

## CoWN January 15, 2025 Board Meeting

Attendees: Cintia Armstrong, Joseph Barnett, Laura Bergroth, Diana Duncan, Abbie Ferris, Bill Gentle, Troy Griffith, Lisa Hurd, Jessica Pancost, Diane Steele, and Cole Tully.

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

Last Meeting Minutes: No changes to December minutes. Motion to approve by Lisa, Joseph seconds.

Treasurer's Report: \$64,416.99 in the money market. Checking \$2,494.21. Cintia closed out 2024. One graph shows income summary- entry fees and membership were the main sources of income. Other shows % where money goes and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graph of "other" descriptions. Insurance is through American Reliable Insurance Company, \$1,781, paid through June 26, 2025- liability of injuries at shows. Trailer's insurance is through Progressive (\$299) that Troy pays for and Cintia reimburses. Invoices come to Troy's house, he scans the invoice, and emails it to Cintia. Been using this insurance since Bill was President.

Year End Banquet: Troy wants to have banquet done earlier and before show season. Every place gets a vest. Do knife and buckle for champion. Spurs for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and stirrups for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Laura to order those. 4<sup>th</sup> place hat cans, Troy to reach out to Hamblin Hats. People getting quote for vests, get one for just top five (39 vests) vs top 10 (48 vests), determine turn around time. Abbie, Diana, and Troy to reach out to people for embroidery quotes. Lisa moves for quotes for 48 vests, Abbie seconds. Laura to call Schneiders for 5<sup>th</sup> place for stall or garment bags. Velcro mats for boots- look into those too.

Date TBD based on award delivery. Abbie working on the slide show. CoWN backdrop went through design and will be ready by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The more expensive one (like the trainers have) is more durable and ease of set up vs Vista Print one. Have it be washable.

Show Secretary: Abbie and Troy need to get it to Lacey to have her sign it. Abbie would like to meet with her (she lives a couple blocks from Abbie) to go over Secretary expectations. Needs to design patterns for the shows and someone of the Board help her.

Judges: All judges are signed except for August show- Paint Horse. Everyone else is signed. Cow prices have increased for this year. All three AQHA shows have been approved.

Cattle: April June, August, and October- Joseph to work with Nate on cows. Joseph can come up with some contacts with other contractors if Nate sells and Nate will help us if he does sell.

Horse Protection Act: Not sure if we should be concerned about it or not. Abbie says it's about TN racking horses, but the law is written that it covers any and all shows, all the way down to 4H. You have to hire a specialist to come to the show to monitor horses for being sore or have someone on staff to monitor. If a horse is sore, you need to report it. Goes into effect February 1, 2025. State vet is in charge of the gated shows. Joseph can work on this if this goes into effect. Talk to other associations and see what they're doing. Cole can talk to President of RMQHA.

New Business: New provisional non-pro boxing only class that SHTX is doing. Can't show in that division and another at the same show. Not in non-pro classes, but just non-pro boxing, reining, trail, and pleasure. It's a big class in cow horse. Not eligible for novice riders. SHTX makes this provisional for the first year and doesn't guarantee awards or points. Jill Dunkle will have them go get sponsors for year end award. Make riders do this in general. Talk about it at the banquet.

Have Kubota come to our banquet- Abbie to reach out.

Jackpot- Do jackpot for open and non-pro. No one really understood how this would be run. Abbie wants to run it like SHTX. Fees stay the same, STHX takes class fee and \$20. For every class \$10 goes to class jackpot and \$10 goes to all around jackpot. Can still win jackpot money from just one class, don't need to ride in all 4 classes. SHTX drops entry fee to \$25 if you do jackpot, but CoWN can't afford that so it will stay \$37 for class fee. Cole and Kelly to talk about it again. Need to explain it better to the members. It's in the SHTX rule book. Takes a couple minutes to set up the jackpot in our system. Bill moves to have jackpot in both divisions, Abbie seconds it. Motion passes.

Team Roping at April Show- Jessica did a lot of research on having a roping and has a lot of interest from the roping community about having a team roping during the CoWN Kick Off. However, the ropers want CoWN to handle all the behind the scenes (supply the cattle, judges, announcers, timers, etc.) and put all the money out. Troy asked Jessica to come back to the next meeting on the cost of judges, timers, etc. because CoWN needs to know the financial responsibility before we agree to do this. There was concern about having this roping because CoWN is not a roping membership, in addition to this being the first show with a new show management. Troy will not be at the first show and is concerned about how things are going to happen. Troy suggested we look at the June show at Double Check to possibly have the roping. It was discussed that the ropers would not clean the parking lot or anywhere else at Double Check and this would cost CoWN more money.

Old Business: None

Next meeting: February 10, 2025 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.