

WTPC General Membership Meeting

Minutes

November 22, 2025 from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Thurston County Posse Hall

Call to order: 3:20 PM

Roll call of Officers and Directors

President: Robert Bouffard

Vice President: Larry Mielke

Secretary: Sarah Mealy

Treasurer: Vicki Gray

Director: Heather Anderson

Director: Veronica East

Director: Chris Gildner

Director: John Heggenberger

Director: Stefanee Hale

Director: Jake Yancey

Absent

Director: April Yancey

Introduction of visitors

Reading of previous meeting minutes

Report of Treasurer

Peak checking balance: \$23,399.27

Peak savings balance: \$19,826.92

QuickBooks balance: \$8,490.03

Unfinished Business

Sorting both ways – moved to new business due to rule change proposal

New business

1. 2025 season recap – Jake reported out on volunteer support saved the club money in 2025. Paid a show secretary position. Sold back unused hay. Stall prices remained the same as 2024. No money spent on board meetings. New website in 2025. Monthly newsletter and board meeting minutes posted throughout the year. Reconfigured pen set up for efficiency and room to warm up indoors. Repaired panels and cattle pens. Numbering alley donated. Replaced gate batteries. Lost one cow and sold beef to recoup loss. Raffle saddle. T90 was thankful for the way the club used and left the facility.

2. Rule and bylaw changes

There is not a quorum of members so the following proposals will be discussed but not voted on. A special meeting will be called for a later date to vote on the following proposals.

- a. Bylaw: 2026 dues increase – Description of the proposal and anticipated 2026 cost increases to the club, such as cattle.
- b. Bylaw: Standings - Points and Ratings section – Description of the proposal. Some discussion about previous year discussions on this topic.
- c. Rule: Penning call for time - Description of the proposal. No discussion.
- d. Rule: Sorting both ways - Description of the proposal.
- e. Rule: Top 10 for classes 40 teams and larger (for discussion; proposal has not bee received by rules/bylaws committee to consider and make a recommendation to the board) – Discussion about this leaving less room for luck. Rule change would add a team amount

that prompts when a third round would be added. Concern about how adding top ten in some shows, not all effects points for awards. Alternate suggestion to do a 40% come back instead of 50%.

3. 2026 dates and locations - March 21/22, April 11/12, May 16/17, June 13/14, July 18/19, August 15/16, October 17/18 all at T90. March as RSNC and six shows taking September off. Also planning a USTPA qualifying run in May. For September: penning clinic Sat and jackpot Sunday. May be a sorting clinic March 20
4. 2026 fees/payouts – discussion about costs for 2026 and needing to respond. May be increase to run fees, reduce payouts, Current payout open 70%, pan 60%, am 60%, nov 60%, gn 50%. Possible scenario: 60%, 55%, 50% or payouts based on number of riders/teams similar to Yakima. Can use Sort Arean to adjust payout percentages based on number of teams. Suggestion to add numbered classes to encourage riders to ride up using numbered classes. Concern about justification for raising fees. Discussion about more riders means more cows so not always more money. Way to increase ridership, handicap over number classes. Pros and cons of numbered classes shared by members. Scenarios from members about numbered classes that may be offered. Suggestion to make ProAm and PAN numbered classes.
5. Board of Directors election begins now. Melissa Clark, Jolene Fleming, Julie Goebel, Katie Justice, Brianna McKloskey, Karissa Waber, Kevin Wagner, Maddie Wieland

Good and Welfare

Adjournment 4:41 PM