

RRR
General Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2009

In attendance:

Marti Kelsey	Cheri Kennedy	Lauri Chatham	Patricia Steele
Barbe Ellingboe	Marsha Williams	Pam Hopper	Marty Hopper
Greg Brown	Dave Townsend	Trevor Townsend	Leslie Koellermeier
Mikaela Koellermeier	Marty Fox	Debbie Hershey	Jim Crouch
Roseann Hammer	Becky Auker	Dick Elliott	Andy Hood
Teresa Hood	Madison Hood	Stephanie Larsen	Mike Libby
Katrina Libby	Shawna Elsberry	Kris Williams	Gary Williams
Bob Spackman	Jack Talburt	Kerri Jo Talburt	Judy Robinson
David Suing	Emma Suing	Bobbi Elliott	Holly Vincent
Lori Durfee			

Jon Page opened the meeting at 7:05.

Began with what a success the Cascade Health Care Buckaroo Ball was that was held here at the arena on Friday, Nov. 6th. The mezzanine was transformed into a formal dining affair, with live band, bars, and a night of entertainment from our riding members, including Marsha Williams doing a dressage performance, and the RRR Drill Team.

Bobbi Elliott said the Florida Clinic went well, despite Jon Page and Dick Elliott being gone hunting, leaving her to groom the arena to the clinic specs. A job very well done.

Jon talked about the upcoming Crab Feed being put on by Tami Bellingham here in the RRR Rider's Cafe on January 16th, starting at 5 pm with social hour featuring a no host bar, live band. The Crab Feed will consist of Fresh Dungeness Crab (1 to 1½ pounds per person), Chowder, Salad and Rolls. Cost is \$25 per ticket, and tickets go on sale soon. All proceeds go to RRR as a fundraiser for the club.

Treasurer's Report read by Marti Kelsey in Deanna Wolkau's absence:

Club acct.- 8,128.05

Facility acct. - 27,033.69

Savings acct. - 1988.52

Lagomarsino Sch. Acct. -712.97

Estate Acct. -1014.12

Jon talked about a board meeting summary regarding the proposed bylaw changes, and also the upcoming nominations for board elections to take place in December. Vacating board positions at the end of the year will be Bill Edmunds, Holly Vincent, and Lori Durfee. The board recently discussed that in order to be nominated for a board position, a person must be a member in good standing for no less than 3 full years, although they do not need to be consecutive years.

-Bylaw change proposals were discussed, and began with Shawna Elsberry asking what constitutes a volunteer hour by RR definitions. Jon stated that it was any job performed that is a help to the club events or to help the facility. It may eventually change to be hours performed for any job that would otherwise require someone to be paid for, but is NOT the case at this time.

Shawna also asked about pro rating of volunteer hours didn't go hand in hand with pro rating membership dues. Jon replied the board had discussed it, but it was decided to leave it as is. Holly Vincent clarified to the members that the board under the new revised bylaws has the power to set membership dues and that the bylaw changes no longer specify volunteer hours in them. It will be a board decision, on a yearly basis, to have the ability to change the course of volunteer hours.

All questions were seemingly answered, and a secret vote took place regarding the proposed bylaw changes. The changes passed by a vote of 34 in favor, and 7 not in favor. The changes to the current bylaws were passed, by more than a 75% approval of the voting membership.

After the vote, Jon clarified the new 2010 Membership dues will be \$100 per family, with 8 hours of volunteer service to the club, or an optional buyout for \$200 in lieu of hours. An Individual membership will be \$60, with 4 hours of volunteer service to the club, or an optional buyout of \$100 in lieu of hours. Shawna E. suggested that folks be given an hour of volunteer time for attending meetings, but Jon didn't seem to think that would happen! Jon also mentioned that the folks who do not complete their hours of volunteer obligation for this year, would have the option of buying out their hours so that they could be allowed membership for the 2010 year.

Jim Crouch asked about the \$5 arena fee being charged to members, and if that would continue for the following year. Jon explained it would, but there would be a cap of \$10 for families with 3 or more members, per event. Holly also clarified that the board's decision to keep the arena fee was in an effort to keep the membership dues reasonable, and that those who use the facility more, would end up paying a bit more as sort of a "usage fee". It was spoken by Dave Townsend that member dues and arena fees cover about ½ of the facility costs, with rented events making up the rest. It is the hope that eventually the shift will change to where the rented events will take up the majority of the costs, and dues and arena fees charged to members will be able to be lowered. Roseann Hammer suggested that the board eventually consider a "non riding" membership.

Event reports:

Deanna was not present to report on Barrels, but Sharie Forde, who helped her throughout the series stated that Deanna did a wonderful job, and that all went quite well considering she was somewhat thrown into it.

Marsha Williams reported that the Drill Team had new members coming in this fall, and has rec'd so many that they have closed the openings for any new members at this time. They performed last minute performances at the Harvest Fest and also the Buckaroo Ball. Bobbi Elliott stated what a wonderful performance they completed at the Buckaroo Ball.

Sharie Forde reported that the summer series was small, due to folks having so many other choices and activities in the summer. She said they are considering doing just 1 or 2 large events next summer, as opposed to a series, but is not sure. She would like to resign as Team Penning/Sorting Chairperson, and would like to know if anyone is interested in stepping in.

Stephanie Larsen reported that the new 2010 RRR Princesses Madison Hood and Abby Henry were chosen and crowned at the 2009 Harvest Fest. They are looking to represent RRR in the Bend and Redmond Christmas parades, and would welcome any other RR members to join them.

Dave Townsend reported that roping practices started up again in October, and have been building ever since. He has ordered more cattle, and is trying to organize a very large roping for New Years.

They are holding roping steers overnight to Thursday mornings, and are having anyone interested in bringing young or green horses in to track steers. Prices are the same as for roping.

Bobbi Elliott reported that the Florida Clinic and Buckaroo Ball (rented events in November) both went very well. We are still waiting on payment at this time from the clinic, and the Buckaroo Ball netted \$750.00 for the rent of the mezzanine.

New Business:

Shawna expressed that the board should consider giving themselves compensation for their time.

Deanna asked Marti to say that she would like to organize a Christmas Party for RRR, and Stephanie would like to also involve an official crowning and coronation of the 2010 Princesses along with the party. A vote of the members took place, and it was decided to have a potluck Christmas Party prior to the December 8th general meeting, starting at 6pm.

Jim Crouch generously offered to bring another door prize from Lou Ann's Leathers to the January General Meeting held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.