

CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON  
NOVEMBER 18, 2016  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Gayle Wilkinson's Residence, Buckley, WA

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

**Present at meeting:** Tim Shea, Joe Jones, Gayle Wilkinson, Laura Pauls, Tara Henkel, Travis Wallace, Kelly Brammer, Marcy Naubert, Kelly Warosh, Jerry Barryhill

The November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved as posted on website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laura handed out the 2016 Profit and Loss Statement showing the Club lost over \$6500. The loss is because of sponsorships being down by approximately \$4000 and several shows losing money.

**Administrative Tasks:**

- The website is up to date including the 2017 Membership Application, the Sponsorship Packet/Form, and the Winter Practice Flyer.
- Laura will update the Washington State non-profit application by year's end.
- Show Secretary duties—Kelly will be there for the summer shows, Laura will take care of entries, standings, etc.
- Laura will review the Club's Reinerware software to assess if we need a version upgrade.
- Tim will finalize the Stewart's Contract now that the summer show dates are set as noted below.
- Marcy, Laura and Tim will work on a Newsletter to update the membership on what's new and planned for CLCOW.
- A General Membership meeting is planned for Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 5:00 pm, location to be determined.
- The Club Rulebook needs updating to reflect changes voted in 2015 which include (1) Eligibility for classes is determined by lifetime earnings and not based on NCHA earnings and (2) a class must have a minimum of three entries to be a valid class (classes with less than three entries will be cancelled).

**Winter Cutting/Sorting Practice Series:**

The Winter Series Practices are scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 18 and March 11<sup>th</sup>. The December 3<sup>rd</sup> flyer is posted on the website and on Facebook. Tim handed out flyers to Board members to distribute. Tara will have it posted at feed stores and on the CCC and Blue Mountain websites.

Feedback on entry fees has been mostly positive. Cutting: \$85 for fresh cows, 2 cows per horse, \$45 for re-run. Sorting: \$40 for 5 runs, \$6 for each additional run. Fees are based on arena and cattle costs.

A sorting membership form will be developed and available at the practices. Cutting membership forms will also be available. Annual membership fees paid at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> will apply for 2017.

Jerry is handling the cows, Michelle is announcing, Tara is supplying the hay. Matt Thomas, with help from Travis, will operate the tractor. Laura is working with 4H to have food available.

Arena Set-up: Panels, clocks, banner, etc. will be set up Friday evening starting at 4:00 pm. Also setting up the panels between cutting and sorting is needed. We will ask members for help via the Newsletter.

**Sponsorships:** Sponsorships are key to the health of the Club and we need to increase the Club bank balance. The Sponsorship Form and Packet are available on the website. All members are encouraged to solicit sponsorship. Sponsorships will go up if we achieve greater show participation.

Tim spoke with Linda Diehl and she will sponsor a Buckle series for the Non-Pro, the \$5000 Novice Horse, and the \$15,000 Novice/Non-Pro.

**Summer Series:**

Show dates will be April 8<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and September 2<sup>nd</sup>. April 22<sup>nd</sup> replaces the May 6<sup>th</sup> date because of a conflict with the CCC schedule. Tim will finalize the Contract with Stewarts to reflect these dates.

Joe will arrange for the Summer Series Judges.

There was much discussion about which beginner classes to offer. There needs to be a balance between adding more beginner classes, sustaining enough entries to cover costs, and keeping the entry fees affordable. In 2016, several beginner classes were cancelled because there were not three entries. Gayle and Laura expressed concern that this is not only disheartening for those that did enter but it discourages future entries as well. Making beginner classes generic enough to combine may achieve enough entries. Tim cited the Columbia River Cutting Club "Ranch Cutter" class, "...any horse/any rider, no limit on money won for horse or rider, horse does not have to be rider owned, 1 or 2 handed, some schooling allowed, ..." as an example of a generic beginner class that could work for CLCOW. We will solicit membership input at the next General Membership meeting.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board Meeting will be scheduled before April, date to be determined.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcy Naubert  
CLCOW Club Secretary