

**CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Round Table Pizza, Tacoma, WA**  
**JANUARY 23, 2014**

Before the meeting was called to order, Bethany Speier, our new webmaster, presented the club's new webpage. It is almost ready to go live and many improvements have been made to streamline everything and make things more user friendly for our members. One of the big changes everyone will see is the new online entry page. There is not a set date to go live with the new page yet, as Bethany and Sherrie, still have more info to get uploaded. In the meantime we will continue to use Facebook to keep members up to date.

Meeting was officially called to order at 7:50 p.m. Officers present: Pres. Tim Shea; Secretary, Sherrie M. Larsen; Treasurer, Jane Roundtree. Board Members present: Ross Hansen, Gayle Wilkinson, and Robyn Bray. Guest - Bethany Speier. Absent: Vice-Pres., Karl Crochet and Board members, Jaylene Eppel and Lynn May. Per the official rulebook we did have a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

Minutes: As this is the first board meeting of the New Year there are no previous minutes.

2014 Show Schedule: Two changes were made to our 2014 dates - the May show will now be held on May 3rd in order to not conflict with NCHA Days on 5/30 - 6/1. The Awards Banquet date is changed to October 18th, so as to avoid a conflict with the Tacoma Unit Winter Cattle Series. In regards to banquet - Jane requested that we pre-sell banquet tickets to streamline check-in process on banquet night. We will try to do this at the last two shows of season.

Arena: The revised contract with Stewarts Arena was discussed. Stewarts has purchased a Black Widow arena groomer and added language to contract that if used and broken the organization responsible will have to pay for replacement of groomer. After discussing the board will continue to use the Parma groomer that is still available for use. It was also noted that the contract now states a start and end time for the concessions to be open (9:30 am - 3:00 pm). Jane also brought up the banner agreement that is in the contract that states we can keep them up all season. Apparently last year we had a few of our banners taken down by other organizations using the arena because of their location. Ross also suggested that the banners be rotated into prime photo positions so all sponsors get exposure. We will try to address these issues as best we can, but if banners are in the way they will have to be put up and taken down each show. Jane suggested we make a diagram of the banner setup so anyone setting up will know what goes where. Ross asked if we would like to use tarps he made for the show pen panels (they have been used by Jeff Sleeman for shows at Stewarts this winter). After discussion it was decided to try the tarps at our first show.

Miscellaneous: Sherrie stated that we have 2014 approvals for APHA PAC; AHA OEIP; and ApHC ACAAP incentive programs. Non-Profit Renewal with WA State has been completed online, and insurance renewal paperwork has been filled out and mailed in. Jane reported that the treasurer computer is back up and running after it crashed. Her IT guy said the hard drive is on its last legs so we will have to be thinking about replacing it. For now we are going to purchase 2 external hard drives for backup purposes (1 for treasurer and 1 for secretary). Tim stated that Kyle's cattle price will remain the same for this year.

Treasurer's Report: Jane Roundtree, CLCOW Treasurer, presented the balance sheet for 2013. We currently have a bank balance of \$9,942.66. Profit and Loss for 2013 was presented as well which showed that net income was kept very low in order to keep our tax liability down and to show members we are putting everything back into the club. Tim gave estimates of numbers needed to break even which is: 95 members. 70 runs/30 practices per show. He stressed again how important our sponsors are to the continued growth of our club and sponsor packs were handed out. We also discussed which clubs we are going to sponsor this year and it was decided to send Blue Mountain Cutters \$200 and Columbia River Cutting Club \$100.

Pro Cutter: We discussed what to do with our pro cutter as it has not brought in the income as expected. Gayle suggested that it is not getting used because it needs to be setup on a wall with at least a 100' to be used properly. The decision was made to let members use it for free at shows and Tim asked Gayle and Ross to come up with ways to use the flag. Both Gayle and Ross stressed the need for more turnback help so that trainers are available for those that want help using the flag. Hard to help with flag while in the show pen all day.

Awards: Tim stated that Jaylene is willing to handle awards again this year. Robyn suggested that the blankets given out last year were a hit and would like to see these again this year. Tim will pass this suggestion along and he also asked Ross to speak with his wife, Darcy, and see if she is willing to help Jaylene again this year.

