

CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

San Blas Mexican Restaurant, 11012 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, WA

1. Meeting called to order 6:30 pm
2. **Present at meeting:** Vicki Frerichs, Jenny Boulet, Ada Sue Calhoun, Barbara & Roger Evensor, Robin & Gordon Nichols, Jessica Ware, Pegeen & Gary Anderson, Jenny Rogers, Kelly Brammer, Duane & Jane Roundree, Robyn Bray, Tim Shea, Dustin Blake, Laura Pauls, Gayle Wilkinson, Matt Thomas, Joe Jones, Marcy Naubert, Kim U., Buster Smith, Janet (Skunk) Smith, Ken Darby
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Laura reported the auction/banquet raised about \$1500 and expressed a huge thank you to all that donated and especially to Kelly Brammer for donating her time, effort and decorations! The 2017 shows and practices raised around \$2800 with several contributing factors including donated hay (thanks Haywire!) and lower than normal youth entries. Also, winter practices, the new Ranch Horse Class, and Gayle's summer cutting Jackpot were very successful. Bottom line is our bank balance stands at around \$10,000!
4. **Winter Cutting/Sorting Practice Series:** 2018 dates are set for **January 13, February 10 and March 10, 2018.** **NOTE START TIME CHANGED TO 9:00 AM.** Highlights include:
 - Cutting starts at 9:00 am with Sorting to follow at approximately 2:00 pm.
 - A new "Beginning Green" practice with one single rerun cow, 4 minutes for \$25.00. If the cow is bad we'll kick in a new one. *However, this will not re-start the clock, the rider can raise their hand to stop the clock and the clock will resume once the new rerun cow is ready in the arena.*
 - Sorters requested on-line sign up to reduce waiting time and we should have that ready by January.
 - Make sure you receive a confirmation email after submitting your entry. There were issues last year so if in doubt don't hesitate to text/email/phone to clarify your entry—this is much preferred than being surprised on the day of the show.
5. **Summer Series Dates are:**
 - **April 21, June 16, June 30, July 21, August 25 and September 29, 2018**
 - Will be held at Stewart's Arena which Tim confirmed during the meeting.
 - See "Classes" below for new additions!
6. **Survey Results** -- Laura summarized the results of the surveys handed out during the banquet:
 - There is considerable support for contacting members via texts. Currently email is the primary option and it has not been working well for all members. Laura is looking into "group text" options and we will update the CLCOW membership form to give members a choice.
 - There was overwhelming support for Winter practices in lieu of shows and to continue the Ranch Horse Class during the summer. Both will be done.
 - Adding more beginner classes is also popular—two more will be added (see below). Also, combining the youth classes is desired. Now that youth entries are down, kids are asking for more competition.
 - There is much interest in CLCOW sponsored clinics so we will try to have a few and some interest in group trail rides.
 - A few members wanted more advance information about class awards to better recognize the end goal and faster posting of results. Will try to accommodate both requests.

7. Classes:

- Laura reports the Non-pro and 15 Am will be continued despite the low entries.
- Several members had questions regarding classes available for very green horses and specifically about using training aides such as martingales. CLCOW has been following NCHA rules which do not allow training aides so has not recently allowed training aides in any class but has allowed during practices. However, since CLCOW is not a NCHA Club, it was agreed to offer two new classes which will allow training aides.
- **Two new classes will be added:**
 - A **“Green/Green”** class similar to the winter practice Beginner Green with one single rerun cow, 4 minutes for \$25.00. If the cow is bad we’ll kick in a new one. *However, this will not restart the clock, the rider can raise their hand to stop the clock and the clock will resume once the new rerun cow is ready in the arena.* Training aides are allowed.
 - The **Ranch Horse Class** will be split into two class divisions: (1) The **“Open Ranch Horse”** class using fresh cattle which was added in 2017 and (2) a new beginning **“500 Novice/Novice Ranch Horse”** class, using rerun cattle and allowing training aides.
- The 300 Jackpot class is still offered though we had no entries in 2017.
- The Rulebook will be updated to reflect these new classes.

8. Sponsorships:

- Gayle asked that Tim spearhead this year’s sponsorship efforts. Jane suggested soliciting sponsors now, before the end of the year, because most will already be committed if we wait until after January.
- Sponsorships packets are available online and include a good written script for members wanting to lobby sponsors.
- We will also have sponsorship packets available at the shows/practices.

9. Open Discussion

- Laura asked for suggestions on improving the entry form. Pegeen passed on a request from Sorters to be able to pre-sign up online for the Sorting practices in order to minimize waiting around time. Laura will add this to the entry form.
- A question was asked “Do I need to bring my own help?” for cutting. There is no requirement that a cutter must have help, but help is certainly desired. And though each cutter is responsible to line up their help, there is always help available and all you need to is ask. Joe Jones, and Gayle, said they are glad to help out—just ask them.
- Gayle brought up the question of sorting during the summer and feedback suggests it can be challenging due to other scheduled sorting activities. We may discuss this later in the season if we need more participation.
- Jane suggested after the cutting shows using the cattle for either clinics or working individually. This was a welcome suggestion and we’ll try to make it happen.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm. Gayle thanked everyone for coming, it was a good meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Naubert, CLCOW Club Secretary