

CoWN September 8, 2025 Board Meeting

Attendees: Joseph Barnett, Laura Bergroth, Diana Duncun, Abbie Ferris, Bill Gentle, Troy Griffith, Lisa Hurd, Jessica Pancost, Kristi Street, Cole Tully, and Amanda Van Der Zwagg.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Motion to approve August minutes- Cole motions, Amanda seconds.

Treasurers Report: Summer Fest- we made more money than expected. There is \$25,100 in the CD, \$68k in the Money Market, \$1,000 in the Youth Board account, and under \$7k in the checking. We still haven't received a check from the Paint Brush Show, which is about \$2,300. Year end amounts should likely be around \$40k. Doug feels we're not getting accurate reports from shows in a timely manner and he suggests we need to reset our expectations with Lacey about results and financials. He also suggested we might need to look into different software, but Abbie needs to talk to Lacey to see where the problem is. AQHA tacks on fees to the show secretary if they're not getting things to us in a timely manner. Lacey's contract with us is a year long and Tammie works for Lacey. There shouldn't be overtime for them to give us the required deliverables and their day fee should be a salary vs hourly position. Abbie has asked Lacey to help out with the problems we're having with Tammie- Lacey is in the loop and is on board to rectify the situation. This all falls on Lacey, however, because our contract is with Lacey, even if Tammie is making the mistakes. Cole handed out awards at the last show and he found about 15 errors that needed to be fixed. Abbie has found errors as well. Abbie will speak with Tammy Maas to see if she can help with this at our last show.

FallFest: Having a trail clinic. The Youth Board suggested a freestyle reining (we've done this in the past and interest dropped) or something riding bareback, but many can't ride bareback. It can be a non-horse fun event too. Kristi to talk to the Youth Board about this again.

Novice Horse- Call it an Open Rider Schooling Class, open to Open riders only with any aged horse. You will be judged, but not get any points, money, or awards. You have to be a member to be in this class, plus pay an office and haul in fee. All four classes will be offered, no jackpot. Motion to approve from Lisa, Troy second. Passes.

2026 Schedule: \$500/arena/day, \$35/hr/drag for McCook. The Ranch eliminated our April date. We have June 25-28 at The Ranch. Abbie to see if there are other dates, but the June event conflicts with the AQHA VRH world show so we couldn't have AQH VRH classes at our show. It might be tough to do a show with RMQHA at The Ranch because they're all around shows. Cutting jackpot pays for our cows for an entire show, so having one at a show is profitable, and would make a show at The Ranch potentially profitable if we didn't have VRH. For August 2026, we could go to Estes or McCook and likely Double Check.

Clinics: Would like some during the winter. Cutting clinic with Troy Vernon. Joseph is working on this.

Awards: Professional Choice has an awards division, so if you send an email to them, they'll sponsor small things. Cole to provide Laura with the email contact. We're good on buckles. Laura to get a breakdown of awards left to Diana tomorrow.

Sponsorship Packets: Jessica is still working on them. She did a really nice job on the flyer. We just need some dollar amounts on the flyer.

Website: Squarespace is less money for web hosting than our current vendor. We're paying \$900/year for our current host and they're not doing a great job. Jessica is working on this.

Youth Board: A potential fundraiser could be baskets that parents, trainers, or barns put together and people bid on it during a silent auction. Kristi to share this idea with them. We need another fun day for FallFest.

Scholarships: How much can we set aside this year? Need Doug to weigh in on it and he's not on the call. Can we use some of the money or interest accrued in the CD? We need to start advertising when we are accepting applications. Last year we gave \$1,000 each to the 4 qualified applicants and awarded them around Spring, and paid the money to the school directly. Table for next meeting.

Old Business: Bill provided a description in our last newsletter about entering the Grand Junction show because it can be difficult to navigate. He can help people if they have troubles with it.

Please "reply to all" on our email chains so we can see everyone's responses.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2025 at 7pm.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:44 pm Lisa, Diana seconds.