

USWRCA --MINUTES

April 12, 2022

Attending: President- Jackie O'Shea, Head Judge- Steve Campbell, Judges: Gina Bryson, Crystal Gruber, Robyn Gruber, Alan James, Karl Jensen, Jim Millerburg, Phone: LaMar Beckstead, Dave Glade, Darwin Hall, Amanda Hoesel, District 2- Tiffanie Taylor, Nettie Born, Shalae Call, Lori Johnson, Gabby Shradley, Gina Johnson, Lexi Johnson, District 3- Kendall McLelland, District 6- Jamie Webb- phone, District 7- Jeff Sandberg, Brooke Gilmore, Tara Thurgood, Tawshawni Butcher, Jennifer Mitchell, Dyllan Norman, District 13- Stephanie Sandberg, Marilyn Thurgood, TeRia Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Roll was taken and contact information obtained.

Jackie O'Shea mention that she is looking for another place to hold State meeting, possible in Springville-Denny's. Jackie will have Candace send out email advising the location.

Steve Campbell welcomed the judges and those that were present.

JUDGING GUIDELINES:

- Steve handed out a pamphlet that was made by Robyn Gruber. Steve stressed to read pamphlet every time before you judge, along with the rule book.
- Judges/Directors should have full knowledge of USWRCA by-laws and rules. Director/ State President should be present at judge's clinics to support the judges. Judges need support from the contestants, directors, those in the grand stand.
- Judging sheets: Use USWRCA score sheets (located on the website and also was passed out to those present), no outside judge's sheets are to be used. Show directors will provide judges with the filled out USWRCA scoresheets. Make sure the score sheets are complete, accuracy and added up correctly, by the judge.
- Per By-laws: To receive a judge's card an apprentice judge must be a roster member, must attend the annual judges clinic, judge two (2) District shows in the same year with two different qualified judges and be recommended by them.

COMPLAINTS:

- Time limits on classes for going too long. Be aware of how long. Work both directions, just don't drag out the show. Make sure you, the judge, is picking the winners not your scribe or anyone else that is in the arena.
- When totaling scores make sure you add up the scores to make sure they are correct. Take time to do so.

LAME HORSE:

- Rulebook/Bylaws states: "If a judge has reason to believe a horse is unsound in any way, it is his/her duty to dismiss the horse from the class and not place them." Make sure you are absolute positive that the horse is lame before you remove them.
- Make sure you are knowledgeable about judging procedures.

LINE UP:

- No schooling horse, jerking etc., due to you are being judged when you enter the arena to the time you exit. Be professional at all times.
- Necessary requirements to compete in show.

CUTTING:

- Steve provide two judges sheets that he had picked up from a prior cutting show which shows how different each judge fills out the score sheet. Cannot afford or have time to have 2 judges at the shows due to different decisions.

- Steve mentioned about asking the District's to commit to pay \$50 each to hold a cow cutting judges clinic. Any member can come and learned the techniques of how cow cutting is done.
- Accounting accuracy.
- An average score will be seventy (70). One half points are permissible.
- Credit or deductions: Herd work-driving a cow, controlling the cow, degree of difficulty, eye appeal, time worked, amount of courage, loose reins, excessive herd holder help.
- Should be able to do simple math, know how much per penalties: (page 23-25)
 - $+ = 1$, $\sqrt{\quad} = 1/2$, $\sqrt{-} = -1/2$, $-- = -1$
- Won't lose points if using reins to guide horse, but will get bonus points if horses does work on its own.
- Must do a deep cut anytime during the cut.
- Steve mentioned to go and watch Utah Cutting Horse Association May 20-21, 2022. Ask the secretary for a copy of the judge's sheets to look over.

REINING:

- Meet with each contestant before starting. Make sure there is not illegal bits before starting. No gag bits. May have a head Stewart stand outside gate checking on equipment.
- Score can be based from 0 to infinity with 70 denoting an average performance. Individual maneuvers are scored ½ point increments from low of -1 ½ to a high +1 ½ with a score of 0 for correct with no degree of difficulty. Spurring in front of cinch, holding saddle with either hand, disobedience, failure to follow the pattern, five point penalty for each "omission" or "inclusion" of maneuvers. (Page 25-27)
- The pattern for 2022- you will do a large fast circle first then a small slow circle.

WESTERN PLEASURE:

- Show at a walk, job, and lope in both directions. A "moderate extension" of a job may be asked. Credit should be given to the flowing, balanced, and willing horse. No schooling while being judged.
- It was mentioned about the size of classes if the judge could separate each group. It will take longer if this is done. Try to do your best to eliminate contestants by those who has missed a lead etc.
- MATCHED PAIRS PLEASURE:
- Same as Western Pleasure except dismounting and remounting. Stools will be allowed to use if needed. Matched pairs will be disqualified if horses are pained to match. Matching as to pairs 30%, Manners 40%, Performance 30%. Equipment used should match.

PARADE:

- There will be no backward movement as a group in any of the parade maneuvers. Entire group must go backwards to be disqualified.
- Parade is judged on the following:
 - Appearance: rider, horse clean, equipment
 - Conduct: riders and horse show good, safe manners-correct spacing, alignment and flowing.

DRILL:

- Drill is judged on the following:
 - Appearance: riders, horses and tack clean and in good condition. Uniformity in dress and tack
 - Degree of Difficulty: A team that performs a more difficult drill should receive more credit. Difficulty is determined not only by difficulty of maneuver itself, but also by speed (jog/ lope)
 - Precision performance: maintaining space, flow

Conclusion:

- Steve asked if there was any questions. Jamie Webb stated not to have any judges outside USWRCA that are not certified. Jeff Sandberg mentioned that clubs would like to have outside judges.
- Candace will attach the Judge Apprentice form along with updated reining pattern.
- Most important thing about a judge= make sure to judge everyone the same.

Let Candace know who will be judging district shows, so she will be able to let the apprentice this year to come.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm