

CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 29, 2019, 6 pm
San Blas Mexican Restaurant, 11012 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, WA

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m.

Present at meeting: Gayle Wilkinson, Tim Shea, Laura Pauls, Joe Jones, Jessica Wares, Janice Horton, Darby, Skunk Smith, Kristy Johnson, Marcy Naubert

Approve meeting minutes: May 6, 2019 Board Meeting minutes approved (Laura motion, Skunk 2nd).

Treasurer's Report: Laura reports the bank balance is \$9396. There are a few items not yet in from the July show but as of now our income for the year is \$3312. The June show brought in a profit of \$178. Last year's banquet cost around \$2000 and awards also about \$2000 and we are slightly under from where we were last year but all in all we're in good shape through the end of the year.

Shows: Schedule, Show/Cow Help, Classes:

- 3 shows left August 17, September 7 and 28 – **need pre-sign up for setup and take down!**

Finding help for the last show was difficult at best and going forward Gayle wants to have pre-signup for help. A few volunteers have been doing the majority of work all season and we need more help. Joe asked about 4H help but last year we asked, and they were not available.

For the August 17 show Jessica, Marcy, Laura, Janice and Gayle are available to help. Joe will settle the cows and Skunk's group will help take down the panels. Janice is not available for the August show and someone needs to take home the supplies.

- **Cows!:** The boxing classes this year have presented cow handling challenges -- working with one cow is much more difficult than a herd. Also, the boxing classes are at the end of the day and the cows are more difficult. The June show was particularly rough, though the July show cow handling went well. Skunk raised the issue of how to resolve the cow handling problem. Gayle responded that because boxing classes are the issue and primarily Skunk's event, what is her suggestion? Skunk did not offer a suggestion but asked that the board discuss and resolve. After much discussion, as a partial remedy it was agreed to reserve the herd used for the first few classes (e.g. open and non-pro) for the boxing classes. *However, we do not have someone committed to handle the cows and urgently need a volunteer for the duration of this season!*
- Review the class and practice line up for classes: The last show had several classes with only one or two riders. As a result, it was difficult for the trainers to prepare clients, themselves and their horses in time for each class. Tim, Kristy and Laura volunteered to closely review the class lineup for the next show and hopefully solve the issue.

Jessica discussed possibly combining the classes that have only one or two riders. Laura mentioned that we reviewed the class list for this year and determined there was no overlap. However, as most riders are going for points, it is too late this year to combine classes. Consensus was to decrease the number of classes offered next year. Skunk asked about the break-even point for classes, and Laura responded there are many variables and we'll need to closely assess. The cost for each show is around \$2500 which covers the cows, arena, judge, hay, secretary, announcer, etc.

Board Positions Open for Next Year

- Treasurer: Laura is ending her term as Treasurer after this season.
- Club Secretary: Janice Horton volunteered for next year.
- President: Joe nominated Jessica for next year.

We will announce open board positions to the membership via email and a newsletter and accept other nominations. Additional nominations are also accepted at the banquet prior to voting.

Banquet

- The banquet date is set for October 19, at the Auburn Golf Course Site Address: 29630 Green River Rd SE, catered again this year by Longhorn BBQ. Marcy will make up a signup sheet and flyer for the August show.
- Review list of banquet tasks: There is a lengthy list of tasks to complete prior to and during the banquet and several board members already volunteered. Marcy will bring the list to the August/September shows to solicit more volunteers, so we are ready for the banquet.
- The Turnback Hall of Fame and Sportsmanship Awards need to be voted on at the last show. The Rookie of the Year Award is calculated according the Rulebook.

Blue Mountain: Gayle talked with Jerry McGuire and Karen Jones, President, of Blue Mountain cutting club about combining shows for next year. Perhaps alternating months, 3 here and 3 over there, and then having a shootout at the end of show season. Karen proposed writing something up so she can present to her board. Most thought good idea but if we have issues getting people to our shows it would be more difficult to cross the mountains.

Jessica suggested for Cuttin Loose to have practices instead of shows next year and have a big show and bar-b-q at the end of the year. Skunk added that her jackpots have been successful where people can visit and not have pressure of the shows. Laura mentioned that we have offered opportunities for more social engagement but without success. However, if a bar-b-q is scheduled we may have more success.

Gayle will write up the Blue Mountain proposal and Jessica will write up her ideas and both will be presented at the banquet to solicit member comments.

Newsletter: Gayle will draft a newsletter for the website.

Open Discussion: Kristy asked that next year we change the show entry due date from Wednesday night to the Sunday prior to the show. Though it's too late for this year, all agreed to change it for next year. This gives more time for Kristy to set up her requirements and also the class herd lineup.

Kristy will begin sending email reminders 10 days and 2 days prior to the entry deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.