

General Membership Meeting

October 13th, 2009

Attendance:

Sharie Forde, Deanna Wolkau, Lori Durfee, Pam Hopper, Megen Hopper, Suzy and Jon Page, Larry Henry, Abby Henry, Brandice Durfee, Stephanie Larsen, Mike and Katrina Libby, Jim and Dee Crouch, Judy Robinson, Greg Brown, Shawna Elsberry, Jack and Kerri Jo Talburt, Sharon Nettleton, Kim McBride, Andy and Teresa Hood, Marti Kelsey, Marty Hopper, Jaime Suing, Dick Elliott.

Jon opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Deanna Wolkau, Harvest Festival chairperson, was asked to speak regarding the event. The activities are all scheduled. Five RRR members will be trying out for the 2010 Princess Court. Jon thanked Deanna for doing such a great job of organizing this years event.

Lori Durfee read the minutes from September 8th, and the minutes were changed to read, “ the RV spaces were “bootlegged in” rather than installed illegally.

Marti will speak to our website master to include many more search engine key words for the RRR website. This will better serve RRR for the purpose of outside venues looking to rent the RRR facility for future events.

Jon spoke briefly of the upcoming membership changes and dues, and stated the board was working on proposals for it. He felt that the next years rentals will be sufficient for the RRR budget next year. Kerri Jo Talburt said she had been doing some rental price comparisons with other local arenas.

Events:

-Summer Barrels series is done for the season. Fair turnout for the series.

-No Drill Team representation at the meeting.

-Team Penning Series for the summer had low numbers, but a fun group. Final results are tallied, and Sharie mentioned that they are a secret until the Awards Ceremony.

- Playday Summer series is finished as well, and the Winter Summer Series dates are approved and on the website calendar.

-Princesses will be appearing at the Harvest Festival to help usher in the new 2010 Princess court. ABC Modeling Agency and Talent will be sponsoring the new princess court with \$395 to each girl for modeling, photos, etc.

- Roping started back up on Oct. 7th, and had a decent turnout of 20 people for its first practice. Cattle are now being held over into Thursday for anyone wanting to come help train cattle, and get their horses exposed to cattle. Fees are the same on Thursday as a roping practice for the holdover. David Townsend was named new roping chairperson by the board at the last board meeting.

Facility:

We will be needing volunteers on Thursday, Nov. 5th to clean up the arena, mezzanine and meeting room for Cascade Health Care's Buckaroo Ball. We will also be partially disassembling both bleachers to have them removed off the mezzanine for the event, and then will need help to re- assemble them afterwards.

Tami Bellingham will be hosting a fundraiser for RRR in the form of a Dungeoness Crab Feed. This event will be open to the public, and tickets will be presold at the price of approx. \$25 per ticket. The event will be held on Sat. January 16th, during a RRR playday event, and the feed will include all you can eat crab, salad, chowder and rolls. These tickets should make good Christmas presents!

New Business:

Shawna Elsberry asked if the RRR membership would be able to view the 2010 membership proposal on the board table. Jon Page said its still be worked on, and it may be possible once its finalized.

Jim Crouch asked several questions pertaining to the way our bylaws and rules are made, and edited. He also asked if the board presented an annual budget to the members, which Jon stated no, and offered up some suggestions to the board pertaining to memberships and possible changes to be considered for the 2010 memberships. Jim also felt the the \$5 arena fee charge to members should be eliminated, the it was user unfriendly. Jon Page said that the fee would most likely remain, and Dick Elliott reiterated how it contributes well to the upkeep of the facility monetarily.

Much talk ensued regarding the membership issues, and upcoming changes, and the board noted all of the comments into consideration for review.

Questions were also asked about how bylaws were written or changed. Jon explained that the general membership votes on any changes to the bylaws, but the board is responsible for changing the bylaws, based on what they feel is needed, and reasonable to the better of the membership as a whole.

Shawna Elsberry felt that communication with membership was paramount, and would like to see a summary of board meetings put out to the membership population.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.