

## **February 25, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

Members present on phone conference- Cindy, Andi, Gordy, Kristen, Dakota, Jerry, and Jack.

Called to order by President Gordy Bray at 7:03pm

### **Old business:**

1. Hanks show, fourth of July weekend in Torrington- Hank was not present but Kristen shared that he was working to get a show going this weekend( 4th of July)

2. Krstin shared that she will have her May Show and also her second weekend in July show in Saratoga.

3. Gordy shared with us the show in April that would be at Cheyenne is also set the same time as a show in Nebraska, and in Northern Texas with a show the weekend before it in Montana. Stalls would be hauled in for 116 a stall, cattle in the pen for 30 dollars a head. Would need about 85 entries to break even is what Gordy thought. After discussion we all decided to cancel the show for this year. We like the idea however so lets get this idea going earlier for next year and get a good date for it. Mari sent NCHA paperwork in for this show so Andi will contact her and have Mari do the paperwork to cancel the show.

4. Next to discuss was the show in Sheridan originally planned for June 10-12. Some details have been discussed by Cindy. She found cattle for 32 in the pen, cattle might have to come from Buffalo area so cost a little more. Another concern that came up was that this show would be the 4th show in a row for our area. Will people afford this many shows in a row? Cindy thought we would need 80-90 entries to breakeven. Stall situation is still unknown as far as how many at arena and what they will cost. Andi moved to NOT have the June show in Sheridan. Motion passed with four votes against having the show and 3 votes for having the show. WCHA will not put this show on in June. Cindy volunteered to look into other dates available at the Sheridan arena in August and will check to see if cattle are still available that time of year.

5. Next order of business was the WCHA Limited Aged Event. Gordy has headed this plan. He shared that our date changed due to availability to the barn in Casper. We will have the ELA September 29-October 2. This date change worked in our favor as Western States moved their ELA to September 12-18. for our ELA Gordy has cattle for 30\$ in the Pen. \$1500 has been sent to NCHA. Andi will contact Mari about the change of dates as she will need to let NCHA know. Hank is working on reserving the area and the price. Sand might be donated..still working on this detail. Mari used the last ELA put on by WCHA application to fill out this one. 20,000 ELA added money. It was brought to the board's attention that we could have a weekend cutting attached to the ELA instead of just a few weekend classes. This could also be our year end show. Jerry motioned to have full slate of weekend classes at ELA. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed with no votes against the motion. Gordy will talk to Mari about getting this weekend show part applied for with the NCHA.

### **New Business:**

1. What dates will be run our year this time? We decided January 1 to December 31 is the best for everyone. We will go back to this for the current year 2016.

2. Gordy brought up that we need to work at getting more sponsorships. we need more added money to put on the ELA. If everyone got 2 that would help lots. jerry said he would talk to Wells

Fargo. Gordy suggested we talk to people like Trout Creek Ranch and people who are involved in the sport. Andi suggested we find the sponsorship packet used in the past. We need to come back to this at our next meeting and make a plan.

3. Kristen asked the board if we wanted her to mail out the awards from last year. She shared that it would be pretty expensive. Andi agreed that we need to try and give them out this year and only mail them to people we won't see or find a ride for. Andi also asked about the standings and questioned the 5000NH and 15000NH, and NCHA Days. Kristen was going to check with Mari on this info and get back to everyone.

4. Andi shared that approval forms were sent to South Dakota by request of the show secretary there.

5. Gordy told us that approval fees for other associations have been dropped to \$2 a entry. Do we want to drop ours? Kristin said we should stay in line with others. Gordy says 2 dollars is better than zero! (best quote of the night). Tracy Barton will ask for our approval for 3 shows if our rate is 2 dollar. Kristen motioned to drop the 3 dollar fee to 2 dollars. Gordy seconded it and the motion passed.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ asked about the Wrangler newspaper update. Kristen shared that we no longer buy a newspaper for members anymore. We only publish what is free in the Wrangler and nothing else.

7. Kristen suggested we meet once a month so we can plan on a meeting even if it is just a short one to keep in touch on our plans. Everyone thought that would be a great plan. This would help Mari and everyone else plan on attending the meeting this way. Andi suggested the last Thursday of every month at 7pm.

**Next meeting will be March 31@ 7pm**

Gordy adjourned the meeting and Jerry seconded it.