

**CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Ihop Restaurant, Tacoma, WA
February 28, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present at meeting were: President, Tim Shea; Secretary, Sherrie M. Larsen; Treasurer, Jane Roundtree; Board Members: Gayle Wilkinson, Robyn Bray, Lynn May, Ross Hansen. General members: Jerry Berryhill, Buster Smith, Janet "Skunk" Browning, and Youth member, Taylor Hansen. Prospective member: Lisa Pagano. Absent: Vice-President, Karl Crochet and Board member, Jaylene Eppel.

Minutes: Minutes from January 23, 2014, Board Meeting were summarized and approved with no changes.

Treasurer Report: Jane stated that the current bank balance is \$9,450 and she provided a Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2014 and a Profit and Loss for January – December 2014. Jane will make arrangements to have an in house audit of the 2013 books done. Sponsorships continue to come in and per Ross, Tack Room Too is donating (6) \$100 gift certificates. Lisa Charaba contacted Sherrie and she is donating web pictures once again.

OLD BUSINESS

Donations to other clubs: How we wanted to designate funds donated to other clubs was discussed and Ross motioned to have the funds designated to Youth classes at BMC and CRCC. Sherrie 2nd. Passed. Jane will mail out checks with a letter to each organization. BMC will receive \$200 and CRCC \$100 as decided at the January 23rd meeting.

Rule Changes: The following rule changes were proposed at the January 23rd meeting and voted on at this meeting.

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.” **PASSED.**

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. Ross Hansen motioned to have the word “novice” eliminated from these classes. Robyn Bray, 2nd. **PASSED.**

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." **PASSED.**

250 Novice/Novice - Page 15

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

Add: "NO horse ownership requirements." **PASSED.**

100 Novice/Novice and Green/Green – Page 16 and Page 17.

Buster Smith and Janet “Skunk” Browning asked that rule #3 in the 100 Novice/Novice and rule #2 in the Green/Green be changed. Both of these rules currently state: NO Trainers or Non-Pros are allowed. Buster and Skunk feel that by allowing Non-Pros to enter it will increase entries. Discussion followed. Skunk motioned to remove “Non-Pros” from the rule. Jerry Berryhill 2nd. **PASSED.** Rule #3 in 100 Novice/Novice and Rule #2 in Green/Green will now read “No Trainers Allowed.”

Sponsors: Ross is working on a sponsor for the Never Won A Buckle classes for this year. New format for this class will be 5 shows and then the 5 winners will ride for a trophy and buckle at our finals show on 9/6. Ross also ordered a custom headstall and he will bring to a meeting to see if we want to buy any for awards.

Show Days:

Rainier Therapeutic Riding – Wounded Warriors Project: Tim received an email back from them that they will be able to provide help at our shows for \$200 per day. We also discussed their Horse Cents for Soldier Program and whether or not we would participate. It was decided that we would put out a collection can for their program.

Cattle Handler Stall: Sherrie motioned that the club pay for Jerry Berryhill's stall on Friday evenings as he is there receiving cattle and handling cattle all day Saturday. Ross 2nd. Passed.

Pro Cutter: Gayle and Ross are still working on ways to better utilize the flag. Just a reminder that paid CLCOW members may now use it for free at the shows.

Announcer: Per Robyn, Mike Tedford will not be announcing this year as he has moved. Tim suggested using someone from Rainier Therapeutic for this job. Jane state that Jenn Rogers, the mom of a new youth member, would like to help out at the shows as well.

Tractor: Sherrie stated that Shar's schedule for the show season is still unknown at this time. Duane, Karl, Ross, and maybe someone from Rainier Therapeutic can take this on.

Fund Raisers at shows: Someone is needed to head this up and get things organized.

April Show: Tim asked for ideas for the April show and we have come up with several different things that are going to be done. A couple of our sponsors have designated that part of their funds be used for separate classes and we will use one of these in April. Sherrie asked Lisa as a new member what would she like to see given out and she suggested coolers, gift certificates for hay, 1st time participant item. Ross and Robyn suggested giving each entry a ticket for a special drawing. Trailer buckles we gave out last year were mentioned by Lynn. Sherrie will look into this. Ross and Tim will be donating a headstall and saddle blanket for a raffle. Buster is giving the club 10 bales of compressed hay for \$3.25 per bale (this is half price) 1 bale to be given to each of the first 10 new members at the April show. Youth member, Taylor Hansen asked if the club would be willing to help pay for prize packages for the youth members. Jerry Berryhill motioned that the club give \$10 per youth at the April show. Sherrie 2nd. Passed. In addition Skunk Browning donated \$10 per youth and Sherrie donated \$6 per youth for Taylor to purchase special animal paint tubes. Taylor will put together the prize packages.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraisers for cancer and other needs: Kathie Taylor has asked that the club consider donating funds to a special cutting fundraiser that is being held April 5, 2014 at the Cascade Cow Cutters show to raise funds for Jim Scott and Mikray Moser who are battling kidney cancer. Members present discussed how the club wants to proceed with donations of this type and it was decided at the April show we will put a donation can out with the proceeds being donated to Cutters Against Cancer. Lynn May requested that the club do the same at the June show as it is Organ Donor month and this will be followed in August with our Tough Enough to Wear Pink show for breast cancer research. While we would like to just be

able to give large amounts to help, our funds are limited and the consensus was that this would be the best way to give support. In regards to the June show, Lisa Pagano, the prospective member in attendance, said she is an RN and could get us the information we need in regards to Organ Donor month.

