

# **Cascade Cow Cutters**

## **November 6, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 11:12AM

Present: Rusanne and Dan Wagner, Ross Hansen, Brent Stewart, Jack and Sue Kitt , Megan Hunsaker, Nina Lundgren and Jane Roundtree

### **1) 2017 Fairground Contract**

- a) Dates in May needed to be locked in from us, Mickey (Kittitas County Fairgrounds) showed concerns for those dates as someone else wants those dates. He wanted to move us to the third weekend of May, we want to move to the first weekend of May. Brent will check to make sure the first weekend of May is available. If the first weekend is not available we will take the second weekend.
  - i) Adding a June show into the schedule of events in the Ellensburg area, might be possible, however, need to check with the fairgrounds and need to make sure cattle are available. According to the Bloom website, June is booked, and the first weekend of May is available. Ross made a motion to move the may show to the first weekend of May if it's available, Brent has seconded the motion.
  - ii) Brent suggested a special event in general, not just a show, but a possible clinic. Need a 6<sup>th</sup> show because there is no NCHA days anymore.
  - iii) Brent suggested we should look into 2018 June show dates as we will not be able to come up with a show location for a 2017 June CCC show.
  - iv) We did not pay the \$125 portion of the manure bill from the contract. We will hear from Jane if in fact we had paid this or not. **UPDATE subsequent to the meeting: We did not pay the \$125 manure fee for the fairgrounds.**

### **2) Show Schedule**

- a) Has been discussed in the fairgrounds contract and the co-approved shows.

Show Dates are as follows: March 31-April 2 ELLENSBURG

May 12-14 ELLENSBURG

June 30-July 2 ELLENSBURG

August 4-6 ELLENSBURG

September 14-16 ELLENSBURG

- b) The September show will be Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon. The series shootout will be Saturday afternoon so that all awards can be given at the banquet. This means there will be no fresh cattle practice Thursday morning of the final show of the season. Ross proposed to approve the format, Erin seconded the motion.

### **3) Footing update**

- a) Footing was stored on site. Ross said there had been talk of it being \$50 a month to store, ecology blocks had been brought in to store the sand. **UPDATE subsequent to the meeting: It has been confirmed that we do in fact owe \$50 a month for the storage of the sand and will be added to the 2017 contract pricing.**
- i) We might have to buy another load or two of sand through for the next year at approximately \$500 a load.
  - ii) A new sprinkler for next year will need to be brought in for the footing, Ross has a sprinkler that will be more effective. A discussion with the fairgrounds may need to be had with the fairgrounds about a better sprinkler.
  - iii) Brent has motioned that free entry fees for Bill be enacted. Nina has seconded that motion. Bill wants no recognition for the volunteer work he has done for the club.

### **4) Shavings**

- a) Has not worked in the past. Megan has recommended that each person get one bag of shavings each, if you want more you come and buy extra shavings. An announcement should be made at the shows about the new policy. If you want more shavings you go to old mill and buy your own shavings. Old mill will come in and put one bag into each stall, more can be purchased at your own discretion. Ross made the motion that each stall gets only one bale, the rest is on the stall user. Brent seconded that motion.
- i) The price of shavings will be determined at a later date. Megan will talk with old mill to find out availability and price.

### **5) Fresh cattle practice before the show on Fridays**

- a) Fresh cattle practice costs \$84 for 2 cows. There was a long discussion whether or not increase cattle practice costs or to eliminate the fresh cattle practice all together. In essence it costs us money to have the fresh cattle practice, the practice is a luxury, and is a wash as far as expenses go. With 50 or so cattle practices we are doing fairly well. 60 is a standing cap so that we can be done by 1. Practice must start at 7am to make the 1pm cut off time. Must be signed in by the time you send in your entries so cattle can be ordered. If you are not there on time you will be pushed into the end. Prices can be determined as we get closer

to the show. No cap on number of runs. Megan made the motion to leave the cattle format as is, from 7-12. Ross has seconded the motion as well as Dan and Brent.

## **6) Co-approved shows**

- a) Bonina has had shows in March and April or June, could work with the club to co approve shows so the club could have 6 shows. The money that comes into cascade from the co approved shows is easy money for the club. At \$10 per entry.
- b) Sue and Ross noted that doing a co approved show is difficult for some, as that means more shows have to be attended to be in the running for points. Sue noted that some of our membership has stated those same complaints.
- c) Brent had mentioned the challenger series as a way to get the CCC members their points and or extra show. Jack said the challenger series is for clubs like blue mountain and cutting loose.
  - i) Megan made a motion to co approve 3 shows with bonina. Dan has seconded that motion but the dates for the shows need to be determined at a later date. Dates will be determined later.
  - ii) Dan mentioned that some members had suggested co approving a show in Canada. Megan suggested we entertain the idea of a co approved show provided we have more information. Jane suggested we table this idea provided more information.

