



USWRCA – MINUTES

May 13, 2025

Attending: President – Karl Jensen; Secretary – Candace Ogaz; District 1 – CJ Alfred, Chaelynn Rackley; District 2 – Amanda Hoesel, Tiffanie Taylor; District 3 – Rebekah Brackus; District 4 – Dave Glade (on the phone); District 5 – Ron Brinkerhoff, Taelor Hansen; District 6 – Rachel Wilkinson; District 7 – Jeff Sandberg, Dyllan Fowers; District 9 – Darcey Spendlove (on the phone); District 10 – Megan Wood, Aain Evans; District 13 – Mike Muir, Nate Ellis

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

- Agenda Item 1: Review of February and April minutes
 - Discussion: Motion to accept April minutes by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Jeff Sandberg. Approved by all.
 - Action/Results: Minutes will be on the USWRCA website.
- Agenda Item 2: Financial Report- Stephanie Sandberg excused
 - Discussion: Monthly Report – Checking: \$13,485.48 Savings: \$25 (as of April 30, 2025)
 - Motion to accept report by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Nate Ellis, approved by all.
- Agenda Item 3: State Bids
 - Announcer
 - Dale Andrews - \$200
 - Sheriff- \$400
 - Vote taken by district- 1-Dale, 2-Dale, 3-Dale, 5-Dale, 6-Dale, 7-Dale, 9-Dale, 10-Dale, 13-Dale.
 - Dale Andrews will be our announcer.
 - Cattle
 - Zane Danise - \$2,500 plus hay
 - Clayton Hutching - \$2,800 hay included
 - Vote taken by district – 1-Zane, 2-Zane, 3-Zane, 5-Clayton, 6-Zane, 7-Zane, 9-Clayton, 10-Clayton, 13-Zane
 - Zane Danise will bring the cattle
 - High Point Awards
 - Candace Ogaz - \$2,500; this is for State, North Region, and South Region high point awards.
 - Motion made by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Nate Ellis. Approved by all.
 - 1st Place prizes

- \$22 cash
 - Tumblers from On Point Tumblers & more - ~\$30 each cup
 - Motion made to go with \$22 cash by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Nate Ellis.
 - Vote taken by district- 1-yes, 2-yes, 3-no, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-yes, 10-no, 13-no
 - We will have \$22 cash
- Agenda Item 4: North Region
 - Announcer
 - Tabled till next meeting
 - Cattle
 - Troy Lowe - \$2,000
 - ZD Cattle - \$2,500
 - Vote by district- 2-Zane, 3-Zane, 4-Troy, 7-Troy, 13-Troy. Troy will provide the cattle.
 - High Point Awards
 - Candace Ogaz - \$2,500; this is for State, North Region, and South Region high point awards.
 - 1st Place prizes
 - \$20 cash
 - Vote taken by district- 2-yes, 3-yes, 4-yes, 7-yes, 13-yes
- Agenda Item 5: South Region
 - Announcer
 - Dale Andrews - \$200
 - Sheriff - \$400
 - Vote taken by district – 1-Dale, 5-Dale, 6-Dale, 9-Dale, 10-Dale
 - Cattle
 - ZD Cattle \$2,500 without hay.
 - Clayton Hutching- \$2,800 with hay
 - Vote taken by district- 1- Zane, 5-Clayton, 6-Clayton, 9-Clayton, 10-Clayton
 - Clayton will provide cattle
 - High Point Awards
 - Candace Ogaz - \$2,500; this is for State, North Region, and South Region high point awards.
 - 1st Place prizes
 - \$20 cash
 - Tumblers from On Point Tumblers & more - ~\$30 each cup
 - Vote taken by district- 1-cup, 5-cup, 6-cash, 9-cash, 10-cup
 - Tumblers
- Agenda Item 6: Rulebook changes
 - 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).

- Motion made by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Rebekah Brackus to remove this from the rulebook.
 - Vote taken by district- 1-remove, 2-remove, 3-remove, 4-remove, 5-remove, 6-remove, 7-remove, 9-remove, 10-remove, 13-remove
- 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.
 - Motion to keep grand entry is a core part of the association and needs to be kept. If riders want to walk in and out, then come in last and go out right after the American flag.
 - Vote taken by district- 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep,5-keep, 6-keep, 7-keep, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep
- 72-hour rule
 - Vote taken to keep or remove by district- 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep,5-keep, 6-keep, 7-keep, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep
 - This will be kept
- 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.
 - Vote taken to keep or remove – 1-remove, 2-remove, 3-remove, 4-remove, 5-remove, 6-remove, 7-remove, 9-remove, 10-remove, 13-remove
 - This will be removed
- Add: if an event is dropped from the program, an event does not need to be added.
 - Motion to leave as stated in rulebook. Vote taken by district- 1-leave, 2-leave, 3-leave, 4-leave, 5-leave, 6-leave, 7-leave, 9-leave, 10-leave, 13-leave
- 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.
 - Motion to made by CJ Alfred and seconded by Nate Ellis to leave with clarification that cell phones maybe used.
 - Vote taken by district- 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep,5-keep, 6-keep, 7-keep, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep. Motion passed
- Page 11-e: Remove – hats should be retrieved by a member of the team that lost it.
 - Vote taken by district- 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep,5-keep, 6-keep, 7-remove, 9-remove, 10-remove, 13-remove.
 - We will keep this rule
- 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.
 - Reminder for Directors and show staff to include
- 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.
 - 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep,5-keep, 6-keep, 7-keep, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep
 - Will be kept in the rulebook

