

RRR General Meeting

January 12th, 2010

In attendance:

(No list returned-From memory, apologize for anyone left out).

Marti Kelsey	Jon Page	Sharie Forde	Greg Timm
Shawna Elsberry	Bob Spackman	Jamie Suing	Jim Crouch
Patrick Andrade	Becky Auker	Dick Elliott	Bobbi Elliott
Deanna Wolkau	Laurie Chatham	Judy Robinson	Dave Townsend
Pam Hopper	Marty Hopper	Marsha Williams	Robin Dillin
Stephanie Larsen	Greg Brown		

Jon Page opened the meeting at 7:10pm. He spoke briefly about the upcoming Crab Feed fundraiser for RR, and asked for anyone available to come help out.

Also spoke briefly about new memberships, how to tally membership hours, etc. and that the renewal date for memberships is Feb. 1st. He also stated that anyone from the general membership can submit any proposals or suggestions to the board, and they will look at them.

Marti read meeting minutes from the December 8th general meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Deanna read the treasurer report.

General- 11,273.88

Facility-24654.13

Savings-6189.85

Joanie-712.97

Estate-994.48

Board meeting summary from January 10th was talked about by Jon. New members met with existing members of the board, and officers were chosen:

President- Jon Page

Vice Pres.- Becky Auker

Secretary-Sharie Forde

Treasurer-Deanna Wolkau

3yr member- Greg Timm

3 yr member- Shawna Elsberry

3 yr member- Laurie Chatham

2 yr member- Dick Elliott

1 yr member- Judy Robinson

Bobbi Elliott- Event Coordinator

Marti Kelsey- Office Manager (Paid staff)

Dave Townsend asked if a proposed budget will be available to the membership to view once completed, which it will be upon request.

Jon Page and Dick Elliott will still continue to head up the groundskeeping and maintenance for the facility.

Jon spoke to the membership about how RRR is a members only club, and how all members should be keeping an eye out for non members to come use the facility. We, as members, pay our share, and that we need everyone to help "police" the place. He also mentioned that RRR events are now open to the public (non members) by paying a non member day fee in addition to any other event entry and arena fees, and also about the Guest Pass that members may purchase in advance for friends of family visiting them, but how it cannot be abused by members. It will be kept track of who purchases guest passes.

Bob Spackman asked about the liability release that is signed by members during the application process, that specifically refers to "saddle horses or draft horses" but should be re-written as "livestock".

Shawna Elsberry spoke of how she felt that some members had been rude to her regarding the enforcement of certain facility rules. She asked people not to assume that someone is doing wrong, and to be kind and courteous to all.

Discussion arose regarding the club newsletter, and Judy Robinson felt strongly that the fee of \$12 per year to members opting for that Hard Copy Newsletter was excessive. (The newsletter is sent out via email to all the membership who put an email address on their membership application, unless they specifically asked for and paid \$12 for a hard copy version, which was about 14 members for 2009) Bob Spackman felt that the \$12 fee was reasonable considering a stamp was 1/2 the cost of the hard copy per month. Pam Hopper felt that most people have email these days, and all other clubs she belonged to sent newsletters in the same way.

Marsha Williams also felt the cost was reasonable, and several others stated the same, and that some other clubs charged even more annually for hard copy newsletters.

Jon said that we will be posting the newsletters in an enclosed case, along with important club updates in the arena in the near future. Marti will also get out additional copies placed on the table near the office for members.

Judy Robinson spoke about recognizing members who go above and beyond helping out the club on a volunteer basis, and wanted to be the first to recognize them. She chose Deanna Wolkau, as the first recipient, as Deanna puts countless hours of time into the club.

Event Reports:

Barrels- Made about \$700 for the club in December between both co sanctioned event and the RR event. She is thinking of moving the start time for the RRR Barrel Races up to 11:30am, so that folks aren't waiting so long to get started, and the event gets done at a reasonable hour.

Drill- Marsha reported that the open recruitment for new members is done, and that they now have 12 strong members for the drill team. They have put together an informative DVD of RRR and their drill team to send to rodeos and events to perform at. They are working on a longer, more difficult program currently, that will also have a shortened version of. They are planning a workshop for their members with a renowned drill instructor.

Team Penning/Sorting- Nothing happening until summer events begin.

Playdays- December playday saw 45 riders. They had a fun day despite the cold weather.

Princesses- Stephanie reported that they were hoping that they sold the most amount of tickets for the Crab Feed. She told the membership that if anyone had any tickets to sell, or for them to help out at any event, to contact her, as it's the Princesses' jobs to do that.

Roping- Dave Townsend reported that the Round Robin Team Roping on Jan. 2nd was a success and earned almost \$700 for the club. Marti Kelsey thanked him for Rim Rock , as he donated the cattle fee to RRR for the event. Deanna asked if he would be willing to help out any kids wanting to learn to rope, and he replied yes, as long as they were mounted on good, broke horses. Otherwise it's a wreck waiting to happen, and we need to keep things safe for all involved.

Facility:

Bobbi Elliott reported that she has sent an application packet to American West for a large, 3 day barrel race, and that BRN4D also inquired.

She was also contacted regarding putting on a Bull Sale, but it was too short of notice, and could possibly happen next year. She talked about how participation for Tuesday night Open Ride was slim, and whether we should use that night instead for a cleanup night or arena maintenance night.

Robin Dillin and Bobbi also talked about using the night for a "trainers" night, where members who are trainers/instructors could be available to members on that night to help out with horsemanship issues.

Greg Timm suggested calling it a Club Help Session for tips and advice from other members.

Discussion about how to schedule arena maintenance was a big priority. The arena dirt has to be well maintained in order for all the events to be happy. It was decided that a schedule definitely needs to be put in place.

Pam Hopper asked if more outdoor lights could be installed, and pointed out that the outdoor speakers point towards the outdoor arena, making it difficult for members to hear announcements in the parking lot area.

Many thanks to LuAnns Leathers of Bend for the beautiful donation of the custom halter for a door prize, and thanks again to Jim and Dee Crouch for getting it!

Becky Auker moved to adjourn the meeting. Marsha seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.