## **7) Classes**

- a) **\$500 limit rider**
  - i) Should it be in the schedule still? Motion made to scrap this class, it was seconded by Jack.
- b) **NCHA has canceled the Senior World Tour but has added the Challenger Series.**
  - i) CCC is has decided unanimously not to add any challenger series to the shows.

## **8) Cattle update**

- a) Harlan had mentioned there might be enough other cattle suppliers to make up another show. Members have noted that cattle size is hard to come up with in August and September shows as they are too large and lead to bad cattle to work. Nina had mentioned Williamson cattle might be available for our last show. Marcus' cattle should be first to go in an ideal world however Sam seems to set the dates and Marcus gets the left over dates. Erin volunteered to take on the task of finding cattle suppliers for the club shows.

## **9) Show Lunches**

a) Sue said the honor system for lunches was not working and as such suggested that lunches no longer be provided by the club and only coffee be provided. Dan made a motion that a youth group such as a local 4-H group or FFA group provide lunches, Brent Seconded the motion. A committee tasked with finding the youth group to provide lunches will be assembled, Erin volunteered to head the committee.

## **10) Entry Fees**

- a) **Structure (i.e. fee when entering for awards, office exp., announcer) What are they?**
- i) Fees were broken down into \$10 footing charge, \$2 Administration fee, \$1 for Directors (NCHA Directors), \$4 for show office staff, \$5 for Misc. office supplies, \$5 Awards fee, \$2 National Championship Fee, \$13 for Misc. Fee (Judges, Cattle handler fee, insurance and etc. ) plus the price of cattle.
- b) **Fee change?**
- i) Ross motioned to keep entry fees the same, Megan seconded the motion.

## **11) Finance update**

- a) Financials, have not paid for last five saddles, not done yet, about \$8500 yet to pay, saddles already pulled from the estimated funds. Bottom line, reconcile through October, 16,000 after paying for the saddle there will be 9700 in the stallion auction funds. Total in the bank is 30,000. Jackets still need to be paid for is 2200, coming from the stallion funds. Each saddle is 1550, plus 75 shipping. So approximately \$7500 to remain in the stallion auction funds.
- b) Profit and loss does not break down profit and loss per class as individual classes. Can be made into individual profit and loss for 2017. Brent motioned to adopt this as a policy for the club. Erin and Dan seconded the motion.
- c) **Need CPA to prepare annual tax return.**
- i) Dan motioned to get a CPA for the club tax return, Ross seconded the motion. Jane will approach a CPA she is familiar with and can work closely with. A tax return cost of approximately \$1000 has been approved by a motion set by Ross and seconded by Megan.

## **12) Budget for Awards**

- a) Established within the entry fees.

## **13) Use of Stallion Auction Funds**

- a) Nina has proposed a disbursement schedule for the stallion auction proceeds. 1.5% to go to the thank you gifts and banners for stallion donors. 2.0% to go toward colored posters,

approximately 200, to be posted at feed stores, tack store etc., to draw in new cutting audience. 17.5% to go to the stallion donor's incentive fund. At year end money to be disbursed among offspring of stallions who participated in the auction including weekend and LAE. 17.0% to Added purse weekend, distributed over all CCC NCHA classes. 3.0% to TWO series awards, March-June and July-Sept. 59% to Series shoot out awards.

**14) \$2,000 Limit Rider Remembrance Award for Barb McNally**

- a) There will be a one time high point year end award in remembrance of Barb McNally. Erin motioned to approve and Brent seconded the motion.

**15) No board meetings during any horse show.**

**16) Caterer for 2017 banquet**

- a) It was expressed that there needs to be a bigger menu and possibly a different caterer. A committee has been assigned this task.

**17) Assign Committees:**

- a) **Show Management - Stall shavings, RV counts, tractor work, ground maint.**
  - i) Brent and Ross
- b) **Banquet - Planning, reservations, decorations, set up and tear down**
  - i) Jane and Megan
- c) **Sponsorship - Local and national sponsors**
  - i) Janie, Denise and Ross
- d) **Stallion Auction**
  - i) Nina and Megan
- e) **Food/Concessions**
  - i) Erin
- f) **Fundraiser/Youth Programs - CCC fundraising functions at shows, Youth**
  - i) Bruce and Brent
- g) **Awards - Ordering all awards within our budget and organizing shipping location**
  - i) Need to approach Tiffany Scott
- h) **Judges**
  - i) Jack
- i) **Cattle**
  - i) Erin and Dan
- j) **Social**
  - i) Megan

**18) Monthly Board or Presidents messages to the members**

- a) Falls under the responsibility of Erin, Facebook and website updates to be done by both Erin and Tiffany.

Meeting called to adjourn at 14:40. Meeting minutes submitted by Erin Eaton, CCC Secretary.