- 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.
 - 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-remove, 4-keep, 5-keep, 6-keep, 7-remove, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep
 - Will be kept the same in rulebook
- 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.)
 - CJ Alfred motioned to Table till next meeting, seconded by Rachel Wilkenson. All in favor
- Page 13-20: remove batons from events. Use the tail to nose process.
 - 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep, 5-keep, 6-keep, 7-keep, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-remove
 - Rule will be kept
- 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.
 - 1-yes, 2-yes, 3-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-yes, 10-yes, 13-yes
 - This will be added to the rulebook
- 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.)
 - Vote taken to keep as is or remove- 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep, 5-keep, 6-keep, 7-remove, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep

- Will be kept the same in the rulebook
- 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.
 - Vote taken by district- 1- yes, 2-yes, 3-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-yes, 10-yes, 13-yes
 - This will be added to the rulebook
- Page 19 – make chaps optional
 - Vote taken by district- 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-remove, 4-keep,5-keep, 6-keep, 7-keep, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep
 - Chaps are not optional in judges events other then ranch cow cutting and reining.
- Page 20: Parade – add at least one member must be in a forward motion. Remove no backward movement as a group.
 - Motion made by Tiffany Taylor and seconded by CJ Alfred to reword this sentence. All in favor.
- 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 then later so its easier to find and to avoid error in thinking sorting is the same time limit as penning.
 - Motion to table this until next month by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Nate Ellis. All in favor
- Page 23-24: Ranch Cow Cutting – have a set standard size for the pen for all shows.
 - Vote taken to keep as is or add a set standard size to rulebook- 1-add set size, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep,5-keep, 6-keep, 7-keep, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep
 - We will not add a set standard size pen.
- Cutting contestant's horse cannot be herd help.
 - Vote taken to add or leave as is- 1-leave, 2-leave, 3-leave, 4-leave, 5-leave, 6-leave, 7-leave, 9-leave, 10-leave, 13-leave
 - This will stay the same anyone on any horse can be herd help, as long as they are in western attire like the contestant.
- Page 34 – Ribbon Roping
 - There are no current rules in place in regards to rope length but there have been severe accidents due to over length ropes and they have become a safety hazard for contestants and stock involved.
 - Add- ropes to be used shall not be more than 35 feet in length.
 - Vote was taken to add this event- 1-no, 2-no, 3-yes, 4-no, 5-no, 6-no, 7-yes, 9-no, 10-yes, 13-yes
 - This will not be added to the rulebook
- 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.
- Or replace with – bright cloth with minimum dimensions of six inches by six inches (6x6) must be attached to the end of the rope.
 - This rule change is taken directly from the WPRA rulebook on page 101 section 12.10.9
 - Vote taken to change white flag to any flag and must be tied at the end of the rope- 1-yes, 2-yes, 3-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-yes, 10-yes, 13-yes
 - This will be changed in the rulebook
- Page 37 – Team roping
 - Current – Time will be taken from the trip of the barrier to the flagger's signal that the steer is roped, and both horses are facing the steer in line with both ropes tight.
 - Replace – Time will be taken from the trip of the barrier to the flagger's signal that the steer is roped, and the rope has come tight on the heels and the heeler has his/her dally. Flagger must signal before the heeler releases their dally.
 - Vote was taken to keep the same or change- 1-keep, 2-keep, 3-keep, 4-keep, 5-keep, 6-keep, 7-keep, 9-keep, 10-keep, 13-keep
 - This rule will stay the same
- 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.)
 - Motion made by Amanda Hoesel and seconded by Nate Ellis to keep as is with the exception of single/team barrels and 5-in-a-row timers just off the fence.
 - All in favor
 - Page 39: Hide Race- add 1 attempt. No circling back around. Keep a forward motion.
 - This will be added as it was voted on at the 2024 meetings
 - 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.

