

**Sponsorships:** More sponsorships are needed, all members are urged to solicit sponsors!

**Rule Book:** The boxing class will be added to the Rulebook after Renae and Janice get the details worked out and perhaps add more details for the Green/Green class. Members are encouraged to review the Rulebook and let Marcy know of any suggested edits, either by text, email or phone.

**Club and Show Secretaries:** Laura has a volunteer for Show Secretary this season. Renae is also interested in helping and Laura will begin training soon. Marcy announced this is her last year as Club Secretary and a new secretary is needed for 2020. Sooner is better for a new Club Secretary to begin the transition.

#### **Open Discussion:**

Website Update: Laura informed everyone that we are working with our website people to add an on-line payment option for show entries, and also an option to fill out the membership form and pay the membership fee on-line.

"One Day Membership" for Cutters or Sorters: The group agreed to offer a \$10 "One Day Membership" to Cutters and Sorters unsure if they want to commit the membership fee for the entire season. For those wishing to continue, the \$10 will be applied to the annual membership fee. (Laura motioned, Dianna 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Banners: Jessica mentioned how much nicer the CCC banners look when they are all uniformly placed. Though we don't have panel walls similar to CCC we could install eye hooks and hang all the banners along a string line across the end of the arena.

Judges Stand: Our judge's stand is in need of repair and Darby has volunteered to assess and repair before the show season starts. Thanks Darby!

**Meeting closed** at 6:40 pm, and Gayle thanked everyone for attending and a good discussion!