

CoWN April 8, 2024 Board Meeting

Attendees: Cintia Armstrong, 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: No changes.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,127.41 checking, \$41,163.26 money market. This hasn't been updated since last month because Cintia is busy doing taxes, but will send an updated report the end of April.

Scholarships: Received applications from Miranda Crisp, Madison Moore, Ty Kraft, and Kelsi Douglas this year. All are eligible and Cintia will forward them to the Board. The Board awarded \$3,000 in scholarships last year. Jessica has led a silent auction before and could do something at our last show of the year to raise money for the scholarships. RMQHA does baskets of wine and other adult beverages and the proceeds go to the scholarships. It would be helpful to maybe make a QR code and people can apply that way additionally. Troy will also bring hard copies for the application and post at shows. Jessica will post scholarship info on FB.

Double Check: We still need a tractor driver and someone to clean the bathrooms. We have stall cleaners from CSU that we will pay. Kyle could help on Sunday; Bill, Diana, and her sons can help with the bathrooms.

Diane Wenzel and Spirit of CoWN Awards: Lisa created a nomination application for members in the divisions (Spirit of CoWN award) and volunteers (Diane Wenzel). Abbie created a Google doc where people can apply for either award. Jessica to put online.

Clinic: At Kathleen's on May 25 (Memorial weekend). Will offer free lodging for clinicians and pens for their horse. Kathleen, Warrick, and Phil will be the clinicians. Has covered pens for 20 participants. \$250 per person for the clinic. Max of 20 people. Charge \$20/night for stalls and the people need to clean their pens. \$20/night for RV hookup (electricity and water), no charge for dry camping. 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 will donate a horse and pay horse boarding, Lisa will pay for their lodging, and Cole will pay for their spot. Laura to make the flier. Call it the Novice Showmen Clinic. It won't be for beginners- must be able to w, t, l. Novice riders and CoWN members get priority, then open it up to others. Lunch will be provided and paid for out of the proceeds. The remainder of the money made will go to CoWN.

People are welcome to stay for the weekend- there are thousands of acres of public land, forest, and BLM to ride on.

New Business: Is Nate raising cattle prices? No. He isn't gouging us, but rates are increasing across the board. He is willing to provide the cattle for all of our shows at a good price, he's a good guy, and his help gets the cattle in/out of the arena quickly.

Susan Thomas was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. It might be nice to nominate her for the Spirit of CoWN award. She's a great person, like family, and always helps any member in need. We need to find a creative way to do a fundraiser for her that doesn't put her on the spot. Lisa suggests a gift card exchange (the Visa ones) that she can use. Could also do a frozen meal/ food subscription services or a fun class like Cow 8 or another jackpot and have the funds go to her. Troy, Abbie, Casey, and Diana to discuss.

The flier for the EZ horse show is incorrect. Jessica hasn't heard back from EZ yet either, so she will show the correction on a FB post. Doug is having CoWN cutting class, but the points won't go towards year end point- just for that show. Not sure if Doug is doing awards or payouts.

Old Business: None.

Next meeting: May 13, 2024 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment by Cole, Kathleen seconds.