

Cascade Cow Cutters

February 24, 2019

Agenda

Meeting called to order at 10:23

Board Members Present and Members Present: Nina Lundgren, Janie Larson, Denise French, Ross Hanson, Brent Stewart, Dan Wagner, Rusanne Wagner, Victor Dickson, Jack Kitt, Sue Kitt and Erin Eaton

1) Stallion Auction Update

Due to the increase in fees and expenses to the club the board chose to take a very hard look at the stallion auction. In the past the allocation of funds lent to more prize money. The board chose to look at the fundamental idea behind the stallion auction, to promote the sport of cutting, to incentivize the breeding of top stallions and to provide more money for awards. With these ideas in mind the board came up with a new format for the distribution of stallion auction funds.

- (1) Admin- Travel, banners, posters - \$3500
- (2) Added weekend money in NCHA ADDED MONEY CLASSES ONLY- up to \$15,000
- (3) Amateur Classes - \$2500 for non-added money weekend classes
- (4) Shootout - \$4500 - \$1000 Open, \$1500 Non-Pro, \$2000 Amateur
- (5) Promotional Programs - Free Clinic, Flag Cuttings - \$1000
- (6) Savings – the remainder of collected stallion auction funds

b) Shootout format

- i) Show dates for qualification-
SERIES 1- April 5-7 CCC, May 10-12 CCC, May 24-26 Bonina
SERIES 2 – June 7-9 CCC, July 5-7 CCC, August 2-3 CCC
- ii) The shoot out will only have 3 classes Open, Non-Pro and Amateur. We will be taking the top two from EACH SERIES for a chance to ride for the money.
 - (1) Open will consist of the Open, 25NH, 5NH, and the Open Derby - \$1000 Purse
 - (2) Non-Pro will consist of the Non-Pro, 25NHNP, 5NHNP, Non-Pro Derby, 35NP - \$1500 Purse
 - (3) Amateur will consist of 50AM, 15AM and the 2LR - \$2000 Purse
 - (4) WE NEED A SPONSOR FOR A YOUTH SHOOTOUT!!!!!!
- iii) There will be no series awards. MEMBERS, IF YOU WANT SERIES AWARDS WE NEED SPONSORS!!!

2) Financials - Welcome Denise!

- a) Need to remove Jane from banking info. It has been suggested that the treasurer does not have signing ability but rather the secretary and show secretary. Adding Erin as well as Denise. The board chose that it would be of benefit to have a back up to the treasurer. It was decided to have Erin as the backup.
- b) Office charges in need of review. As they sit currently, are they enough to cover our needs.
 - i) The current office charge is not enough for the awards and the increase in the fairgrounds charge as well as the new B and O tax. The office charge was increased for the April show by \$5. The board voted to keep the increase for the remainder of the shows in 2019.

- c) Need to find a new accountant to do year end taxes, the current one is done after 2018.
 - i) Table until next meeting while board members get a quote from other accountants.
 - ii) Credit card fee- The club has been absorbing the credit card fee applied by our credit card vendor. As of 2019 anyone who uses a credit card to pay for their entries will be charged the processing fee.

3) Fairgrounds Contract 2019

- a) With a 5% overall increase in prices and an almost 25% increase in arena rental fee, there will be a significant impact to the club on prices. While we are doing our best to keep prices down, we the club, cannot absorb all the increase. However, there is not much choice in the contract for 2019. The board voted to sign a 1-year contract provided that the clause about removing footing from the show grounds in August is removed.
- b) Because of the increase in fees it has been suggested for next year the possibility of a 2 day show format. Or look whole heartedly into different facilities.

4) Committee Updates

- a) **Show Management - Stall shavings, tractor work, ground maint.**
 - i) Will have a tractor to use from a local sponsor. Ross is talking with dirt workers in the area to figure out a cost to have our sand hauled in and out of the arena for show weekends. The current charge for footing is \$10 per run. It is believed we can stay within the current charge even for hired out dirt work.
 - ii) For shavings, there is currently bids out with Old Mill and Mid State Co-Op for the best price in shavings.
- b) **Planning, reservations, decorations, set up and tear down**
 - i) 4-h setting up and taking down panels and banners as per the general membership vote in September.
 - ii) The panels need to be pressure washed and re stained. This is to care for the clubs substantial investment in the panels. It was suggested to see if the 4-H would be willing to be hired for this as well as volunteers on Sunday after the April show.
- c) **Sponsorships**
 - i) Erin will update the sponsorship program packet
 - (1) Onto Facebook – send an email to all of our members to thank our new sponsors
 - (a) King Feed
 - (b) Kiperts Tractor and Trailer
 - (c) Tack Room Too
 - (d) Old Mill
 - (2) THERE IS A FREE FLAG for anyone who gets a \$500 sponsorship
- d) **Fundraiser/Youth Programs**
 - i) Youth Scholarship- Janie Larson will take over
- e) **Food and Concession**
 - i) 4-H is willing to do all 6 shows
- f) **Cattle**

- i) Sam will be doing the first 2 shows at \$40 per head. Marcus is willing to do the last 4 shows at \$40 per head plus sales tax. In an ongoing effort to reduce prices we are continuing to look for other contractors that can provide fresh cattle at a lower cost.

g) **Awards**

- i) Leah Stewart and Janie Larson

h) **Judges**

- i) Jane used to arrange hotel rooms for Judges. Denise will be finding a new sponsor hotel and Nina will be in charge of booking the flights, hotels and rental cars for the judges. Judges for 2019 show are as follows;
 - (1) Mike Warman- April
 - (2) Tim Stewart- May
 - (3) Scott Ferguson- June
 - (4) Todd Bimat- July
 - (5) Amy King- August
 - (6) Bobby Hunt – Sept.

i) **Socials**

- i) Dave Huber will be in charge of our social events such as the April spring back into cutting, Mothers day appreciation, 4th of July BBQ and so on.

j) **Banners**

- i) Erin has a lead on a new banner vendor and will be getting prices on banners.

5) Membership forms

- a) The new membership form is ready and will be posted on the website. You can also fill out your 2019 membership at the first show.

6) Website

- a) Jane was in charge of the website, with Erin already doing the Facebook she will take on the website as well and try to keep them cohesive.

7) Letter from the President and Board

- a) Brent will start it this weekend.

8) Other News- Laptop for Erin died, it was used to run the TV monitor running the live stream during the show. After 2 year is the heavy arena dust it has killed the laptop. A motion was made to pay for Erins Laptop. The motion was seconded and vote approved.

Meeting was adjourned at – 13:47 by Brent.

Meeting minutes submitted by Erin Eaton CCC Secretary.