



Cascade Cow Cutters Meeting Minutes, January 16th, 2023

Attendees: Dean Rebuhn, Judi Whitford, Ross Hansen and Heidi Vazquez, Sue Dahl, Jason Schaper, Chad Gilliardi, Sue Kitt, Erin Eaton, Jeff Sleeman

Chad called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

- **Show Committee update - 2023 produced and co-approved shows**
 - 3 dates at T90 **confirmed** for produced shows and will be 3 shows held over 3 days (Friday-Sunday)
 - Dates are as follows: 6/30 – 7/2, 8/4-8/6, 9/1-9/3
 - **Co-approval opportunities:**
 - WCHA co-approval is a possibility but initially the consensus was that they would not want to facilitate across the board fee collection which would mean that someone would have to keep track of ccc members as well as points and places (if the fee were to just be collected for ccc members, versus being collected for all entries like at Bonina). If fees were only to be collected for CCC members, this would also make calculation of points and earnings for year end awards a bit more complicated and labour intensive. Jeff to look into feasibility of charging the co-approval fee across the board as done at Nina's to simplify the process.
 - Bonina June show co-approval: This show will be also co-approved by Montana as well making for a larger turnout. Co-approvals at Bonina collect the co-approval fee from all riders which is beneficial for our club.
- **Inquiry: Should CCC co-approve Bonina or WCHA or both?**
 - If we were to approve WCHA as noted above, how would this be managed clerically? Their secretary would have to collect \$\$ and a list of names of CCC members and would have to place them in order for points for those who placed, which would become complicated (unless WCHA would agree to collect the fee across the board, which is TBD).
- Dean suggested co-approving both shows. **Ross motioned to co-approve both / Sue Dahl seconded (5/3 – 5/7 WCHA Show and 6/8-11 Bonina Show)**
 - **Unanimously approved**
- Sue suggested the idea of a sort of membership drive and inquired if WCHA would allow CCC to put membership forms at the booth for CCC membership signups (to help promote our shows at the same time) – Becky advised that this would be agreeable

- Chad appointed Jeff to go back to WCHA and work on requesting that they collect the fee for every entry at the co-approved May show in order to make the process less cumbersome.
 - Becky advised that it is doable. Further discussion/details to follow.
- **Stallion Auction update:**
 - \$11,800 total earnings thus far
 - We are still waiting for the invoice from the web host to come through
 - Expenses should be roughly 1200
 - Funds from the stallion auction were overall down from last year. It was a tough year and we were not able to secure some of the same big name stallions from the year prior.
 - For next year, we would like to begin soliciting stallion owners sooner and need more assistance from anyone able to help recruit. We just did not have the bandwidth this year to truly be successful.
 - Stallion owner gifts are TBD and will be based on appropriate % of total income from the auction
- **Financials update:**
 - \$42,245.79 currently in the checking account (inclusive of about \$5300 of stallion auction funds received 11/13). The remaining stallion auction funds are en route.
 - \$11,800.95 currently savings
 - Total: \$54,046.74
- **Formation of Committees for 2023 season**
 - **Show management:**
 - Chad and Ross
 - **Cattle:**
 - Chad – cattle are \$55 per head / 50% increase YOY
 - **Sponsorships:**
 - Dean – volunteered to assist on this committee
 - Heidi volunteered to update the sponsorship packets/paperwork and will reach out to all 2022 sponsors to inquire about 2023 participation
 - **Fundraisers/Socials:**
 - Jason Schaper to head up this committee
 - Andrea Heffernan and Jack Kitt will support Jason
 - **Awards:**
 - Erin will head up this committee
 - Andrea Heffernan and Kristina Haas will support Erin
 - **Judges:**
 - Jack Kitt will secure judges
 - Heidi will secure airfare/hotel/car
 - Heidi (with review by the board) will draft up a judges contract for inclusions/non inclusions, rate of pay, terms
 - Ross proposes we increase judge pay to avoid issues like we have run into last year (lower rate of pay = meal coverage requests as well as other additional fees to the club). If we pay more upfront, we save ourselves money in the long run as they will not request additional expenses be covered.
 - **Year End Banquet:**

- Ross and Heidi
- **Social Media/website:**
 - Erin and Heidi
- **Donated headstall:**
 - Gary Stark makes custom woven headstalls and has offered to donate a headstall as an award for one of the amateur classes
 - Ross proposed to give it to the highest point amateur card holder
 - Jason and Sue both suggested the idea of awarding it in the 15am
 - Erin suggested taking all entered in those classes and put it into a drawing for year end awards to encourage new riders with the caveat that they have to have shown in 50% +1 in order to qualify for the award
 - Chad will run ideas by Gary for feedback
- **Membership forms and website payment collection:**
 - New online membership renewal and payment portal is being implemented for 2023
- **Any other business**
 - Dean provided a high level update on the NCHA: All numbers are up YOY and the NCHA is experiencing positive growth. The NCHA convention is making a big change this year and will be hosted at the South Point in Las Vegas June 23-25
 - Regional directors are open for nominations and voting
 - **Ross proposed the idea of a saddle series as follows:**
 - Each participating club will donate a saddle and will pick the class in which it will be awarded, as well as the applicable show. The winner will be determined by most money earned with the caveat that the rider must participate in all saddle series shows.
 - Jeff Smith has agreed to sell us saddles with trophy fender lettering for \$2,500 per saddle.
 - **List of proposed participants:**
 - **BCCHA:** ?
 - **Bonina:** April 6th - 9th, 2023 - \$2000LR – Confirmed
 - **Cascade Cow Cutters:** ?
 - **Heritage Classic:** April 27th – 30th, \$50AM – Confirmed
 - **OCHA:** ?
 - **WCHA:** ?
 - Further discussion and details will be forthcoming

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm