

WTPC Board Meeting

Date: April 30, 2025 **Time:** 6:00 PM **Location:** Zoom

Called to order: 6:02

Present:

President: Robert Bouffard
Vice President: Larry Mielke
Treasurer: Vicki Gray
Secretary: Sarah Mealy
Director: Heather Anderson
Director: Veronica East
Director: Chris Gildner
Director: John Heggenberger
Director: Stefanee Hale
Director: April Yancey
Director: Jake Yancey

Absent:

none

Introduction of visitors:

none

Approval of previous meeting minutes: 1st Stefanee, 2nd Heather, approved

Treasurer Report:

- QuickBooks Balance: \$9,575.29
- Twinstar Checking Balance: \$19,389
- Twinstar Saving: \$19,821

Unfinished Business:

n/a

New Business:

1. Sorting both ways
Would need to modify pen height to do this. Would be nice option instead of pulling cows. Discussion about rider option versus alternating and delays associated with added steps of holding herd for incoming riders and moving gate each time. Motion to put on June general member meeting for member discussion change for 2026 season, noting that it would require different panels.
2. May show revenue generation ideas
50/50 raffle may be used to purchase saddle for auction or raffle tickets for saddle. Awards committee to consider options and bring to board.

Adding a number class for the May show.

Vicki: Motion to offer 9 sort class capped at 40 teams, 2nd Chris. Discussion: include handicap with extra time or incentive, such as 9/5 class. Incentive would require entry plus additional fee.

Vicki: Amended motion to 9 sort class with handicap to occur after ProAm with no points and no buckle, with 50% payout at \$40 entry all pick with no minimum number of rides and four max. 2nd Sarah. 9 yea, 1 nay.

3. Need of an extra battery for the penning gate
Current battery not staying charged. Discussion about the type of battery, need a deep cycle battery. Member may have an extra one; will look.
4. Current status of sponsors
List is current on the webpage.
Sponsor committee following up with potential and pledged sponsors.
Saddle discussion, need to take member survey feedback into account and give awards committee a budget, will table until post-May show board meeting.
5. Increasing sort pen size
Plans drawn to increase pen size. Would need to modify some panels and may need to replace a few.
Motion to delegate to subcommittee to put plan together and bring back to board if purchasing panels would be required, if only modifying subcommittee approved to implement to make regulation size. 2nd Stef. Approved.
6. Event Secretary volunteer/paid?
Jake: Motion to pay \$400 for a show secretary to take entries, answer questions, set up/manage Sort Arena. Can ride as long as duties covered. Suggest putting out call for letter of interest in the role. 2nd Stef.
Discussion: need a job description. Open to members and non-members. Will call for letters of interest after May show. Approved.
7. Budget brainstorm
Plan to look at a proposed budget for 2025 season at post-May show board meeting
8. Team Penning setup - one gate or two
Discussion about only using small gate for in/out, large gate only for tractor, will reduce need for two volunteers. Will try for May show.
9. Hay purchase/hauling
Rob: Motion to purchase and haul all hay for season, 2nd Vicki, approved.
10. 2026 dates?
Previously used same weekend from year to year. Need to consider conflicts. Board to bring proposed 2026 dates to next board meeting.
11. RSNC show progress
Working on possible dates for an RSNC show.
12. Sponsor thank you letter
Two member drafted a thank you letter to send to our sponsors. Awards committee chair will mail to current sponsors and new sponsors as they come in.

Next Meeting:

May 14, 2025 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at: 7:59 PM