

CoWN February 12, 2024 Board Meeting

Attendees: Cintia Armstrong, Joseph Barnett, Laura Bergroth, Diana Duncan, Abbie Ferris, Bill Gentle, Troy Griffith, Lisa Hurd, Kathleen McPhaul, Morgan Moreno, and Cole Tully.

Troy called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Last Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve Cintia, Bill and Cole seconds the motion.

Banquet: \$1,402. Largest turnout and very affordable.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,127.71 checking, \$41,163.26 money market. The only outstanding bill is to pay insurance for \$36. Paid for all the awards and banquet.

Rule/By Law Changes: Be a member for one year to run for the Board. Board and tell whomever is running that we won't accept them on the Board. Rest of the changes are just punctuation. New SHTX rules have been posted on FB and online. New SHTX rule books coming to Troy.

CoWN 2024 Show Schedule: The show schedule has been posted online and FB. The Ranch for Fallfest online. Two shows for Double Check- doesn't have contracts for those shows yet. Troy contacted Lindsay from Double Check to get their contracts, negotiate bathroom cleaning and arena drag. Donate money to CSU for their help. All judges are signed, Bill the announcer is locked in. Troy to send to the Board the contracts. Wants a rough draft November before he steps away. Show secretary- Lacey will do the two in August and managing June and October. She will be hiring a show secretary. Abbie, Troy, and Casey to form a spreadsheet with contact info for judges. June show will not include collegiate.

\$2,000 donation from Kubota Company: Took \$500 for non-pro, open, and youth from the donation and then added to it two years ago. Last year they had a decent payout without added money. Cintia would like to use it towards yearend awards because it affects more people than those doing RR. Kathleen thinks we should put a small amount toward the jackpot because that's what we have presented to riders and Kubota. Troy said he would name the RR jackpot after them- Kubota Ranch Riding Jackpot. They would have a sign and on the screen at the Ranch. We need to give them more recognition than that though. Need to advertise them more. Cintia motions \$1,500 to yearend jackpot (\$500 each division), \$500 for yearend awards or Fallfest fun jackpot or anything else we think we can use it towards. Kathleen seconds it. Troy get a banner from Kubota.

Diane Wenzel: Spirit of CoWN. SHTX does one per division. Abbie can make a Google form and FB flier. Lisa thinks we should advertise this award and after each show people can nominate people that are great volunteers, or super helpful people. Lisa will help to write something up and Bill will announce at the show. Exclude active Board members in receiving this reward.

Scholarship: Cintia needs new Board members' emails. Applications need to be received by March 20, 2024. Last year there were 2 applicants that received them. Ty only went to two vs three shows. Cole feels that Ty has been very involved in CoWN over the years and should be eligible even though he only showed in two shows. SHTX's rule state that an applicant must have shown in at least 8 shows during their high school years. Morgan would like if a college student starts showing in CoWN and makes extra effort to attend CoWN shows above and beyond, they should be available to apply for the scholarship. They don't have to show in collegiate classes- they can show in any division. Kathleen moves to adopting the SHTX verbiage for awarding the scholarship, Cintia second the motion. Students must have shown 3 CoWN shows in calendar year or 8 CoWN shows during high school years. Cintia will make changes to the application and motions, Lisa seconds it.

Moving out of divisions: Over the course of a show season if there are few in a class, they won't count as moving up. If champion or reserve champion for year end, they are required to move up.

Clinic: At Kathleen's will offer free lodging for clinicians, has covered pens for 25 participants. Joseph suggests a fee novice clinic once a month from the open trainers to help the novice riders. Morgan has tried to offer free clinics but

have a problem with getting people to commit to the clinic and show up. Charge a low price that would get their interest. August show has an opening for a clinic. Kathleen needs clinicians in May for a clinic at her location. Kathleen and Laura to do advertising. Diana is doing Memoria Day. 4-5, 11-12 would work- Mother's Day and Extreme Cowgirl in KS. Cole wants to help at the clinics.

RMQHA: Bruce Rice is running for AQHA and someone is running against him. CoWN wants us to right a letter against him. Troy doesn't want us to write a letter against him and have CoWN stay out of this. Can write a personal letter, but not out of CoWN.

Double Judged Shows: Will count towards one show for yearend awards but the points will be combined for one judge. Both shows are not giving prizes for two shows, just one. Bill to write someone out to the Board based on what we have been doing in the past. Cole to reach out to RMQHA to see their processes and report back. Slidin Daze posts something that might be helpful visually to understand how STHX does it. Ranch Horse and Paint horse will both count has double shows as one show is motioned by Lisa, Cintia seconds.

New Business: Morgan took her team to Ft Worth Stock Show, they were second out of all the big shows- not only riding but also a public speech and each person had to answer a question. Morgan to send Bill a news release for the newsletter.

Old Business: Please check on your points within 48 hours after the show has been posted. That's your responsibility.

Next meeting: March 11, 2024 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Abbie.