

CASCADE COW CUTTERS

March 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: Brent Stewart, Amber Simon, Jack and Sue Kitt, Nina Lundgren, Leah Slattery

*****A quorum was not present so no decisions were made. The meeting was for discussion and organizational purposes only*****

The meeting was called to order by Brent at 6:40

Fairgrounds Contract

Brent met with the fairgrounds manager, Mickey, on his way to Bonina. He was provided with a copy of the contract to be signed. The only change from the last time the Board met was that a \$650 flat fee for set up and tear down has been proposed instead of an hourly rate. Those present believed that it was less than we had paid last year. Amber will check with Jane to make sure this is so. Brent signed the contract for Amber to deliver to the fairgrounds only if the Board e-mails consensus that the terms are acceptable. ***(Information obtained subsequent to the meeting – Jane has confirmed that we averaged \$750 for set up and tear down last year).***

Brent was also informed that there should be no parking by the barns due to fire hazards. Amber is going to follow up with the City Fire Marshal to confirm this.

Dan and Brent had an extensive discussion on how the cattle pens should be set up. Shade needs to be provided during the summer months as well. More communication is needed with the fairgrounds to get the pens set up like they need to be.

Cattle

Bob Boyce has talked to Sam. \$40 is the cost. Sam confirmed that he has the cattle handled through July. Marcus has the August and September shows covered.

Tractor

Brent talked to Washington Tractor (the Ellensburg John Deere dealer). The person he talked to, Mike, would like to work with us, but he can't guarantee a tractor would be available. Amber will deliver a cover letter that formalizes CCC's request and Mike will see what he can make happen.

Sand

Ross has hired Bill Grady to haul the sand for us. They are also looking for a storage area which will likely not be on fairgrounds.

Shavings

Amber reiterated the offers from Old Mill and Arnolds Ranch and Home regarding selling shavings to our members at a discount. The general consensus of the group present was that everyone would need to be responsible for acquiring their own shavings since it is not logical for the club to enter the shavings business.

Stallion Auction Money

Nina presented a proposal created based on the discussion of the stallion auction committee meeting on February 28. The proposal is attached to these minutes. The proposal contains:

- \$1,140 for administrative expenses (Thank You gifts and banners)
- \$400 for posters to attract people unfamiliar with the sport of cutting
- \$8,000 to increase added money by \$100 at each show
- \$4,500 for a clinic
- \$6,300 for awards at two different series
- \$20,300 for saddles and shoot out awards

There was discussion about the setup of shootout, the awards, the length of the series, and the location and timing of the shootout. The proposal lists the series running through October, but the CCC season ends in September. There are also concerns that the proposal lists the series as beginning in March, but the decision has not yet been made nor has the series been advertised for all members to be aware of.

Using awards that can be used for advertising was discussed. These types of awards include jackets, gear bags, blankets, coolers, etc. Further discussion ensued about having more awards than just for the top one or two. This would “spread the wealth” to more people.

There was additional discussion about the feasibility of a clinic during the NCHA convention. The clinic may be an idea we need to consider for the future years with more time to line out while looking at circuit awards instead this year.

It was decided that all officers and Board members should receive a copy of the proposal sheet. Each officer and Board member needs to provide their input by the April show. There needs to be a board meeting on Thursday night of the April show (March 31) to decide exactly how to spend the money.

Nina emphasized that the fundraiser was promoted with the promise not to spend the money on administrative expenses. Further discussion ensued on just how much money was spent on saddles last year and how much was left over. Amber will find out from Jane. ***(Subsequent to the meeting, Jane provided the following information: 2015 Stallion income \$26,272.50, Saddle expense \$20,170.00 - \$6,102.50 left over from saddles purchased.)***

Meeting minutes submitted by Amber Simon, CCC Secretary