



## USWRCA – MINUTES

March 10, 2026

Attending: President – Karl Jensen; Secretary – Candace Ogaz; Treasurer – Stephanie Sandberg (on the phone); District 1 – Jack Taylor, CJ Alfred, Alan James; District 2 – Amanda Hoesel, Tiffanie Taylor; District 3 – Rebekah Brackus, Kara Kindig (both on the phone); District 4 – Dave Glade, Liz Martin-Taylor; District 5 – Ron Brinkerhoff, Chris Swenson; District 6 – Karl Jensen, Rachel Wilkinson; District 7 – Jeff Sandberg, Dyllan Fowers; District 9 – Heidi Stout (on the phone); District 10 – Megan Wood, Aaron Evans; District 13 – Nate Ellis, Mike Muir

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and the board was thanked for their attendance and service.

- Agenda Item 1: Review of September minutes ○ Discussion: Motion to accept Sept minutes by Jack Taylor and seconded by Rachel Wilkinson. Approved by all.
  - Action/Results: Minutes will be on the USWRCA website.
- Agenda Item 2: 2025 Year-End Financial Report ○ Discussion: Monthly Report – Checking: \$4,694.97 Savings: \$25 □ Motion to accept report by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Jack Taylor, approved by all.
  - We have to pay for a steer that was injured at state. Total for that steer is \$1,500 to be paid to Zane Dansie. Motion made by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Nate Ellis.
- We need to keep kids out of the cattle pens. If you walk by the cattle pens and they need water or feed take the time to take care of them. If you see something say something.
- After the cattle events are over take the time to check on the cattle.
- Agenda Item 3: Election of New Officers ○ State President – Jeff Sandberg
  - Jeff Sandberg, nominated by Liz Martin-Taylor, seconded by Amanda Hoesel. All in favor ○
  - South Vice President – Jack Taylor □
  - Jack Taylor, nominated by Megan Wood, seconded by Rachel



- Agenda Item 7: New Business ○ New clubs
  - Buckin' Van Dam Shenanigans – District 9. Club number 20
- Motion by Jack Taylor and seconded by Rachel Wilkinson to accept the new club. Approved by all.
  - Regulators from District 7 are wanting to go to District 4. Motion by Amanda Hoesel, seconded by Liz Martin-Taylor to accept the move. Approved by all.
  - Reminder you can only ride in one club! Anyone in the club can ride the horse in one event. ○ Zoom meetings? Motion was declined

USWRCA website: [uswrace.com](http://uswrace.com) – state minutes, forms, schedules, judges and director lists, etc.

#### Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- April 14 – Judges meeting/Clinic
- May 12 – Trophy, Cattle, Announcer Bids due
- June 9 – Collection of Dues, Plan State Show ○ **(Club dues \$50, State dues \$25 (per person), Region dues \$15 (per person))**
- July 14 – Plan for Steward's meeting
- Aug 11 – Pick up Trophies, discuss District show concerns.
- Sept 11 – State Show meeting

**State – Sept 11-12, 2026, Contoy Arena – 995 W 1000 S, Mount Pleasant, Utah**

**North Region – Aug 28-29, 2026, Contoy Arena – 995 W 1000 S, Mount Pleasant, Utah**

**South Region – Aug 21-22, 2026, Contoy Arena – 995 W 1000 S, Mount Pleasant, Utah**

## Rule Book Proposals: 2026-2031

### Page 4:

State meetings: Starting in March and changing agenda

- March – vote for presidency and bids
- April – Judges meeting and clinic
- May – Plan state meeting and Dues
- Aug – District concerns
- Sept – State show
- Oct – Recap of year

### Page 5:

Riding Clubs: The steps to set up a club

- Current - Solicit members. There is no minimum number for members, but many events require three (3) or more members.
- **Replace with - Solicit members. A club must have a minimum of 5 members.**

(We feel that a club should constitute enough members to actually be a “club” and not a couple of single riders. Also, clubs need to have enough members to help offer “club” support at shows.)

- We would like a paragraph to be added concerning District requirements.  
**Add - A group of at least three (3) clubs may solicit the State to form a district. A representative for these clubs may present an application at a State meeting a minimum of 30 days prior to rosters being due.**

(Thoughts behind this are that a club and/or members cannot be their own district. A district should be comprised of multiple clubs.)

- **Note**: If this is added we would allow any existing districts already accepted into the state organization to continue with at least the minimum number of clubs used to form it.

