

**Cascade Cow Cutters
2017 Stallion Auction Meeting
February 23, 2017**

Present: Nina Lundgren, Brent Stewart, Jane Roundtree, Ross Hanson, Jack and Sue Kitt, Erin Eaton, Megan Hunsaker, Dan Wagner, and Bruce Pinkerton

Meeting Called to order at 19:05

Tonight's meeting started with an overview of this year's auction. We sold 16 stallions, with not as much activity in this year's auction as last year. We started the auction 10 days earlier and ended 2 days earlier than last year, with half as many auction hits this year. After last year's saddle series, there has been some concerns raised by members suggesting we might look at other possible ideas for an award series funded by the stallion auction earnings. \$26,400 was raised, with approximately \$1585 used in expenses for the stallion auction to date. Leaving the stallion auction fund with a total of \$25,000 left raised from this year's auction and a total of \$4,500 left over from last year's auction. With this money raised Nina presented a written proposal of possible ways to use the stallion auction money. The proposal is as follows.

Administration: This category would be used for expenses related to the stallion auction such as the thank you gifts for the stallion owners and gifts of appreciation for the office managers at the stallion stations who helped put in a good word to the stallion owners. Approximately \$1250 will be going toward these gifts.

Stallion Donors Incentive Fund: The stallion donor's incentive fund was designed to give money back to the members who own horses who were sired by stallions listed in the current year's stallion auction listing. Points from the entire year will be added together and the rider with the most points with a horse sired by one of the current year's stallion auction stallions will get the winnings at the end of the year. The owners of the horses from only this current year's stallion auction listings will be eligible for the stallion donor's incentive fund. It will be the responsibility of the horse owners to apply to be a part of this program. Winners of the stallion donor's incentive fund will be given a thank you card along with their winnings and asked to send it to the owners of their horses sire. With \$4,500 total available in payouts, a breakdown of what the pay outs could look like is as follows;

\$4,500					Payout		
	STALLIONS IN AUCTION (any year)	# Show Horses sired by SA sire	% of Fund	FUND TO EACH STALLION	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Im Countin Checks	1	13%	\$ 562.50	\$563		
2	Bet Hesa Cat	2	25%	\$ 1,125.00	\$675	\$450	
3	Cat Ichi	2	25%	\$ 1,125.00	\$675	\$450	
4	Cats Merada	3	38%	\$ 1,687.50	\$844	\$506	\$338
		8	100%	\$ 4,500.00			

Added Purse Weekend: With \$5,000 allocated for added money distributed over all the CCC NCHA classes, it was agreed on by the board to add in the additional leftover funds from last year's stallion auction, bringing the total for added money to \$9,500. It was agreed on by the board to add \$100 per class per show as the added money for 2017. Payouts for the non-added money classes will occur at the end of the year at the finals banquet, to decrease the work required by Sue to individually hand write each payout check at each show.

Two series awards March-May and June-September: The shows will be broken down into two different series with points tallied for the March-May shows and then a separate set of points tallied for the June-September shows. A shootout for the top placings will be held during the finals. Awards for these two series have not yet been decided on. The funds available for the series awards are \$1,750.

Award Series Shootout: It was discussed that the award series shootout saddles was not widely received as intended. So the board members agreed that a cash award series shootout would draw more attention and create more excitement. With \$12,500 available for cash payouts for the award series shootout, it was decided to break it down as follows. Youth classes will receive a cash payout of \$500 for each class. The rest of the classes will receive a cash payout of \$1,000.

This concludes the break down for the 2017 stallion auctions funds. Other topics were briefly discussed at the end of this meeting.

- 1) The Dick Nading Memorial fund is costing money as the account is below the \$500 mark. It was decided to combine this account with the other savings account, the youth fund, to save the memorial fund from service charges by the bank.
- 2) There will be a general membership meeting at the April show. We generally get a room at the fairgrounds for this, Brent will confirm that there is a room available to host the meeting.
- 3) Jack mentioned that the 2016 NCHA affiliate of the year award is coming up for nomination. Jack was wondering if CCC would be interested in trying out for it. The club put in for this in 2010 for the 2009 affiliate of the year award. Brent is willing to take on the project of doing the NCHA affiliate of the year nomination. Due March 10th.
- 4) Jane Roundtree and Ross Hansen have been hard at work updating and creating a new sponsorship packet, this new packet will be put up on the website available for new sponsors to easily access. It would be nice if members of the club and the board would help in distributing these packets to possible new sponsors.
- 5) Erin has noted that we have confirmed a wonderful local 4-H group called the Country Roots 4-H club, who will be selling breakfast and lunch at the first two Ellensburg shows of the year. We need give a huge thanks to this club and support them for coming out and providing this great service for our club!

Meeting adjourned 20:32

Minutes submitted by Erin Eaton, CCC Secretary