

WASHINGTON CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2015

Present: Keith McGinnis, Nancy Wagner, Mike Boone, Carol Kneeshaw, Josh Sleeman, Tim Johnson, Kim Gustafson, Rob Burnside, Brent Mathews, Jeff Sleeman, Diehl Hiner, Nina Lundgren, and Holly Jones

Next meeting: March 20, 2015

1. Announcements

Keith McGinnis makes opening statement presenting the focus of this presidency and a new mission statement.

Keith will e-mail mission statement to Megan Baker so she can put it on the WCHA website.

2. Officer & Board Member Reports and Unfinished Business

Treasurer's Report: Carol Presents Treasurer's report; Closing Balance \$30,034.50

Cattle: Jeff reports cattle prices up and that there is a new Federal law that when cattle enter a feedlot they cannot leave that feedlot until slaughter. Jeff has negotiated a price of \$37.00 per head for the spring and fall shows. The summer shows from May through August will be \$50.00 plus tax.

Jeff gave Nancy Wagner the Williamson Cattle Contract for the April and September shows for Keith to sign and Nancy to send back to Williamson Farms.

Fairgrounds: Brent presents dates available for Grant County Fairgrounds:

April 17th – 19th, 2015

May 23rd & 24th, 2015

June 12th – 14th, 2015

July 8th – 12th, 2015

September 25th – 27th, 2015

Discussion regarding dropping the June, 2015 and May, 2015 dates.

Josh makes motion to have WCHA produce three shows at Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA on the following dates:

April 17th – 19th, 2015

July 9th – 12th, 2015

September 25th – 27th, 2015

Mike Boone seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Flag: Jeff will take care of the flag.

Tim moves to increase fee for the flag to \$30.00 for the July show only.

Jeff seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Judges: Tim, Josh & Kim will hire the Judges

Fairgrounds: Brent reports the following with regard to fairground negotiations;

Deposit & Security \$300/\$600. The fairgrounds wants these deposits upfront for the year. Brent is in discussions about putting the money up for the first show and rolling it over to each subsequent show.

Flat fee camping charge \$20.00 for all types of campsites (dry or water and electricity)

An additional \$20.00 will be charged for any vehicles, other than the tow vehicle, parked on the grass.

Stall rental remains at \$16.00.

Non-Profit discount on arena rental has been reduced from 30% to 25%

Arena rental price has remained the same.

Shavings price of \$8.00 per bag remains the same.

There will be a 10% discount for a full barn. Board discusses filling the Noble Barns first and then making sure all stalls are filled in the first large barn before utilizing the second large barn.

Fairgrounds is not agreeing to post stall chart. Brent will continue to negotiate this issue.

There will be a stall cleaning fee of \$10.00 plus tax per stall.

Kim will contact Dan Hanson to get a copy of the study he did regarding the economic benefit cutting shows have on the community.

Banquet: Kim read a text from Linda. She requested that the Board table the banquet report until the next meeting. She is unable to attend this meeting. She will be available by phone to vote if necessary.

Carol reports that last year's banquet cost \$2,400.00.

Board discusses the next banquet being held sometime after the final show at a different venue. Discussion about the past banquet that was held at the Muckleshoot Casino. Josh suggests that we have it at the Snoqualmie Casino. Positive response to having the banquet at the Snoqualmie Casino on a date soon after the final show.

Mike moves to co-approve the Regional Series shows and NCHA Days.

Regional Series:

Idaho – Nampa, ID:

March 18th – 22nd, 2015 – LAE – March 18th – 20th & weekend show – March 21st & 22nd, 2015

Oregon – Madras, OR:

April 9th – 12th, 2015 – LAE – April 9th & 10th & weekend show – April 11th & 12th, 2015

Montana – Kalispell, MT:

Aug 7th – 9th, 2015 – LAE and Weekend show – Aug 7th – 9th, 2015

NCHA DAYS

June 5th – 7th, 2015: NCHA DAYS, produced by Oregon Cutting Horse Association; Norton Ranch, Madras, OR

Jeff seconds the motion; Motions carries unanimously.

Hitchhiker Contract: Brent will continue contract negotiations with Hitchhiker now that we have dates. Carol suggests that we give them a per diem instead of paying lodging.

Jeff moves that Brent and Carol handle the Hitchhiker Contract including a per-diem rate rather than WCHA being billed for their lodging.

Tim seconds the motion: Motion carries unanimously.

Judges Contract: Josh moves to pay Judges \$500.00 plus a \$40.00 per-diem.

Tim Seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

By-Laws and Standing Rules: Carol requests clarification of club secretary and show secretary responsibilities.

Mike moves to establish a by-laws committee.

Josh seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Mike will chair the by-laws committee and will recruit his committee members.

Regional Series: Keith will handle WCHA's commitment and will work with other Regional members regarding circuit awards. He will look to Josh for assistance as needed.

