

CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON
JANUARY 17, 2015
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
I hop Restaurant, Tacoma, WA

Meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m.

Present at meeting: Tim Shea, Duane Roundtree, Sherrie Larsen, Jane Roundtree, Gayle Wilkinson, Ross Hansen, Robyn Bray, Jaylene Eppel, Jenny Rogers, Jerry Berryhill, Bert Lindsey.

President, Tim Shea, summarized the format of meeting and we proceeded with agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from 9/3/14 meeting with Tacoma Unit Board were accepted as is with no changes. Sherrie stated that a new External Hard Drive and a USB Hub needs to be purchased for club computer. She will take care of getting these items.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jane Roundtree, handed out a Profit and Loss for January – December 2014 which shows a loss of \$2,245.99 for the year. Our bank balance at the end of December was at approximately \$6,300.00. With deposits made from our January Winter series show the bank balance is currently \$10,600.00. Jane stated that we are still waiting to receive the winter series sponsorship funds from Kurt Ursich and Perfection Powder Coating. Winter series awards have been paid for and we are just waiting for them to come in. We are in good shape to start the 2015 show season. Gayle Wilkinson explained that we need reassess the judging fee for the winter series as the length of the shows has increased from approximately 3 hours to 6 plus hours. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Jane explained to board the problems she has been experiencing with Bank of America in regards to our deposits and other issues and requested that she be allowed to switch club account to US Bank. Sherrie Larsen made a motion to allow Jane to switch our banking to US Bank. 2nd by Ross Hansen. Passed.

Accepting credit cards was discussed and Jane explained the fees associated with doing so. With our new account we are able to get a card swiper. \$50 set-up fee, \$10 per month for non-seasonal service fee. .19 per transaction, 2½% if card swiped, 3¼% if card keyed in. Sherrie Larsen made a motion that we accept credit cards and charge a convenience fee of \$5.00. Duane Roundtree and Ross Hansen 2nd. Passed. Jane will get this set-up.

Arena Contract: 2015 Summer Show Schedule was handed out along with a copy of the Stewart's Arena Contract. The only change in the contract is that there will NOT be any concessions provided by Stewarts Arena at our shows this year. Tim was asked about the concession truck that comes to our winter series and he stated that they do not want to come out as it is only a one day show. Sherrie Larsen made a motion to accept the arena contract. Ross Hansen 2nd. Passed. Tim will sign and send back to Stewarts Arena.

Website: We are looking into a new website design. Sherrie will be in contact with company she contacted last year and report back at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Series: The shows are going well and entry numbers continue to increase. Tim suggested that we give each qualifier a hat or some other item. Sherrie will check on prices for various items and report back. It was decided to not have a banquet as Tim stated that in talking with people many do not want to stay afterwards or have to come back for one. We will be working on a nice way to give people their awards. Tim brought up that we will need to decide soon if the club wants to do a winter series again starting in October. Discussion tabled until a later date.

Pro Cutter: The topic to sell or not sell it was brought up again as it is not being utilized. Gayle Wilkinson wants the club to keep it and use it more. Ross Hansen stated that he had it set-up at the last winter cutting and it was not used, but because it is paid for we should hang on to it. He will set it up again at the next show and would like the announcer to promote it more.

Class List: Tim gave out a handout of our current summer series classes which currently number 16. The board discussed all the classes and the entry numbers. The feeling is that fewer classes with more entries are better than many classes with few entries. Some of the suggestions given were: Ross suggested that if we only have 1 Sr. Youth rider they be added and compete in the Jr. Youth class. We will discuss this at a further time. Tim suggested changing the 250 Novice/Novice to a 250 Novice/Non-Pro. Gayle suggested making the 250 Novice/Novice into two classes - a 250 Novice Horse and a 250 Novice Rider. After more discussion the following motion was made by Ross Hansen: Classes Green/Green, Green Horse, 100 Novice/Novice, and 300 Horse are to be removed from our class roster. The 250 Novice/Novice will become a 2-handed class. Duane Roundtree 2nd. Motion Passed. Sherrie will update show flyer.

Jackpots: The board discussed whether or not to make the jackpots mandatory beginning with this year's show season. By doing so it will make payouts bigger and streamline the accounting process. Ross Hansen motioned to make jackpots mandatory for all classes. Duane Roundtree 2nd. Motion passed. Sherrie will update show flyer to reflect change.

