



USWRCA – MINUTES July 14, 2026

Attending: President – Jeff Sandberg; Secretary – Robyn Gruber; Treasurer – Stephanie Sandberg(excused); District 1 – Alan James, CJ Alfred, Jack Taylor; District 2 – Amanda Hoesel; District 3 – Ronnie Gunn, Drew Kindig, Will Spencer; District 4 Dave Glade, Liz Martin-Taylor; District 5 – Ron Brinkerhoff; District 6 – Rachel Wilkinson, Karl Jensen; District 7 – Dyllan Fowers, Tara Thurgood; District 9 – Heidi Stout (on the phone); District 10 – Megan Wood; District 13 – Mike Muir, Nate Ellis

The meeting was called to order at 6:57pm and the board was thanked for their attendance and service.

- Agenda Item 1: Review of June minutes Discussion: Motion to accept June minutes by Jack Taylor and seconded by Amanda Hoesel. Approved by all.
Action/Results: Minutes will be on the USWRCA website.
- Agenda Item 2: Financial Report- Stephanie Sandberg Discussion: Monthly Report – Checking: \$23,881.22 Savings: \$25 Motion to accept report by Tara Thurgood and seconded by Amanda Hoesel, approved by all.
- Agenda Item 3: Stewards Meeting – Ron Brinkerhoff Make sure your members know the rules. Western shirt, long pants, boots, hat (men).
- Hats that fall off during a timed event should not be picked up until after all teams in the arena have finished running.
- Give riders the benefit if you aren't sure
- In team events one member must have a number on. Everyone in single events must have number on. Numbers must be at least ½" wide on a 4x6 inch contrasting background.
- Protest must be filed with officials once the winners of the event have been announced.
- Alternates should be available in case of sickness or accident. Anyone that fails to attend without giving 72 hours' notice without a reasonable excuse will be barred from that event next year.
- Qualify: Riders must ride once in grand entry or parade.

- All timed events will be timed from the nose of first horse to the nose of the last horse. If any part of 2 horses is across the starting line at the same time, the team will be assessed a 5 second penalty.
- A member may be disqualified or banned for unsportsmanlike conduct, drinking alcohol while participating in arena, or inhuman treatment or cruelty to an animal.
- In case of any foul or show provided equipment problem, the team must pull up immediately and ask for a rerun. If contestants continue and go through completion for event, no protest may be filed.
- If baton is dropped while passing any member of the team another team member must dismount, pick up the baton, remount (with both legs over the horse), then pass the baton to next rider on the team. On the last rider, if baton is dropped while receiving the pass, a team member other than the last rider must get off, remount a pass off the last rider. (No rider can pass to themselves). If baton is dropped while doing the event, rider must stop and pick it up and continue.
- A broken pattern (not keeping forward motion) in single events, except reining, is a disqualification. Team events if pattern is fixed at the place where the pattern was broken then the team will not be disqualified. If pattern is not fixed will be disqualified.
- Team Penning: A foul-line judge, pen judge, and timers. To call for time, one rider must be at the pen gate with a raised hand, however the flag will not drop if unpenned cattle are not on the herd side. Extra riders can be on either side of the starting line. (pen judge must point to foul line judge to that them stop the time)
- Arena Sorting: Use a lap time when recording for each correctly sorted cow and the total of cows sorted will be recorded.
- Hide race: Two stewards, one for starting line and one at barrel. Person on foot must make an attempt to ride the hide. He/she must be off his/her feet in a prone position before going past the barrel. Both members must cross finish line. Team has one attempt to make a qualified ride. If rope is dropped and/or person on foot misses the hide your turn is over.
- The starting lines are 30 feet apart, except single barrels and 5-in-a-row which are 20 feet off the fence.
- 5-in-a-row: Can start running in at the gate. If pattern is not performed correctly, team will be disqualified. Riders cannot pass the rider in front of them.
- Potato Race – make sure the largest piece of potato is in the barrel. 12 potatoes each time a team runs. Stewart at starting line and at far barrel. If barrel is tipped over, rider must dismount, set it up and pick up any spilled potatoes before remounting and continue. Stewards must yell if person misses the receiving barrel. (large half in barrel). 4 minute time limit
- Water race: If bottle is called full and horse turns and tips if over at finish, time is good. If filling the jar takes more than 4 members, then riders must alternate between at least two riders to finish filling the jar. Stewards make the call when the jar is full. 4 minute time limit.

