

CoWN February 10, 2025 Board Meeting

Attendees: Cintia Armstrong, Joseph Barnett, Laura Bergroth, Diana Duncan, Abbie Ferris, Bill Gentle, Troy Griffith, Lisa Hurd, Jessica Pancost, Austin Reynolds, Cole Tully, and Amanda Van Der Zwaag.

Troy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Last Meeting Minutes: No changes to January minutes. Motion to approve by Bill, Joseph seconds.

Treasurer's Report: \$50,574.45 in the money market. Checking \$2,618.91. Cintia \$7,300 to The Ranch for the Kickoff show (contract is signed with them) and \$6k for awards, VFW \$175 deposit, \$800 for taxes done by Cintia. Bill moves to accept the Treasure's report, Lisa seconds it.

Year End Banquet: Scheduled for March 15, 2025, \$2k allocated for food and miscellaneous expenses for the banquet. Diana is looking for food vendors. Do center baskets with horsey stuff that we will raffle off, in addition to Kines Jeans certificates. CoWN backdrop is being made. Laura sent Christy Jemail's (hoof pick lady) contact info to see if she will donate hoof picks. Have cornhole too and pass around a donation jar passed around to give money to the VFW.

Show Secretary: Abbie met with Lacey and have a signed contract. She went over all the points and expectations with Lacey, which she was happy to do. Lacey wanted to make the stall chart and feels it would help her know more about what is going on at the show. She made the trail pattern and picked the other patterns and reserved hotel rooms. Lacey is excited about the contract, expectations and guidelines. Abbie spoke with Nate and he's hoping to have the same cattle prices as last year, but there might be a slight increase. He really needs the correct number of cattle.

Emergency Protocol Book: STHX has one and we should have one as well on who to call for an emergency, where to direct EMS, etc. LCCC is required to have one at their events. Bill to see the cost of an EMT. We should see if our insurance requires us to have an EMT onsite. Jill has members that have a medical background and they're willing to be put in the book to be on call for an emergency. Abbie is working on this book.

AQHA: All 3 shows have been approved, but 2 out of the 3 have been invoiced, so waiting on one left.

High Plains Paint Club: August show is sanctioned with us and they would like to have their April show with ours. Linda Hitt needs to be APHA approved and they would pay for it and any late fees. They're actually already advertising that it's a High Plains approved show in April, but not APHA approved. They need to provide their own awards. They would like to be apart of the other 2 summer shows. If they want to be eligible for CoWN awards, they need to be CoWN members. Motion to add APHA classes to the April, June, and August show from Cole, Lisa seconds.

ADCO: Cancelled all shows because location is under construction and not available till 2026. Ned to update the CoWN show bill to reflect.

Grand Junction: Wants to sanction their April 6th and September 20th shows with CoWN. Their shows all follow SHTX rules, went from 16 to 45 entries in a year. There aren't any other shows out there. RMQHA doesn't have their shows there now, so they have to either come to Denver or Utah. They have one day shows on Saturday and the show is Sunday. Cody Crow is doing the clinic in April and Mark Winn in September. Abbie sent them our affiliation agreement. Troy thinks it's an opportunity to make more money. We make money on the membership and it would fill in ADCO. Mesa County Fairgrounds is a great, large facility. Bill motions to accredit both shows, Lisa seconds.

Collegiate Membership: We would like to increase our college membership. We have waived membership fees for colleges. They get a \$5 discount on entry fees.

Budgets: Hotels \$100-130, awards \$3,300/show (100, 80, 60, 40, and 20) \$22,000 for awards this year. Joseph feels like there were inexpensive rooms offered for his farrier competitions there.

Committees: If you help with anything related to the judges, you can't show at that show. Cole to talk to Lacey about the hauling and storing the trailer. Use Signup Genus to get volunteers to sign up and keep it on FB. Can send it out via email

before each show. Amanda to help send this out. Diana, Cole, and Lisa to help Laura with awards. Social media- Jessica, Diana, and Kyle. Sponsorships- Christy (new board member). Austin likes the idea of putting them on the back of jackets. Show results/ memberships/ standings- Amanda to help Abbie. Austin and Jessica to work on education and clinics. Scholarships- Bill put something in the newsletter about applying. Spirit of CoWN- Lisa.

Logo: Abbie to work on them more and let the membership help pick them. Nice job, Abbie!

New Business: Pro choice- sponsorship donation if we use them for awards

Old Business: Bill has emailed high school rodeo people twice and hasn't heard back.

Next meeting: March 17, 2025 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm. Laura motions to adjourn, Cole seconds.