



## USWRCA -- MINUTES

**April 13, 2021**

**Attending:** State Judge- Steve Campbell; Judges: Gina Bryson, Crystal Gruber, Robyn Gruber, Amanda Hoesel, Alan James, Karl Jensen, Jim Millerberg, Gaye Tuft; Apprentices: Marilyn Thurgood, Jackie O'Shea, Shane Stewart, Rebeckah Brackus, Crystal Peterson, Tiffanie Taylor, Dana Shelton, Nettie Born, Shalae Call, Janae LaRue, Misty Yeates, Jessica Brown, Kendall McLelland.

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

Steve Campbell welcomed the judges and those that were present. He advised that he asked certain judges to go over each judge event.

Parade: Amanda Hoesel

- Appearance: Horses and tack clean, Matching uniform
- Maneuvers with correct spacing, alignment and with flowing movements.
- Go right down list on judges sheet and mark each one.
- Be ready and engaged when doing parade.
- Note taking

Drill: Jim Millerberg

- Take you time to fill out judges sheet.
- The American flag should be the first one in and the first one out of the arena when used in the Drill.
- Degrees of difficulty – trot versus lope; depends on the judge and their opinion.
- Appearance: Horse and tack clean. Matching uniform
- Flow of Maneuvers: A team that performs a more difficult drill should receive more credit than a team that performs relatively easy maneuvers. Once who trot vs lope.
- Alignment: Maintaining consistent spacing, drill flows one maneuver to another.
- Over allotted time: DQ
- Flags will be given 0-5 points depending on how used. American flag is not included in flag points.
- Costumes as long as matching and still have to have western attire underneath.
- Judges should be able to back up what they have written on the scoresheet.

- If tie use place matching uniforms over costumes.
- Must wear western hats in both parade and drill due to being a judged event.

#### Match Pleasure: Gina Bryson

- Check equipment and numbers when participants enter the arena
- Judge at all gaits
- Equipment should match.
- Stools will be allowed
- Horses should stand and back quietly
- Forward motion, flowing together
- When asked to do a maneuver don't wait for the team in front of you to go.
- Dismount: separation, dismount, walk out, walk back get on.
- If a horse is believed to be unsound in any way, it is the judges' duty to dismiss.
- Walk: should be alert, stride of reasonable length.
- Jog: smooth and together.
- Lope: Horses should be both on the correct lead, smooth.
- Line up: shouldn't have to practice in line to back up.

#### Western Pleasure (Ladies- Men's): Robyn Gruber

- Can not protect any judge events.
- When judging do not have conversation w/ contestant or to your scribe.
- #'s must be worn on each side of the horse.
- A judge cannot see everything going on in the arena, grandstand can see the entire arena,
- Reins: Split reins are to be held with the index finger only between the reins. Reins should be looped on the same side they are being held with. Romel reins are to be held with no fingers between the reins. Extension is carried the free hand between the reining hands. When using romel reins, no fingers between the reins.
- Protective boots, leg wraps, and bandages cannot be used in pleasure classes. If horse has a cut and needs to be wrap that is fine but check with judge first. Easy books okay
- Long sleeve western shirts with snaps or buttons (must be from top to bottom of shirt), and collar or collar stand. Long western pants with western hat is required. Queen style, slinky tops, shirts that have half buttons are not accepted western wear.
- Equipment failure will be DQ.
- Judge as an all-breed horse show.
- Chaps are mandatory in Wester Pleasure and Match Pleasure.

#### Reining: Karl Jensen

- To rein a horse is not only to guide him/her, but also to control horses every movement.
- Horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance.
- Credit should be giving for smoothness, finesse, attitude and quickness.
- Score is based of 0 to infinity with 70 denoting an average performance.
- Maneuvers are scored 1/2 point increments from a low of -1 ½ to a high of +1 ½ with a score of 0 denoting a maneuver that is correct with no degree of difficulty.
- Reiner will be penalized but not disqualified for breaking pattern
- Roll backs should be at least 20ft off the fence.
- Everything happen in center and be smooth.

- Talk to all contestants before start to check equipment, discuss pattern etc.
- Scribe is only writing what judge tells them to write down. Add up points at end of each contestant,
- New pattern does not state type of circles. Gaye Tuft motioned to have one small slow, then one large fast circle for both directions. Second by Robyn Gruber. Vote was taken with 8 votes for, 1 against. Motion past.

#### Cow Cutting: Marilyn Thurgood

- Back-fence: -3 points (An area of the fence behind the cattle)
- Cutting is designed to show the ability of the horse and rider to enter a herd of cattle and make a cut
- The horse should work quietly, causing very little disturbance to the herd.
- When entering to cut raise your hand until you past the starting time.
- Herd work: driving a cow (+/-) ✓, ✓, -✓
- Controlling the cow: working in center of arena (+/-) ✓
- Degree of Difficulty: (+/-) ✓
- Eye Appeal (+/-) ✓
- Time Worked (+/-) ✓
- Amount of coverage (+/-) ✓
- Loose Reins (+/-) ✓
- Horse charging (+/-) ✓
- Forced off a cow (+/-) ✓
- Excessive Herd holder help (-) Holders can help drive cows out then back off to let cutter work.
- Horse quit working, leaves the working area before allotted time or refuses to work: no score
- Judge is in doubt about a penalty, the benefit always goes to the contestant.
- More information go to NCHA handbook
- Do not penalize cutter if turn back lost cow while cutting.

Steve Campbell thanked everyone that was there and those that was asked to present each class. There will be a judge's clinic North and South area. Amanda Hoesel mentioned we could hold one up North on Friday in West Haven. Alan James said we could hold one at Bits n Spurs in Tooele for cow cutting. Gaye Tuft mentioned Richfield. Steve will look into these areas and let Candace know so she can send out email to inform the dates, time and location. Apprentices need to judge with 2 different judges at District shows. After been approved by two judges paper needs to be giving to State judge to get approve from District directors at State meeting.

Meet adjourned at 8:50pm