New Classes: Buster asked that we consider adding two jackpot classes on used cattle. Discussion followed and the members present voted to hold two jackpot classes at the April show and see how they go over before adding for rest of show season. Classes will be an Open Jackpot class \$50 (\$25 EF & \$25 JP) and \$500 Horse Jackpot Class (Any horse with earnings \$500 or less) \$50 (\$25 EF & \$25 JP). No awards or points. Jackpot only. Classes will be run later in the day so as to make sure we have enough used cattle.

Awards Qualifying: Points and Year-End Awards, 1st paragraph, page 26 of rulebook.

Lynn asked that we discuss the way awards are given out to qualifiers only in each class. She feels that every class should have a Champion and Reserve Champion instead of the current system of awards based on number of qualifiers in a class. In her opinion if you are a qualifier you shouldn't be penalized because there are not enough in a class to receive awards (some classes will have many entries but not necessarily enough qualified entries to give out more awards with the current system). Motion was made by Lynn that "Champion and Reserve Champion in each class that are qualified will receive an award." after more discussion she rescinded the motion. More discussion followed and the following was decided: All classes with at least two (2) qualifiers will be awarded Champion and Reserve Champion Awards. 1st paragraph of Points and Year-End Awards will now read:

"The following awards will be given each year by Cuttin' Loose Club of Washington: Year-End Awards shall be given in each class based on the number of qualifying horse and/or riders in each class and will follow the club's jackpot payout schedule (**places paid column – see rule #8, page 25**) with the exception that **ALL classes with at least two (2) qualifiers will be awarded a Champion and Reserve Champion Award.** High Point Horse; High Point Rider; High Point Horse and Rider; Rookie of the Year; Turnback Hall of Fame; and Sportsmanship Award are the other awards given.

Graduation from classes: Currently our graduation rule states:

- a. No graduation is required from the Open or Non-Pro Classes.
- b. Graduation of horse and/or rider required from all other classes if horse and/or rider exceed the class money limits in lifetime NCHA earnings (Limited Age Event Money not to count) and/or win the year-end championship two (2) times.
- c. Horses and/or riders graduated from any class in any other cutting association are also graduated from the same class in CLCOW shows.
- d. Youth shall graduate from Youth classes based on their age on January 1st of the point year.
- e. Upon graduation from a class a horse and/or rider is not eligible to show in classes at a lower earnings than that graduated from (see show rule #15). For purposes of graduation

Novice/Novice classes will be classified lower than Novice Rider classes of the same monetary value. Example: if you graduated from the \$500 Novice Rider class you will not be eligible to show the following year in the \$500 Novice Rider or lower classes and you would not be eligible to show in any of the Novice/Novice classes.

Buster motioned that graduation of horse and/or rider from classes occurs upon placing in the top three (3) two (2) times. Motion 2nd. After discussion Tim called for a vote and motion **FAILED**.

Eligibility and Earnings: Once again the volatile subject of eligibility and earnings was brought up for discussion. Our current eligibility system is based on NCHA lifetime earnings (Limited Aged Event money is not counted) (see Contestants rule 15, page 11 and graduation rule #10b, page 28) and not on lifetime club earnings and several members at the meeting would like to see this changed. Under our current rules even if a horse and/or rider has won more than the class earnings limits if it isn't NCHA earnings they can remain in the class until they win it twice. Sherrie asked, why have a dollar amount on the classes, if we are going to let entries in that have more earnings than the class description as it makes no sense. Ross brought up the fact that it is very difficult to track earnings from other non-ncha clubs and that we should only be concerned with club earnings and NCHA earnings which can be verified. Sherrie stated that she has club earnings records already figured from 2001–2010 and is working on getting these updated for 2011–2013. As for going further back for club earnings she said that will entail going thru old bank records and such to try and find out who was paid and how much, which will be a very time consuming effort. Buster wants to see verbiage added to the rulebook that would require any monies that were paid out must be refunded to the club if a horse and/or rider was found to be riding in the wrong class. Currently only points are forfeited if found to be in the wrong class. No consensus could be reached and subject was tabled again.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrie M. Larsen
CLCOW Club/Show Secretary