Sue Marostica from Gold Buckle Champions called Keith. She has a \$45,000.00 grant from the Idaho Department of Tourism to promote equine events. Keith will work with her regarding awards.

Ground: Jeff report we may need sand in the arena at Moses Lake before the end of the year. Diehl will make sure ground at Bonina is adequate for our needs prior to any show that we have there.

Carol reports that there was some damage from a tractor bucket to one of our arena panels at the Grant County Fairgrounds. Carol requests that we get a stamp or stencil to make identifying marks on our panels. Carol will purchase a stamp or stencils and the youth will mark the fence.

Saddle Awards: Board discusses numerous ways in which we could award the two saddles that we have for the 2015 show year.

Mike moves of award one saddle to the following classes: 5000 NNP
15,000 NNP
NP
50,000 Amateur

And the second saddle to the following classes: 35,000 NP
15,000 Amateur
2000 LR
1000 Amateur

Josh seconds the motion; Motions carries unanimously.

Mike moves that the top three riders, in each class, at year end, based on the current end of the year award rules and point system will be eligible to have a chance to win the saddle. The top three riders in each of the classes will have their name put on a chip and drawn. This means that there will be twelve chips each with a name on it in the hat to be drawn for each saddle.

Hat 1: 5000 NNP	1 st – 3 rd place	Hat 2: 35,000 NP	1 st – 3 rd place
15,000 NNP	1 st – 3 rd place	1000 Amateur	1 st – 3 rd place
NP	1 st – 3 rd place	15,000 Amateur	1 st – 3 rd place
50,000 Amateur	1 st – 3 rd place	2000 LR	1 st – 3 rd place

Diehl seconds motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Josh moves that the draw be based on last cowgirl/cowboy standing.

Mike seconds motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Carol requests that officers and board members show solidarity in these decisions when communicating with the membership.

Mike requests that we get the schedule on the website as soon as possible. Nancy and Brent will send schedule to Megan Baker at the end of this meeting. (we were unable to do send the schedule to Megan at the end of the meeting as Brent's tablet ran out of battery)

Josh asks Nina and Holly if Bonina and Cascade would be willing co-approve a May show at Bonina with WCHA.

Holly said she would ask the Cascade Board.

Nina ask Board to co-approve the March show at Bonina.

Jeff indicates that it would not work for WCHA to co-approve that show based on our schedule. Diehl requests that the Board reconsider that decision.

Mike moves to approve March 13th – 15th show at Bonina.

Tim seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Board requests that Cascade approve one of the WCHA produced shows at Moses Lake.

Holly said she would take that request to the Cascade Board.

Holly ask if the Board would be willing to combine the WCHA and Cascade final shows.

Board very positive about combined finals as long as the show was at Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake.

Holly will take the request to the Cascade Board.

Diehl asked Holly if she would like to have one of the WCHA Board Members attend the Cascade Board meeting to help her present the proposals to the Cascade Board.

Holly declined Diehl's offer for the time being but will call if she decides to have someone from WCHA attend. She will let the Board know when and where the Cascade Board meeting will be held.

Mike motions to approve the Bonina produced show on May 23rd & 24th.

Diehl seconds motion; Motion carries unanimously.

3. Roundtable

Diehl would like the Board to consider using used cattle in the jackpot classes, in 2016, so the cutters have more cattle to choose from.

Diehl moves that WCHA provide four used cattle for the Youth classes, if they cannot get the cattle donated.

Tim seconds the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Josh moves to schedule the Youth after the Non-Pro class.

Mike and Tim second the motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Diehl moves that the next WCHA Board meeting and Regional Series meeting be held sometime during the Idaho Regional Series show, March 18th - 22nd, 2015.

Mike seconds motion; Motion carries unanimously.

Keith asks Board if they think that WCHA should have some LAE classes at the July show since the other Regional Series participants will be having their LAE during their series show.

Very positive response, Board decides to have a 5/6 Challenge after the Pre-work on July 9th, 2015. This decision was made without a motion, second or vote.

Holly announces that Cascade is having an online Stallion auction.

Diehl moves to sponsor a year end buckle at Cascade.

Josh objects and indicates that WCHA has made significant efforts to partner with Cascade and WCHA needs to wait and see how Cascade responds.

Motion fails.

Carol requests that the Board back her as some of the world haulers refused to provide addresses, information etc. They said "Call NCHA". As of 2015 NCHA will no longer provide that information because of the new privacy laws.

Carol moves that all membership forms and W9's be filled out completely prior to checks being distributed.

Diehl seconds motion; Motion carries unanimously

Carol requests discussion regarding the WCHA official address. Carol indicates that she believes the address should be the address of the club secretary.

Carol moves to change the official address of WCHA to the club secretary's address.

Kim seconds the motion; Motion carries with one opposition.

Tim moves to adjourn meeting;

Josh seconds motion; Motion carries unanimously.