

CUTTIN' LOOSE CLUB OF WASHINGTON
MARCH 6, 2015
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TACOMA UNIT ONE ARENA, SPANAWAY, WA

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present at meeting: Tim Shea, Duane Roundtree, Jane Roundtree, Sherrie Larsen, Robyn Bray, Gayle Wilkinson, and Ross Hansen. **Absent:** Duane Roundtree, Jaylene Eppel, and Jenny Rogers.

Minutes: Minutes from January 17, 2015 Board Meeting were accepted as is with no changes.

Treasurer Report: Jane Roundtree reported that we currently have a little over \$13,000 in the bank. Arena is prepaid for the show on March 7-8. She had paperwork for Sherrie to sign regarding moving bank account to US Bank. We will be accepting credit cards this year and Jane is getting it setup thru US Bank and it should be ready to go for first show.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Series: Discussed if we should sign on again with the Tacoma Unit to produce the 2015-2016 Winter Cutting-Sorting Series. Board agreed to sign on again. Tim will contact Tacoma Unit to let them know and will try for some weekends that we had this year.

Summer Sortings: Holding summer sortings after our Saturday shows was discussed and it was decided that we are not going to pursue this at this time due to scheduling of many other pennings and sortings in the area during the summer months.

NCHA Classes: This subject was revisited and with time running out to get shows approved, get people certified, etc. Ross made the motion to hold off on adding NCHA classes to our shows this year. Robyn 2nd. Motion passed and we will not be having NCHA classes this year.

Class List: Remains as we voted on at January 6, 2015 board meeting. Removed Green/Green, Green Horse, \$300 Horse, and \$100 Novice/Novice. \$250 Novice/Novice now becomes a two-handed class.

Jackpots: Remains as we voted on at January 6, 2015 board meeting. The jackpot fee will be mandatory in all classes except youth beginning this year.

Proposed Show Rule Changes: The following rule changes have been proposed and will be voted on at our General Membership meeting.

Eligibility – Pg. 11, Contestants #15:

Currently reads: “No horse or rider shall be permitted to compete in any class for which they are not eligible. Eligibility will be determined on the basis of money(s) earned in NCHA and have met eligibility – requirements of CLCOW regarding graduation. No aged event money will count. Failure to ride in proper class will cause forfeiture of points. Horses and/or riders may stay in classes for which they are eligible for the entire year regardless of the money or number of points earned during the current show year.”

Proposed change: “Eligibility for classes will be based on Lifetime Earnings, with the exception of Youth classes, which are based on age. CLCOW operates on the *honor system*. Lifetime earnings are effective January 1 of the current show year. Failure to ride in the proper class will cause forfeiture of points and year-end awards. Horse and/or riders may stay in classes for which they are eligible for the entire year regardless of the money earned during the current show year.”

Class Size – Pg. 11, Contestants #13 a & b:

Currently reads:

a. “A class will be held regardless of the number of entries. Contestants must show in over 50% of shows to be eligible for Year-End Awards and/or High Point Awards. Classes with less than three (3) entries will be combined with another class at discretion of show management. When classes are combined, points are calculated separately for each individual class as specified in Points and Year-End Awards (1).”

b. “Awards will be determined according to Rule 7 under Points and Year-End Awards.”

Proposed change:

a. “A class must have a minimum of three (3) entries to qualify as a valid class. Classes with less than (3 three entries at any show will be cancelled. The only exception to this would be the Youth classes. A Youth class may be held with only (1) one entry.”

b. “Contestants must show in over 50% of shows to be qualified for Year-End Awards and/or High Point Awards. Awards will be determined according to Rule 6 under Points and Year-End Awards.”

Points and Year-End Awards – Pg. 22 Points and Year-End Awards #6

Currently Reads: “Year-End Awards shall be given in each class based on the number of qualifying horses and/or riders in each class and will follow the club’s jackpot payout schedule (see rule #8, pg. 20, Places Paid Column) with the exception that ALL classes with at least two (2) qualifiers will be awarded a Champion and Reserve Champion awards. To be eligible for year-end awards, all cutters must be qualified as defined below:

1. Class must be held at over 50% of shows.
2. Cutter must show in class at over 50% of shows.
3. The final show of the season to count as a qualifying show for these points.”

