

## 2008 Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2008

The 2008 Board and General Meeting was brought to order at 2:30 pm by President Scott Tullis at the Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, WA.

Minutes from last year's board and general meeting were read by Secretary Becky Sleeman. It was moved by Patti Scott and Sharon Tullis seconded to approve. Passed

Financial report was given by Patti Scott. Everyone was given a copy of the financial report for the year and the shows that the club produced. See financial report attached. Jeff Sleeman moved and Tina Mathews seconded to accept. Passed

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Website:** Sharon Tullis contacted a gal who put together a website for their rodeo- Sharon Tullis and Shannon Needell talked and Sharon had a list of costs for updating our website to include dates of all shows

She wants our website to be place where everyone in the Northwest goes to get information and show schedules. Our current website needs to be updated. Shannon has been charging the club \$25 an hour for the last few years. See the sheet costs that are proposed. Peter Spadoni would like us to check on different sites that have an entry system and look and see what other clubs are doing on their websites. Pete Sartin would like to have a newsletter in hand. Patti Scott explained about that the NW had a cutter section that was proposed to go in the Cascade Horseman but it got shot down last year. All the clubs in the NW would have had to okay it for Cascade Horseman to run it. Patti explained that we have to decide on something and get going on it. Peter Spadoni said it is time to update ours to the new age and get the website going. Dave Huber suggested that we decide on a budget for the magazine or website and look into a committee coordinating this.

The committee to coordinate all the website and newsletters will be Sharon, Shannon and Karen.

Is there a better way to get all the information out to everyone? If anyone has any ideas, please let us know.

Patti suggested that we need a direct mailing to at least give everyone our show schedule and minutes from meeting- this can help to get everyone involved in what is going on in the club early.

Tina Mathews will do a mailing with the schedule and minutes from this meeting.

2 ½ minutes magazine sent a letter and gave us three(3) options that we must decide if we wanted by Dec.1, 2008.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> option was a free to us as a club to put our schedule on their calendar.

Pete Sartin suggested that we not do anything. Dave Huber gave us his opinion. He likes the magazine and he thinks it has value. Dave thinks we should have an option to try and get them to do what we want. John Lindsey thinks we should get them to try and do it the way that will help the club. A motion was made by Greg Jones to take option #3 since it won't cost us anything. Seconded by Jeff Sleeman. Passed with 1 opposed.

**LAE and Finals:** The Finals and LAE cleared \$8693 this year. We lost power and a full day showing for the Finals because of the power outage and we figured that we lost about \$1500. It was suggested that we have the same money added at this point as this past year for the LAE next year. Unless we can come up with a major sponsor. Becky will send in the approval by end of December for our next year LAE.

Patti Scott reported on how we have the Open and Non-Pro 7-Up class. It really isn't a very big class and she said that we had decided to talk about it more this year. She had Josh Sleeman explain about the Pro-Am class that is being offered at other Aged Events and the excitement it brings to an Aged Event. At most all the other Aged Events it is a big class and helps bring lots of different levels of participation from all different club members. It involves a non-pro and a trainer riding the same horse. Each has a go round ride and then the best score (either non-pro or trainer) come back to the Finals. This has really been a great class for lots of different Aged Events. Very exciting!!!

Jeff Sleeman moved and Greg Jones seconded to try that class this year. Passed  
The LAE will run September 28-October 2 this year. (Tuesday through Friday)

**By-Laws:** The by- laws need to be revisited. We haven't gone through them for a couple years and we need to make some changes that get us updated with our current by-laws that have been voted on by the membership. Brent Mathews (VP) will be in charge of going through the by-laws and revisiting them.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**NWCHA proposal:** The NWCHA contacted Scott and asked that we bring to our membership the proposal to add \$3 a run to each of our runs to help with Area 1 awards. These would be similar to the awards that will be given out this year. NWCHA can't afford to give these awards without the other clubs helping out. – Jim Scott moved and Greg Jones seconded that we DO NOT accept this proposal. Passed  
John Paul gave his opinion on this proposal. He felt we do need to do something to get more people involved in cutting. He wanted to know if the \$3 doesn't work than did anyone else have any ideas that would. He felt as a club we didn't look at this proposal the right way. We need something that is good for everyone.

### **Schedule:**

The following is the proposed schedule for next year. If this doesn't work we can deal with later. Some of the dates may conflict with NCHA Aged events and we don't have an updated schedule for next year until NCHA has them, so we will address conflicts then.

March 14 & 15---Madras, OR- Norton Arena

April 18 & 19----Sunnyside, WA- Sartin Arena

May 16 & 17----Sunnyside, WA- Sartin Arena

June 5,6 & 7----- (TBA) Oregon Association will host it in Oregon, probably in Redmond or Albany.