#### Page 6:

- **Current** - Club names may be chosen by the members. Club colors should also be selected. A club number will be assigned by the State Secretary.
- **Replace with - Club names may be chosen by the members.**  
(We would like to delete the portion of this statement that references club colors and numbers. Clubs randomly change colors all the time and we would like to change the requirement of numbers. – addressed further down)
- **Currently** - Horses used in any event must be 100% owned by an active member of the same club on or before June 1 of the current year. (Leasing is not a form of ownership).
- **Replace with - Horses need to be owned or leased by a club member prior to being used at a District show.**  
(This is a very outdated rule. Horses get hurt, sold, etc. all the time. **Current examples**: If you buy a horse in July, you can’t use it. If a family member is taking a year off and you want to use their horse, you can’t.)  
Horses also get hurt between district, region and state. Why not give our members the chance to still compete.

#### Page 7,9,17-8:

Remove grand entry and only do National anthem and on Saturday of show announce show staff, along with remove that riders must be qualified.

- A lot of districts don't do grand entry and or parade.

**Page 8:**

- We would like to leave this section the same but would like to emphasize the **72-hour** rule. It is very frustrating to have a team or member that would love to complete and are not able to just because they were not given notice. Some people may have to bring a different horse or arrive at a show earlier if they are bumped up, it is not fair if they are not given that notice. There is a reason for this rule, and it should be enforced. (There are of course legitimate reasons for less notice which the rule book also covers.)
- Remove: State show should be held in the same region as the State President. As often as possible, the meet will be held in the president's region.

Page 9-3: if an event is added to the program, an event must be dropped for the program.

- Add: if an event is dropped from the program, an event does not need to be added.

Page 10-6: Remove – stop watches must be checked before the show. All stewards and timers must be instructed and have watches checked before the start of each show.

Page 11-e: Remove – hats should be retrieved by a member of the team that lost it.

**Page 11:**

**#9 - Referring to club numbers**

We would like the requirement for club numbers to be removed. Numbers can still be displayed but will not be required and no one will be disqualified for not wearing one.

**Please consider -**

Can anyone ever remember ever actually hearing a club referred to in any way by a number?

Has anyone ever been called into the arena by their number? (Not including judged events.)

Has a secretary ever kept record by club numbers? (Not including judged events.)

In reality – Clubs are identified by club name or other known things such as “red vests”, “yellow shirts”, ‘tie dye pants” etc.

**Page 11:**

#12 – Whenever possible we would like local vet’s information provided in the program. This is easy to overlook but would be very appreciated if needed.

Page 12-13: remove – sponsors shall be allowed at region and state shows only if they have paid the money as an official sponsor of the USWRCA to the secretary. Clubs may still sell tickets for special drawings for their club or districts.

Page 12-15: protest - remove no video recording or pictures to be used. Many events now allow recording and pictures to be used to protest an event. Also they are used to review the event.

**Page 13:**

#21 – Current – A broken pattern in any event, except reining will a disqualification.

**Replace with – A broken pattern if not corrected in any event will be a disqualification. This is with the exception of reining which will be penalized for a broken pattern.**

(This is for clarification. An example: If you break the pole or barrel pattern you can go back and correct it and still receive a time.)

Page 13-20: remove batons from events. Use the tail to nose process.

**Page 14-26, 15-26b-c:** remove civic award - in the past 10 years there has only been 2 times that civic information has been turned in.

Page 14-25: add illegal catches will not be considered in draws.

- Specify whether illegal catches will be considered in the first draw rounds when all placings are not filled. It’s illegal for a reason to protect the animal. They should not be considered.

**Page 17:**

#8 – Grand Entry ???

- Leave as is
- Make it optional, not mandatory
- Replace with a “flag” ceremony

**Page 18:** Glossary

Current - Western Bridle: Headset will be of western type such as split ear or brow band with a curb bit. (For detailed explanation of western equipment see Rule 443 in the AQHA handbook.)

*( You have to keep searching to find all the specifics on this rule)*

**Replace with – Western Bridle: Headset will be of western type such as split ear or brow band with a shank bit. (Shank bit has shanks, works with leverage and has a chin strap. It may have a solid or broken mouthpiece. It may not have any kind of attached nose piece.)**

(For the purpose of our organization this has been very confusing to so many. Bits have expanded in so many ways with so many varieties that it has often become an individual’s interpretation of what is legal and not legal. We would like to make it simple: If a bit has a shank you one hand. If it is a snaffle (no shank) you two hand. There is no reason to nitpick and expect members to buy additional bits, use something the horse hates, etc. Keep it simple and allow participants to use any general bit that is comfortable for them and the horse.)

**Judges’ payment-** add: Currently for District shows, judges shall be paid fifty dollars plus mileage one way at the rate of \$0.62 per mile to be paid by the district. Region shows shall be paid at the rate of seventy-five dollars plus mileage one way at the rate of \$0.62 per mile. The state or district organizations shall not be responsible for motel rooms retained by the judges.

**Page 19 –** make chaps optional

Page 20: Parade – add at least one member must be in a forward motion. Remove no backward movement as a group.

