

# General Meeting Minutes

## December 8, 2009

### In attendance:

Marti Kelsey	Deanna Wolkau	Stephanie Larsen	Bob Spackman
Shawna Elsberry	David Townsend	Dick Elliott	Bobbi Elliott
Sharie Forde	Tami Bellingham	Judy Robinson	Greg Brown
Sharon Nettleton	Tonisha Shocker-Shrode	Ted Moore	Don Sheets
Marty Hopper	Pam Hopper	Laurie Chatham	Jon Page
Lori Durfee	Brandice Durfee		

Jon Page opened the meeting at 7pm.

Marti Kelsey and Jon Page presented highlights of the meeting minutes from last month, mostly discussing the bylaw changes that were approved, and what they mean to the members.

Deanna Wolkau read the treasurer's report:

General (club) acct. - \$9008.17

Facility acct. - \$26,009.63

Estate acct.- \$994.48

Joani acct.- \$712.97

Business savings acct.- \$6189.85

Total- \$42,915.10

### Chair reports:

Winter Playday Series starts up this month on Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Pam Hopper is the new chairperson, and is hoping the turnout will be good despite the ultra cold weather we've been having.

David Townsend reported good turnout numbers for roping, averaging between 25 and 30 members at each roping. They are planning a Team Roping Round Robin on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, open to RRR members only, and estimates it will make the club approximately \$700 for the day.

Stephanie Larsen, new Princess chairperson reported that the Princesses and RRR members placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Redmond Starlight Christmas Parade, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Bend Christmas Parade. Great job to all the participants!

She said that the new Princesses, Madison Hood and Abby Henry were "re-crowned" at the Christmas Party at RR for the kids (young and old).

Deanna Wolkau reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Race of the Winter Barrels Series was on November 29, and had decent turnout. The Co-Sanctioned Races earned RR \$450.48 after payouts, and the RRR races earned the facility \$261.00 for a total of about \$712.00 to the facility. Great job!

Facilities:

Dick Elliott reported that the facility and equipment is pretty well winterized, although later on it was discovered that a pipe above the kitchen to the hand sink was frozen, due to the extreme cold temps of about minus 10 degrees the night before the meeting.

Shawna Elsberry asked if the outdoor arena could be worked once it warmed up a bit, which the reply was yes.

Jon P. asked if we had bought a new wheelbarrow for the facility to replace the second stolen one. Marti replied we had not yet, and would purchase one again.

Bobbi Elliott reported on the following shows coming up for 2010:

- Appaloosa Show will be renting for 3 full days, both arenas and some cattle pens. Marti was asked to remove the “Pending” off their dates on the website event calendars.
- NWRCHA is going to 7 full days this year, but is concerned about not having enough stalls as they expect a bigger show than last year. Bobbi and the board will discuss portable stalls for the show.
- OHSET is requesting the use of the arena after the first of the year to practice. The board will look at some Sunday dates for them.
- Cascade Team Penning Assoc. wants two dates in the upcoming year.
- The Pinto Assoc. has not yet responded to wanting new dates after having to move their dates due to overlap of the NWRCHA show.
- Bobbi is working on putting together a Winter Horse Show Series and a Horse Sale to generate funds for the facility/club.

Tami Bellingham talked about the Crab Feed she is putting on raise money for the club. It will be held on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, at RR starting at 5:00 with live music and a no host beer and wine bar. The feed will begin around 6:30pm, and will serve Dungeness Crab, Clam Chowder, Fresh Green Salad, and Garlic Cheese Bread and Beverages. Cost is \$25 per person, and tickets are on sale now. Will make great Christmas Presents! All proceeds benefit RRR Club.

New Business:

Elections took place with 4 nominees on the ballot: Laurie Chatham, Emily Kennedy, Shawna Elsberry, and Greg Timm was a last minute write in. While ballots were being tallied, Jon explained to the membership that once the board has all of its members voted in, then, they as a board, decide and choose who will take the roles of the officers. (Pres., VP, Secretary and Treasurer)

The initial vote recorded a tie between Emily Kennedy and Greg Timm. A tie breaker between the 2 were voted on again, and Greg Timm pulled it out by one vote.

David Townsend asked if the current 2009 members would be allowed to ride at his Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Roping event, even if they had not yet signed up for a 2010 membership. It was agreed that all existing members are allowed a grace period up until Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> when renewals had to be in, therefore they were allowed to compete, even if not paid up for the next year.

Discussion ensued regarding the new memberships, and the problems that will arise with folks who go to renew, but have not completed their volunteer hours of service to the club. Jon and Marti explained that the chair people will need to be diligent in checking the 2009 Membership List to see who is done with hours. If a member has not completed their commitments to the club, they will be denied applications by the chair people, and will have to contact the RRR office to find out what they can do get their hours done or bought out, so that they can re-apply. Shawna suggested putting together committees to call people who haven't done their hours, to nudge them, but Bob Spackman replied that the office had done a great job of getting the word out, and that everyone who filled out an application knew what they were signing up for, not to mention the numerous reminders that they need to get hours done.

Sharie Forde made a motion to adjourn at 8:05, Deanna seconded.