NWAB: This class was a hit last year and is being brought back for 2014. Tim spoke with Kathie Taylor in regards to sponsoring again and she is undecided at this time. Sherrie suggested having the winners compete in a Championship class at the last show. Ross suggested a perpetual trophy. After discussion it was decided that for 2014 we will hold 5 NWAB classes and the winner of those 5 classes will ride for a trophy and buckle at our finals show on 9/6.

Classes: Tim handed out an entry average sheet for the last five years and discussion followed regarding classes with low entry numbers. It was decided that the following classes will be eliminated from the show premium: Boxing, youth herd work, open herd work, and fence work practices. Gayle expressed concern about eliminating the boxing class, but it was pointed out that those who show in this class still have a one on one class the Green/Green. This will also eliminate the High Point Reined Cow Horse award and now each High Point category with the exception of Rookie of the Year will have five qualifying classes. All youth year-end qualifiers will continue to receive qualifying buckles. Sherrie suggested that we give ribbons for class placing's or some other award at shows to the youth. Discussion followed with some supporting the idea and others not wanting to get into a situation of just giving awards for participating. Was decided that the benefits outweigh the drawbacks and Sherrie will look into prices for ribbons.

Shows: Tim has been in talks with Rainier Therapeutic Riding - Wounded Warriors Project in regards to having them come in and helping in all aspects of our shows from setup/tear down, announcing, to office. The cost would be estimated at \$200 per show and essentially freeing up show management staff for other duties. Currently we are paying FFA kids \$100 per show just to setup and tear down arena. Tim will discuss further with the organization and report back. Ross will supply hay again this year for shows, but doesn't have a price for us yet. Tim discussed having a couple board members welcome new members at each show and we will have announcer make a note of them, people who come a long way, etc. Robyn volunteered to spearhead this and Sherrie will give her a list of new members at each show.

Fees: An increase in show and practice fees was discussed at length as these two have not been increased in quite some time and costs to produce shows continue to rise. Robyn motioned to raise the entry fee on all classes by \$3.00 with the exception of youth, which will be decreased to \$20. Ross seconded. Voted on and passed. Entry fee for Open and Non-Pro will now be \$150 (includes a \$50 JP fee); rerun cattle classes go to \$35; all other classes are now \$90; and Youth classes are \$20. Practice fee was discussed and board voted to increase to \$25 per go for 3 minutes work. Sherrie will update show premium to reflect changes.

Secretary Pay: Sherrie requested an increase in her fee and also that the board includes practices in her pay for each show. She stated that they (practices) have never been included in the entry numbers when her pay is figured and they require just as much work to setup as regular entries. Secretary pay is currently \$2.00 per entry or \$150 minimum whichever is higher. After discussion Robyn motioned to increase secretary pay to \$4.00 per entry and practices will be included. Jane seconded. Voted on and passed.

Proposed Rule Changes:

Bylaws - Page 6, Section 3, Membership Meetings (d)

Current bylaw reads: Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President at a time and place designated by the President after 30 days written notice via email, website, and/or Facebook page. A written newsletter is to be posted at all shows. Written notification will be sent to those who requested mailed minutes.

Proposed change: Change last two sentences to read - When a newsletter is created it will be posted at shows.

Gayle expressed concern that there are still people who want a written copy and/or don't have a computer to keep up with club happenings. It was pointed out that the time and cost to produce a written newsletter is getting to be prohibitive and free computer use is available to most people at libraries if they do not have one. There is also the problem of finding a person to take on the production of a newsletter. Currently we use Facebook, website, and emails to keep everyone updated.

Show Rules:

Class titles were discussed at length as to whether or not the title appropriately reflects the nature of class. Titles of NCHA classes would remain the same as would novice/novice classes. Proposal to remove the word "novice" from the titles of \$1,000 Novice Horse, \$500 Novice Rider, and \$300 Novice Horse.

100 Novice/Novice - Page 16

Remove: "if rider has declared Non-Pro or Amateur status, see horse ownership requirements. - page 24."

Add: "NO horse ownership requirements."

250 Novice/Novice - Page 15

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April Show: Tim asked if we want to make this another big event or do something different this year. Much discussion followed with a lot of different ideas put on the table from make it big to scale it back. No decision could be reached at this time so we will revisit this topic at the next meeting in two to three weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie M. Larsen

CLCOW Club/Show Secretary