Eligibility for classes: Changes to our class eligibility rules was discussed in regards to using lifetime earnings. The proposed change was passed and will go forward to the general membership for approval. When change is approved, members will be able to contact Sherrie Larsen to check their eligibility for classes.

Class Size: Currently our rules state that a class will be held regardless of the number of entries. The board discussed changing this in order to control cattle and award costs. The proposal requires that a class must have 3 entries or it will be cancelled with exception of Youth. Proposal was passed and moves forward to the general membership for approval.

Class Year-End Awards: A proposal to change this rule back to awards being given out based solely on number of qualified entries in a class was discussed. By changing this rule back to how it was previously will save the club money on awards. Proposal passed and will move forward to the general membership for approval.

Show Days – Summer:

Set-up/teardown/tractor - Tim will contact Eric at the Tacoma Unit to see if he would be interested in doing this for us and what he would charge.

Office – everything ok there per Sherrie.

Cows – Jerry will be our cattle handler again. Club will pay stall fee for his horse.

Announcer/Timer – Robyn is going to contact Jennifer Recco to see if she would be interested in doing this for us.

Raffles – Jane stated that these were a moneymaker for us this past year. We will have the youth sell tickets this year. Silent auction will be held at August Tough-Enough show.

Clock/Banners – The clock will be hung up this year. Sherrie requested that banners have bungees put on them to help facilitate putting them up and down. Tim will put in more eye bolts and get bungees.

Hay – Ross will provide the cattle hay again this year.

Night Show – Tabled until a later time.

NEW BUSINESS

Awards: The perpetual Green/Green trophy will become a perpetual 250 Novice/Novice year-end award beginning this year. We will continue to offer the NWAB and Jaylene will get buckles ordered for this class. Sherrie will make arrangements for ribbons for the Youth classes. Bert Lindsey is donating a NCHA Trophy that will be used as a perpetual year-end trophy for the Youth class. Tough-Enough show will have special awards. Jaylene is working on this.

Sponsors: Tim handed out the sponsorship packets for 2015 and asked that everyone please contact the sponsors they represent and hopefully new sponsors as well so that we have everything ready to go for them in regards to banners and such before April. Duane suggested that we give a hat, t-shirt, jacket, etc. to the different sponsor levels. Sherrie will look into the cost of these items and report back.

Cattle: Cattle prices are the same as last year. Sherrie will send out a letter to Cheney Livestock with our 2015 dates.

Sunday Summer Sortings: Tabled until next board meeting.

Youth: Jenny Rogers will be organizing the youth to sell hotdogs etc. at our shows this year. The funds they earn will be matched by the club to be used by them for extracurricular activities. Tim and Ross would like to take all of our youth to CCC this year and let them experience showing at a NCHA show. This will be discussed later to get all the details worked out. As stated above, Bert Lindsey has donated a NCHA trophy to be used as a perpetual year-end award for the youth class.

NCHA Classes: Having NCHA approved classes at our shows was discussed at length. Per NCHA the club can produce 3 shows with NCHA approved classes or become an affiliate putting on shows. Gayle, Bert, Jaylene are opposed to including NCHA approved classes due to higher cost for judge and additional fees necessary for these classes. They are also worried that many of the people will not be able to afford these additional fees and it will drive them away. They are also worried that the club will eventually end up as an affiliate as has happened with other clubs that have done this. Ross countered that our entry numbers continue to decline and we need to try something to bring the numbers back up. He stated that the NCHA

classes would be Open, Non-Pro, \$35,000 Non-Pro, and \$2,000 Limit Rider and the additional fees would not impact those showing in the non-ncha approved classes. To add NCHA approved classes would be a substantial investment per Tim, but the payoff could be very good financially for the club if we can get our numbers increased. Sherrie Larsen made a motion to have NCHA approved classes at our April show. Ross Hansen 2nd. Motion Passed. Ross will contact Becky Sleeman to start working on the details as the show dates must be submitted to NCHA 50 days ahead of the show date.

Club Sponsorships: Sending sponsorships out to other clubs was discussed and it was decided that at this time we are not going to send any out.

2016 Arena Change: We will stay at Stewarts Arena for now, but will check out other arenas when possible.

Welcome Back Event: April show will be promoted as our Welcome Back Event. Details to be worked out at later date.

Next meeting: The next board meeting will be held Saturday, February 21, 2015. Location to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted
Sherrie M. Larsen
CLCOW Club/Show Secretary