Page 31: Arena Sorting – request to clean up Arena Sorting section so it’s organized like the other events into “Set-up” and “Rules” sections. Request the time limit be stated sooner in the description rather than later so its easier to find and to avoid error in thinking sorting is the same time limit as penning.

Page 23-24: Ranch Cow Cutting – have a set standard size for the pen for all shows.

Cutting contestant's horse cannot be herd help.

Get 4-6 individuals to be herd help (volunteers), not the contestants.

### **Page 36: (Breakaway)**

Current – A long white flag provided by the roper must be attached to the end of the rope.

**Replace with - A long, easily seen flag provided by the roper must be attached to the end of the rope. Or remove the requirement for a flag.**

### **Page 39:**

Current – Markers must be 30 feet apart, arena conditions permit.

**Replace with – Arena conditions permitting, markers must be a minimum of 30 feet and if possible will be set wider to accommodate the event.**

(This would help clarify that for events such as barrels and 5 in a row the starting line could be set wider making it safer for the timers and easier for the contestants.)

Page 39: Hide Race- add 1 attempt. No circling back around. Keep a forward motion.

### **Page 46: (Team Barrels)**

Current - If a barrel is knocked over, the rider must go back to the barrel, dismount, set up the barrel, go back around the barrel, and continue the pattern.

**Replace with – If a barrel is knocked over the rider has the option to go back to the barrel, dismount, set up the barrel, go back around the barrel, and continue the pattern. If barrel is set up no penalty will be given. Or the rider may choose the leave the barrel knocked over and continue the pattern. If barrel is left down a 5 second penalty will be given. Any remaining team members will have to run the pattern with the barrel down.**

**Please consider –**

- Our organization has multiple members that may struggle with dismounting and re-mounting the horse. On top of that, horses are usually more jazzed up during competitions. It is a safety issue for several people to attempt this without assistance.

- It does not give any advantage to the team to run with a down barrel as most horses will not run as smooth or fast when avoiding a barrel that is down.
- The team/member can choose whether to take the penalty or stand the barrel up. They are not locked into one way or the other.
- 5 in a row is an example of another event where the team will finish the pattern with a barrel or pole knocked over.

#### **Page 46: (Water Race)**

Current – There is a 6 minute time limit on this event.

**Replace with – There is a 5 minute time limit on this event.**

**Replace time limit to 4 minutes.**

**Ideas of passing the ladles- have 2 ladles or use cups so 2 riders have them in hand and use the nose to tail process.**

**Establish ladle size, suggested 12oz**

**Must alternate riders, cannot go back to back after the 4<sup>th</sup> rider has gone**

#### **Page 50: (Team Poles)**

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## **Page 52: (Trailer Race)**

Current – There may not be anything in the trailer (i.e., hay, grain, tack, tools, etc.

### **Recommendation – Remove this**

Trailer is rough enough on the poor horses. If you want to hang a hay bag to keep them occupied and standing straight, who cares. These events are supposed to be fun, not overly nitpicky. **Page 53: (Trailer Race)**

Current – The trailer latch is up when entering arena, when run if over the latch can be up or down.

### **Recommendation – Remove this?**

What does this even mean, does it make sense?

Add – SUV's maybe used and the hatch door must be closed prior to the starting the event.

Have the steward make the call (like in water race) to stop timers for the team.

## Time limit options

- 5-minute time limit on all events unless already stated. Not including cattle events and drill.
- Potato Race- 6 minute time limit   ○ Or 4 minute time limit
- Pony Express – 8 minute time limit (roughly 1 minute 30 seconds per rider)
  - Trailer Race – 5 minute time limit

Cattle must be ran through chutes before event starts.

Judge events – 30 minute time limit. Or walk, jog, lope both directions twice, then bring contestants into the center back and ask your top 10 to come back to the rail and dismiss the rest. Making the class shorter but also giving everyone a change to show their horse.

Dropping events due to the lack of participation and injuries. Examples of events that should be dropped – pony express, ribbon roping, hide race, trailer race, and potato race. Drop 2 or more events.

Remove Arena Sorting from events. This saves time and cattle from being over used.

No practicing while the event is being setup or during the event. Fine or loss of points for that event

Add a trail event and alternate years with reining. Time limit for trail class.

Keep reining pattern small

Change that show shirts must be just long sleeve western style shirts. No zippers USWRCA attire (jacket, etc) is okay to wear over club shirts in bad weather.

Cash prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ○ State -  
\$25 ○ Region -  
\$20
- High Point Club ○  
State
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50 ○ Region
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75

Dropping the number of teams coming to state to 7 – there are a lot of teams that drop out. People don't want to make the drive and the cost to drive, stall and camp.