

CoWN March 11, 2024 Board Meeting

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

Troy called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Last Meeting Minutes: February amendment- Jody Martin Witt wants CoWN to write a letter not in support of Bruce Rice. Motion to approve Abbie, Bill seconds the motion.

Double Judged Show: Per SHTX rule EV 200.7- double points from both judges, but one set of points, but based on two judges, but it counts as one show. Bill moves to drop one show, Lisa seconds. Abbie would like to amend this more next month so it says 20% of shows will be dropped, which is at a max of 2 shows. Need to tell Don Beard because he doesn't do his double judged shows like this. Casey and Troy will talk to him and Doug for April show.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,127.41 checking, \$41,163.26 money market. Need to pay \$1,000 for Double Check deposit for the show, RMQHA \$128.70 for a full page color ad.

Scholarship: Madison Moore is the only one to apply for it. Cintia has sent info to the Cogburn's to let them know that Ty Kraft qualified, but she hasn't heard back yet from them. March 20, 2024 is the deadline.

Double Check Contract: We need to supply a tractor driver and clean the bathrooms. We have stall cleaners from CSU that we will pay. We can create a stall chart and if they don't clean the stalls to the arenas standards, you're responsible for a \$25 stall cleaning charge. Lindsay's email says that they will clean the stalls without a charge. Troy will clarify with her. In the meantime, put a \$20 added fee for cleaning the stalls if they don't clean their stalls. If they clean, they get the money back. Bill thinks collect \$10 each stall and pay CSU regardless so everyone pays. Troy wants to still check with Lindsay for clarification. Bill motions to charge \$10/ stall in addition to what DC charges but we might have to pay CSU more if there are only a few riders, Kathleen seconds. This will be for both Double Check shows. Charge per hour to use the tractor to drag. Outdoor and indoor stall rental is \$30/day. We will charge \$45/day. Will make sure to clarify that we can bring our own shavings. Do trail and pleasure outside arena, which is \$800 for the four days. Charge for sound system, they charge for cattle pens, food trucks. Please look at the attachments Troy sent to us. Bill thinks we should tell people to bring their own shavings and must have two bags minimum.

FB and Webpage: Rachel isn't on the Board anymore and would like someone else to take this over because shes too busy now. Need someone to proof the grammar and punctuation. Jessica will take it over and Rachel will train her. If it's too overwhelming, Jessica will let the Board know.

Diane Wenzel Award: Lisa created a nomination application for members and volunteers. Bill wants to give outgoing board members a plaque for their service. Cole volunteers to buy the awards and laser them for the last year members. Cole to work with Laura. It would be a yearend award vs per show. Jessica suggest having a sheet when people check out/in so they can think about through the show who they would nominate. Have Bill announce it too during the show. 5 different divisions are listed for this award- Novice/intermediate; limited, jr horse, non pro; open and jr horse open; youth, novice youth, and Diane Wenzel volunteer award.

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. STHX'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 STHX 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.

Clinic: At Kathleen's will offer free lodging for clinicians, has covered pens for 25 participants. Charge a low price that would get their interest. What about when the Guthrie clinic is offered? Jessica is part of a 503c from War Party and would like to offer a spot in the clinic. Women are taken out of their traumatic situation and in a new ranch situation for 12 weeks and learn how to pack and ranch after a 12 week course. Jessica can donate a horse and Cole would pay for their spot. Will charge a small fee for the clinic. Bill would like Jessica to bring some of those women to our shows to give them some recognition. Troy think it would be better PR if CoWN paid for their attendance vs Cole paying for it. Maybe offer a donation box too. Laura and Kathleen to circle back on the clinic.

New Business: Nate Bowers has two arenas to use. Trainers donate half a day for free. We need to pay cattle fee. Laura and Joseph to meet about that. Kelly and Phil would like to help out. Set up a separate trail course. Nate would like Kathleen to reach out to him ASAP if we plan on using him for CoWN during our shows.

Old Business: None.

Next meeting: April 8, 2024 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment by Bill/Cole, Lisa seconds.