July 18 & 19-----Sunnyside, WA- Sartin Arena

August 8 & 9----Sunnyside, WA- Sartin Arena

Sept. 5 & 6-----Sunnyside, WA- Sartin Arena

Sept. 29-Oct. 2- Limited Aged Event- Madras, Oregon- Norton Arena

Oct. 2-4-----Madras, Oregon- Norton Arena—Finals Show

Scott reported that the Lundgrens were offered to have our August show but they declined with the same proposal that we were given from Pete Sartin at his place in Sunnyside. We will address any conflicts in our schedule as they appear. Sharon moved and Patti seconded to accept this schedule. It passed with 3 opposed. Becky will turn in the approvals to NCHA right away to get our dates on the website.

John Paul wanted to talk to Pete about changing a little bit of his arena with a false wall to help stopping cows. He would like Pete to think about this change so that it will cut the arena down and make it so the cows don't go back and around horse so much. He and Pete will talk later.

Jeff is trying and working on NCHA Days at Vancouver, WA for next year. He tried to get it for this year but the dates were taken. He will work on it for next year so that we can put in for the NCHA days early. We will try to get all the NW clubs to co-approve with us.

Pete Sartin discussed that he has a new cow guy. He seems to be very easy so far to work with. He doesn't think there is any problem with cattle. He would like us to form three committees to help him with the shows. We will need to help with - irrigation- work arena- cattle moved- . Pete would like to have a say as to who he would like to have help him. Only certain people will be allowed to drive tractor and such around his place. The cattle will cost \$25 each. We have to feed them while they are at his place. He figures it will be between a \$1 and \$2 a cow for feed. We will get all the practice and re-runs on the cattle.

How are we paying for our hay? Patti moved that we add \$2 per run in the office charge to cover the cost of cattle. Much discussion on the exact cost of the cattle being fed. May have a different charge at different shows. It was moved and seconded to do this. Passed

It was brought up that we need to have enough stalls on grounds so everyone has a stall and so no one has to drive off grounds. Scott will look into this and report back to the Board of Directors.

**Saddles for next Year:** The Saddles this year we collected \$6415. We needed \$10,000 for four saddles. Saddle committee needs to come up with new ideas to get more money collected. John explained that we will gain practices. Patti explained that saddles went up this year is one reason. The silent auction at the shows was a good deal as we got quite a bit of money at the one we had.

Need some new ideas to get sponsorships for awards and saddles.

Greg thinks we should revisit the 4<sup>th</sup> saddle idea with the economy the way it is, later in the year.

Pete thinks club needs to get string cow to help club make more money.

John and Josh discussed that we need to get everyone excited about the saddle race earlier. Need everyone involved and excited about it. If everyone gets excited maybe we'll find more sponsorships.

Tina Mathews suggested that we talk with the Non-Pros and see what would make them more excited about riding for saddles.

Scott needs a committee to help with this committee.- Kris Haas and Krista Parypa will head up the saddle committee and Dave Hube will help. We will get auctions and other items going right away at our shows. Everyone needs to start thinking about this during the off months.

Peter Spadoni said he would like us to think about having a 5/6 class this year in our classes. No other discussion on this item.

**New Directors:**

We have three director positions open this year. The following were nominated from the floor.

Nominated:  
Wylie Gustfason  
Brad Smith  
Peter Spadoni  
Carol Kneeshaw  
Brent Mathews  
Josh Sleeman

After voting the three directors are:

Wylie  
Brad  
Josh

The president position was brought up by Jeff Sleeman. He suggested that we change the way that the club votes for the President. He feels it should be a two year position instead of a one year position.

Patti Scott moved to amend the by-laws to make the President position a two year term - with the current VP taking the President position automatically. Discussion on this proposal. We would like to start this position after one more year so Scott will continue as President and Brent will continue as VP until next year Banquet. Jerry McGuire seconded. Passed

Jeff talked about the club getting a string cow and changing the last three classes of the day to re-run cow classes. If we don't have cattle this could be a problem. It will also be a problem if our classes are very big. There was much discussion and most everyone just wanted to have 2 cows per cutters in these classes instead of re-runs. This will be looked at later if the problem arises. We will leave it like we do it now unless there is a problem.

The President will assign committee people later.

The club would like to "Thank" Liz Southard and Krista Parypa for all the work on the Banquet. Thanks for a great banquet girls!!!!

Meeting is adjourned at 6:00 pm and the Banquet will begin.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Sleeman  
Secretary