- Vote was taken by district- 1-leave, 2-leave, 3-leave, 4-leave, 5-leave, 6-leave, 7-leave, 9-leave, 10-leave, 13-leave
 - Rule stay as stated
- 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.
 - Motion made by CJ Alfred and seconded by Nate Ellis to replace time limit with 4 minutes.
 - Vote taken by district – 1-yes, 2-yes, 3-yes, 4-no, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-yes, 10-no, 13-yes
 - Motion passes
 - Establish ladle size, suggested 12oz
 - Motion made by Amanda Hoesel to set the ladle size to 12oz and seconded by Nate Ellis.
 - Vote taken by district – 1-yes, 2-yes, 3-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-yes, 10-yes, 13-yes
 - Motion passed
 - Must alternate riders, cannot go back to back after the 4th rider has gone
 - We will add that riders must alternate and cannot go back to back.
- Page 50: (Team Poles)
 - Current - If a pole is knocked over, the rider must go back to the pole, dismount, set up the pole, go back around the pole, and continue the pattern.
 - Replace with – If a pole is knocked over the rider has the option to go back to the pole, dismount, set up the pole, go back around the pole, and continue the pattern. If pole is set no penalty will be given. Or the rider may choose the leave the pole knocked over and continue the pattern. If pole is left down a 5 second penalty will be given. Any remaining team members will have to run the pattern with the pole down.
 - Same as barrels
- 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 fun, not overly nitpicky.
 - Motion made by Jeff Sandberg and seconded by Mike Muir to allow feed in the trailer.
 - Vote taken by district- 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no, 5-no, 6-no, 7-yes, 10-no, 13-yes.

- Motion failed, leave as is
- Page 53: (Trailer Race)
 - Current – The trailer latch is up when entering arena, when run if over the latch can be up or down.
 - Vote was taken to keep the same- Vote taken by district – 1-yes, 2-yes, 3-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-yes, 10-no, 13-yes
 - This will remain the same.
 - Have the steward make the call like in water race to stop the time for the team.
 - All in favor
- Add – SUV's maybe used and the hatch door must be closed prior to the starting the event.
 - Vote taken by district- 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no, 5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
 - Motion made by Rebekah Brackus and seconded by Nate Ellis to add a truck must have a bed. All in favor
- Time limit options
 - 5-minute time limit on all events unless already stated. Not including cattle events and drill.
 - Vote taken -1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no, 5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
 - Potato Race- 6 minute time limit
 - Or 4 minute time limit
 - Motion made by Nate Ellis and seconded by Jeff Sandberg for 4 minute time limit.
 - Vote taken- 1-no, 2-yes, 3-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
 - Potato Race will be a 4 minute time limit
 - Pony Express – 8 minute time limit (roughly 1 minute 30 seconds per rider)
 - 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no, 5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
 - Trailer Race – 5 minute time limit
 - 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no, 5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
- Cattle must be ran through chutes before event starts.
 - All in favor that cattle should be ran through the chutes before that first cattle event.
- 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.
 - 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no, 5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
- 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.

- 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no,5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
- Remove Arena Sorting from events. This saves time and cattle from being over used.
 - 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no,5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
- No practicing while the event is being setup or during the event.
 - All in favor no practicing events
- Add a trail event and alternate years with reining. Time limit for trail class.
 - 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no,5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
- Change that show shirts must be just long sleeve western style shirts. No zippers
 - Motion to keep the same, vote taken by district – 1-yes, 2-no, 3-yes, 4-yes, 5-yes, 6-yes, 7-yes, 9-yes, 10-yes, 13-yes
- USWRCA attire (jacket, etc.) is okay to wear over club shirts in bad weather.
 - Motion to table till next meeting
- 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.
 - 1-no, 2-no, 3-no, 4-no,5-no, 6-no, 7-no, 9-no, 10-no, 13-no
- Agenda Item 7: New Business
 - New club in District 3 – Cedar Valley. All in favor of them joining. Their number will be #9
- **Review the bylaws so we can go over them at the next meeting!!!**
- Next meeting we need to vote on the following items
 - Current states – There will be NO 30 second warning.
 - Replacement – There will be a time warning when 30 seconds is remaining.
 - Currently there is no rule indicating where the back face is to be set.
 - Add- the back fence shall be deemed as the rear fence in the working pen that is provided at all shows.
 - Back fence is determined at the start of the event
 - USWRCA attire (jacket, etc.) is okay to wear over club shirts in bad weather
 - State meetings
 - The steps for setting up a Club
 - Referring to club numbers
 - Civic
- **Just a reminder these rules that were voted on are final no revote will be done later.**
- Send Candace your district show dates and judges so it can be put on the website.

USWRCA website: uswrace.com – state minutes, forms, schedules, judges and director lists, etc.

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- June 10 – Collection of Dues/Plan State Show

○ **(Club dues \$50, State dues \$25 (per person), Region dues \$15 (per person))**

- July 8 – Steward's meeting
- Aug 12 – Pick up Trophies, discuss District show concerns.
- Sept 5 – State Show meeting

State – Sept 5-6, 2025 Spanish Fork

South Region – Aug 15-16, 2025 Spanish Fork

North Region – Aug 15-16, 2025 Heber City