Proposed Change: “Year-End Awards shall be given in each class based on the number of qualifying horses and/or riders in each class and will follow the club’s jackpot payout schedule (see rule #8, pg. 20, Places Paid Column). To be eligible for year-end awards all cutters must be qualified as defined below:

1. Class must be held at over 50% of shows.
2. Cutter must show in class at over 50% of shows.
3. The final show of the season to count as a qualifying show for these points.”

Awards for each class: The board discussed giving awards to all qualifiers in every class and the following was decided: All qualified cutters will be given spur straps at the annual year-end awards banquet. Qualified cutter MUST BE PRESENT at banquet in order to receive spur straps.

Judges: Gayle Wilkinson reported that she is working on getting judges lined up for our 2015 show season and so far has verbal commitments from Joe Jones, Jr., Harland Radomske, and Dean Rebhuhn. She is waiting to hear from the other three judges she has contacted. Sherrie will get contracts prepared and sent out.

Show Days: Erik Markham has been hired to set-up the arena on Friday afternoon, drag arena on Saturday show days, and tear down after show on Saturday. \$10 per hour. Minimum \$150. Robyn Bray reported that Jennifer Recco will announce and time four of our shows at \$100 per show. May is a question for her and July she will not be able to announce/time so an announcer/timer will need to be found for these two shows. In regards to concessions, Stewarts Arena will NOT be providing any so CLCOW Youth will be selling hotdogs etc. at our shows.

Youth: Jenny Rogers, CLCOW Youth Coordinator, was not present to update us on youth projects, but Tim gave us an update in regards to the CCC trip we are planning for our youth this year. The July show that we were going to send the CLCOW Youth to at CCC will not work so we are going to send them to the August show instead. The cost to send 7 -8 kids will be approximately \$1400 - \$1600. Ross Hansen motioned to have the club pay \$200 per QUALIFIED youth member to send them to CCC in August. To be qualified to go to CCC the CLCOW youth member must show in 3 of 4 shows April – July. Jane Roundtree 2nd. Motioned passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sponsors: Tim reported that Country Square Western Wear is once again a Platinum Sponsor. Lubrisyn is as well and he is waiting to hear on a couple more. Kelly's Creature Comforts is a new Platinum sponsor this year. As always sponsorships are very important to the club in order to help provide great awards every year and he encouraged everyone to take sponsorship packets. Ross suggested that Red Wind Casino be approached about becoming a major sponsor. Ross and Tim will look into this.

Banquet: Sherrie mentioned that we need to get a tentative date set for our banquet. We are going to hold the banquet in a different location this year due to issues when dealing with Pierce County Parks and Recreation. Red Wind Casino was mentioned. Duane is going to talk with High Grass Grange in Enumclaw. Any other suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Saddles: Giving saddles as awards was brought by Ross Hansen. Board discussed in detail and the following was decided upon: The club will purchase (2) two SRS Cutting Saddles. One will be given away at our April Welcome Back Event and the 2nd one will be given away at our annual awards banquet. Details to be worked out. Ross is going to work on getting sponsors for more saddles.

Welcome Back Event: Our "Welcome Back Event" is April 11, 2015 and ideas were discussed as to what if anything special we should do at this show. A lot of different ideas were discussed from giving \$500 to the high score of the day, tickets to NCHA Futurity, or a saddle giveaway. Ross stated that the club can purchase a SRS Saddle with tooling on fenders for approximately \$950.00 and we should raffle the saddle off at the first show. After much discussion of these different ideas Duane Roundtree motioned the club buy the saddle and get it tooled to be raffled off at the first show. Robyn Bray 2nd. Motion passed. Ross will make arrangements for saddle.

Rules for Welcome Back Saddle Raffle are to be as follows:

"YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN SADDLE. Each entry at the 4/11/15 show will receive a saddle raffle ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$20.00 by current CLCOW

members only. Saddle raffle will be held after the last class of the day.” Sherrie will add “Saddle Tickets” to online entry form.

General Membership Meeting: A General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. Location to be determined. Sherrie will make arrangements and get notice out to membership via email and Facebook.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

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