



Chinook Team Penning Association
Annual General Meeting Agenda
September 9, 2023 – Willow Creek Ag Society – Time TBA

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes from Last AGM (Sept 17, 2022) - please read ahead of time
3. Director's Report Handouts Available
4. **President's Report**
5. **Treasurer's Report**

6. **Nomination & Election of Board of Directors**
 - a. Directors Stepping Down: Jesse O'Brien, Sharon Marshall & Wade Adams
 - b. Returning Board Members: Greg Dunn, Laurel Harrison, Erin Thompson, Laura Antony, Meagan Blyth, Dave Ruby, Donna O'Reilly, Greg Sokolik & Kyle Dingreville
 - c. Confirmed Nominations: Shelby Powell & Steve Mape
 - d. 1 Board opening – nominations from the floor.

7. **Points of Discussion:**
(not to be voted on)
 - a. Sort Arena - Dana Cleghorn
 - i. posting order of go earlier to allow members to best prepare.
 - ii. utilizing Sort Arena to its full capabilities (setting users up for greater success by providing enhanced training/understanding)
 - b. Payment of Fees – Dana Cleghorn
 - i. fees need to be paid at the beginning of the show, not the end.
 - ii. Late payment of fees taxes office staff unnecessarily.
 - c. Respectful treatment of Volunteers/Board Members/Office Staff/Officials – Dana Cleghorn
 - i. under no circumstances should disrespectful treatment be tolerated.

8. **Old Business:**
 - a. USTPA Pilot Project – to continue?
 - b. Prize Discussion – money won or high point teams

9. **New Business:**
(these are proposals which are submitted by members for the upcoming penning season)
 - a. **Open Class Proposal by Devin Antony** - Please present these proposals in the order below as I will withdraw proposal #2 should proposal #1 pass a vote of the membership

PROPOSAL #1
I propose CTPA eliminate the mandatory draw team in the open class. Allowing riders to pick up to 7 teams. I propose we continue to allow up to 7 optional draws in the open.



- The open class is intended to be the highest level of competition at CTPA shows as such penners should be able to choose their teams based on competitiveness or other factors of their choice.
- Building teams strategically is an important part of penning, mandatory draws eliminate this strategic element of team penning.
- Entry fees are a significant expense for many penning families and being forced to ride on extra teams with riders not of their choosing imposes an additional cost on everyone, this is particularly troublesome for people that ride a small number of teams in a single class.
- Draw teams win back a much lower percentage of entry fees paid compared to picked teams.
- Draw teams are essentially a tax on members' entry fees.

PROPOSAL #2

I propose CTPA include a minimum rating of #3 in the open class (should mandatory draws be eliminated this proposal will be withdrawn).

- The open class is intended to be the highest level of competition at CTPA shows. 1 and 2 rated penners have many opportunities to enter competitive teams in the 10, 7 and 5 classes.
- CTPA uses the "even draw" function in SortArena whereby 4 and higher rated riders are drawn by mathematical necessity onto teams that are not competitive.
- Entry fees are a significant expense for many penning families and being forced to ride on extra uncompetitive teams imposes additional costs on everyone.

b. Open Class Proposal by Donna O'Reilly

SaturdayOpen Elite

- limited to 3-7 rated riders.....all draw
- limit entrees to 5 times
- Fresh cattle
- No year end team prize...maybe a high point rider

SundayOpen Class

- open to any rider
- All teams picked
- limited to 5 entreesno draw
- Year end team award only



c. Dress Code Proposal – Devin Antony

I propose we standardize the CTPA dress code for all chinook shows to include a cowboy hat or helmet, western shirt with a collar and long sleeves and denim jeans.

- Shirts must be tucked in.
- As penners we strive to be viewed with the same degree of seriousness and professionalism as rodeo, cutting and working cow horse. This proposal is presented with the object of standardizing our dress code with these events.
- The board may exercise discretion to adjust the dress code for specific members in the case of injury, illness or disability.

d. Start Time Proposal – Devin Antony

I propose we start all regular season shows at 8:30AM mountain time.

- Create a consistent and predictable schedule to reduce confusion and delays.

e. Seven Class Proposal – Luke Simpson

Remove handicap on 7 Class

f. Drawn Team Restriction Proposal – Luke Simpson

You should not be able to have more draws than picks in any class, I would vote to restrict the draw to 1 per class.

g. New Herd Proposal – Rick Bond

New Herd to start 7 & 5 Classes

10. Adjournment