

CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 26, 2017
San Blas Mexican Restaurant, 11012 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, WA

Gayle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Officers and Board Members Present: Gayle Wilkinson, Tim Shea, Joe Jones, Pegeen Anderson, Matt Thomas, Marcy Naubert. Absent: Jenny Rogers, Laura Pauls, Dianna Breen

There were no changes to the minutes from the September 24 board meeting and the November 19, 2017 general meeting. Tim motioned to accept minutes as previously distributed and read, Joe 2nd, Passed.

Treasurer's Report: *Laura was not present at the meeting but reported earlier via phone there were no changes after the general member meeting. See Nov. 19, 2017 general meeting minutes for report.*

Administrative Tasks:

- 2018 Membership Application and Sorting Membership Application – need to add a line for preferred method of contact and include a note stating both the owner of a horse and the rider must be members (per Rulebook, Art IV Membership, Sect 4 Required Membership). Also raise the Sorting membership to \$15. Marcy will update both forms and send for review. Some people joined during the Nov 19 general meeting, Laura has their forms.
- Reinerware Software status – Tim mentioned there are features available that will help track information we need such as lifetime earnings, and membership details (horse owner, etc). Kelly was working on getting the software ready last season. We need to check with Laura and Kelly on what needs to be done to make it work well.
- Stewart's Arena Contract – Tim should have the contract in place by December.
- Social Media – Dianna has volunteered help with social media duties and will work with Laura.
- Banquet/Auction check list for 2018 – Marcy is putting a list together for the next banquet so we don't forget anything.
- "Scholarship" event contribution: Gayle is working on several of our youth attending a cutting scholarship function in Texas next summer during the Derby in Fort Worth. They would bring their own horses, compete and do other activities. CLCOW may be able to contribute and we will discuss this at the January board meeting when more details are known.

2018 Winter and Summer Series:

- **Winter Cutting/Sorting Practice Series:** Dates reserved with Stewarts -- January 13, February 10 and March 10 (see flyer on Website)
 - *See Nov 19 general meeting minutes for newly offered "Beginning Green" practice.*
 - Based on survey results (survey taken at the banquet) sorters will be able to sign up on-line. Laura should have the entry form ready by January.
- **Summer Series:** April 21, June 16 & 30, July 21, August 25, September 29 – it was agreed to begin the summer series at 9:00 a.m. with sorting to follow (usually around 2 pm).
 - Joe will arrange for the Judges again this year.
 - Gayle suggested having the first show a "Welcome Back" event with some fun options such as best dressed, highest scoring rider/horse, toughest run, etc.
 - Gayle may have another Jackpot in May since we don't have a show scheduled.

- Based on survey results we will try to offer clinics after the show. More discussion is needed for what type and who instructs.
- See "New Classes" below for new classes offered.
- Survey results also indicate more advance notice for what type of awards will be given is desired. The Rulebook states how many awards will be given for each class and is dependent on the number of qualified entries. Will check with Laura on specifics of this suggestion.
- Awards: This year was exclusively buckles, last year was saddles and buckles. Pegeen made a motion to offer a cash award drawing at the banquet--the winner of each class goes into a drawing for a prize of \$1000, winner must be present to receive. Tim 2nd, Passed.

- **Arena:**

- Cows: Tim will check to see if Gerry Berryhill is available again as cattle handler. Discussion about paying Gerry similar to Michelle, no decision made. Matt volunteered to help. Tim brought up the new Green/Green class requires two cow helpers in order to change cows if the rider's hand goes up. Matt will not be available for the Feb 10 show so we'll need to line up enough help.
- Announcer: Tim will confirm that Michelle will announce again, she does a great job.
- Hay: Joe will check with Geoff on supplying hay.
- Food: Jenny normally handles the food. Laura has suggested pre-ordering food to cut down on waste and may add to the entry form and can work with Jenny.
- Footing: Tim will check with Stewart's if we can bring Gayle's drag (she will bring to each show). Joe added that we need drag for each class, after the cows are settled.
- Tractor, Set up/tear down: Will be similar to last year, which worked well.

Sponsors: Last year we raised \$3870

- Tim volunteered to be in charge of this year's sponsorships and will look at the Sponsorship Form to see if any changes are needed.
- Jane's suggestion at the general meeting to solicit sponsors before the end of the year should be pursued.

New Classes:

- See Nov 19 general meeting minutes for the newly offered "Green/Green" and "500 Novice/Novice Ranch Horse" classes. The Nov/Nov Ranch Horse will be held along with last year's Ranch Horse class (now called the Open Ranch Horse class) and there was much discussion, and concern, about the details involved including the possibility of taking advantage of the Ranch horse class. Tim suggested adding "This class is designed for Beginner Riders and Horses" to the Ranch Horse Class description. Because there are several Rulebook changes as a result of the new classes, Marcy will red-line the Rulebook with proposed changes to be voted on as required in the By-laws.
- Website page and Standings form also need update.

Next Board meeting scheduled for January 21, 2018, 5:00 pm at San Blass Restaurant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.