- Pony Express Race: The horse is to be led by reins or rein attached to the bit. No halters. If barrel is displaced, the team must continue by going around the place that marked the barrel's spot. Barrel does not need to be set back up; it will be a 5 second added on. – can't touch other riders' horses.
- Single Poles: broken pattern is a disqualification, 5 second for knocked over pole.
- Team Poles: No disqualification if broken pattern is fixed. If poles are knocked over rider must get off, set up pole, then go back around pole and continue with pattern. Starting line is 20' to first pole, rule book states 21'.
- Keyhole: If you step online or over it that will be a 5 second penalty. Must enter the neck and exit the neck for a time. Must turn in the circle not in the neck.
- Trailer race: Horse must be facing in the right direction for the type of trailer it will be considered facing forward. If horse's body turns in another direction, it will be considered as not facing forward. Horse may look around in any direction if body remains facing forward. Trailer gate must be securely latched in such a way that it could not swing open if trailer was being pulled down the road. Saddle and bridle may not be propped up or set on top of anything. Must be on floor of truck bed.
- Stewards need to make the call and stick to your call
- Using the baton/ladle/potato stick to hit horse is a 5 second penalty per time
- Agenda Item 4: Show Schedule: Ronnie Gunn motioned to keep same schedule as previously year, seconded by Dave Glade. Motion passed unanimously.
- Those who want to participate in the dinner after the show at state, count and money needs to be to Robyn by August 29. It will be \$12 per plate, pulled pork sandwiches with chips and drinks. Will also be playing games.

Insurance was discussed due to the state had to pay another \$1495 more for insurance. Jeff Sandberg contacted Kash VanTassell to see what insurance they used and presented to Kelli. Kelli checked into it and found it for \$1249.95 which she changed insurance. We should be getting reimbursement from the other company. Please think about increasing dues by another \$10.

Ropes and Roses are selling USWRCA Hoodies, please contact Syndey Halverson, 385-206-3525 if interested. Please see attached flyer.

If a member participates in the district show, but has something come up and cannot make region show, they can participate at State as long as their club approves.

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

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- Aug 11 – Pick up Trophies, discuss District show concerns.
- Sept 11 – State Show meeting

State – Sept. 11-12, 2026 Mt. Pleasant

South Region – Aug 21-22, 2026 Mt Pleasant

North Region – Aug 28-29, 2026 Mt Pleasant

- State Show Assignments

- Show Chair: Jeff Sandberg
- Show Secretary: Robyn Gruber
- Judge: Karl Jensen
- Head Stewart: Ron Brinkerhoff
- Head Timer Friday: Drew Kindig (Kara Kindig)
- Head Timer Saturday: Nate Ellis
- Announcer: Derek Ogaz
- Grand Entry: Ronnie Gunn
- Gate Person: District over events
- Barrier Judge: Tara Thurgood
- Flagger: Karl Jensen
- Vet:
- Parade/Drill Line up: Chris O'Shea
- Single/Team Barrels: District 2 ▪ Barrels, Baton, stop watches
- Pony Express: District 5 ▪ Poles for starting line, small barrels (3), stop watches, Lyme
- Trailer Race: District 3 ▪ Small barrels (4), stop watches
- Ranch Cow Cutting: District 4 ▪ Truck, panels, flagger, stop watches
- Arena Sorting: All Districts ▪ Numbers (numbers will be provided by State), glue, stop watches, flaggers
- Team Penning: District 6 & 9 ▪ Numbers (Numbers provided by State), flaggers (2), glue, stop watches
- Ribbon Roping: District 3 ▪ Lyme, ribbon (State will provide ribbing), stop watches
- Breakaway Roping: District 1 ▪ Breakaway string (State will provide string & barrier), stop watches
- Ribbon Pull: District 6 & 9 ▪ Ribbon (State will provide ribbon & barrier), glue, stop watches
- Team Roping: District 7 ▪ (State will provide barrier), stop watches
- Hide Race: District 10 ▪ Hide, barrel, stop watches

- Water Race: District 10 ▪ Water stands (3), buckets (6), dippers (3), water jars (4-6), stop watches, Lyme, poles for start line (6), food coloring (3 colors)
- Potato Race: District 1 ▪ Potatoes, small barrels (6), stop watches, poles for the start line (6)
- Single/Team Poles: District 5 ▪ 3 sets of poles, stop watches, small barrels (6), batons
- 5-In-A-Row: District 13 & 4 ▪ Poles (4), Barrels (3), small barrels (2), stop watches
- Single/Team Keyhole: District 7 ▪ Lyme, Poles (6), stop watches, batons,
- Working order 1st- North 2nd- South

STATE SHOW SCHEDULE

Meeting at 10am

Friday 12pm Start Judged Events

1. Ladies' Pleasure
2. Men's Pleasure
3. Pair's Pleasure
4. Reining
5. Break to line up for Parade
6. Parade B & A
7. Drill B & A
8. Grand Entry
9. Single Barrels
10. Team Barrels
11. Single Keyhole
12. Team Keyhole
13. Pony Express
14. Trailer Race

Saturday 9am

1. Ranch Cow Cutting
 2. Team Penning
 3. Arena Sorting
 4. Ribbon Roping Section 1
 5. Breakaway Roping
 6. Ribbon Pull
 7. Ribbon Roping Section 2
 8. Team Roping
 9. Ribbon Roping Section 3
 10. Hide Race
- Break
1. Grand Entry
 2. Water Race
 3. Potato Race
 4. Single Poles
 5. Team Poles
 6. 5-In-A-Row