



## 2025 Board

President-Elane Drushella

Vice President- Toni Minthorn

Secretary- Casie Hull

Treasurer- Kelly Doherty

November 17th, 2025

### **ORCHA Meeting Agenda**

-MEETING TO ORDER- called at 5:59pm. All present were as followed; Catherine C, Ric J, Toni M, Debbie W, Joey W, Elane D, Casie H, Mic H, Kelly D (online), Kailey O (online), Linda W, Loretta L, Kira T, Molly R, Karen H, Avery T, Janie K.

-APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING available on ORCHA website. Motion to approve made by Toni and 2nd by Catherine.

-TREASURER'S REPORT Started the month with \$16,255.64 and since have paid \$1,130 for buckles/awards. Now have \$14,625.64.

-NEW BUSINESS PREVIEW

-NEW BUSINESS TO ADD? Joey suggested we supply each of our sponsors with 2 free meal tickets/invites to our awards banquet. 2 meal plates would cost the ORCHA \$56 per sponsor. We had 8 sponsors this year,  $8 \times 2 = 16 \times 56 = \$896$  that we would possibly have to pay for sponsor meals. Motion was made by Mic and 2nd by Karen. All in favor by vote. Each sponsor will have to RSVP like members will by Monday 11/24.

### Awards Banquet

-Date-12/6

-Location- Keg and Kork- Hermiston 5-8, dinner served 530/545

-Meal tickets to be sold through Cognito forms. Horse Plaza will collect payment and remit ORCHA, less any payments owed for awards.

The sell of meal tickets concludes November 24 at 5 pm

Catherine has volunteered to come early and help set up and clean sponsor banners.

Silent Auction: Karen reported she has started to plan an online portion that is on FB and a dessert auction for in person guests to bid on at the banquet. 2 separate auctions, she would appreciate it if each member puts together something for either of the auctions.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Refund of \$250 back from Blue Mountain Equine Center? Kelly and BMEC have been playing phone tag.

## **501-C Business**

- Casie Suggest New 501 filing- New name and DBA as ORCHA
- If new, new name. - Suggestions

Molly R suggested we switch from a non profit to a for profit and file the taxes each year and treat it like a business due to Oregon's strict rules and regulations on non profits. Dissolve the ORCHA name filing with the state of Oregon and start over with an LLC. ORCHA was previously a 501 that has not been closed, it was last used/filed in 2014 with IRS. Do we clean up the previous 501? Do we close it?

It was brought to attention of what happens to the money in the bank account if we switch?? It was suggested ORCHA consults a CPA for the question of what happens to the money in the bank acct? There is currently \$14,625.64. Can we prepay the insurance, event venues, awards, etc for the 2026 season??

It was also suggested we take these questions of board insurance, which 501 is best for our club or go LLC route, how to clean up the 501c from previous years, memberships and sponsorship/donations to an attorney. Board insurance- is it evening covering the directors if we are not a true 501 non profit? What happens in the occurrence of an accident? Karen has graciously volunteered to reach out to her family member who is an attorney and will find out which route she recommends we go for ORCHA. We will have the answers to these questions for the annual meeting on Dec 6th.

## **Questions for Lawyer**

-501 or LLC route?

-Do we clean up and close the previous 501? What about the back filings not done since 2014? Is there a statue of limitations? We have memberships and take sponsorships that are sold as advertisements.

-Board insurance, are we covered even though we are not a true 501? What happens if there is an accident?

-We are currently registered with Oregon Sec of State as a business.

- Do we need to close the bank acct? It is a regular business checking acct.  
-Can we prepay the insurance, event venues, awards, etc for the 2026 season??  
There is \$14,625.64 in acct.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### 2026 Date Suggestions

April 25th- Hermiston ~ (HS rodeo 4.18, 2025-5.2 Western stock horse, 5.9 NWRCHA, 5.15 GEM, 5.22 Idaho)

June 27th- Hermiston~ Kennewick rodeo (GEM- 7.9.25, NWRCHA 7.11)

Aug 29th- Week before Labor day ( 9.5-7 WSSH, 9.5-9.14 Reno)

Dates looked good to everyone at the meeting, no oppositions or suggested replacement dates. Karen will follow up with EOTEC and see if the April and June dates are available. Karen will also take care of EOTEC's thank you card for this show season. We will check with Pat and our cattle supplier about the Aug date and see if BMEC is open and our cattle supplier is willing to rent us cattle in Aug since we are indoors and they will be trucked in morning on and out at the conclusion of the show. Pat has contacted Casie and had offered BMEC for \$500 for a day rental for the 26 show season.

Renting space at Sage Riders to store ORCHA show stuff? Where else can we store it between shows and off season? What's it worth \$?

In between shows where do we store our show supplies, shade cloth, banners, pool noodles, etc?? It was suggested we pay USR to store our supplies for the 26 show year in the club house. Casie volunteered to reach out to Teena at the USR and see about a rental fee and if they would be willing. It was also suggested by Catherine we rent a small storage unit for our supplies between shows. We will have more info on storage after we hear back from USR.

ORCHA paid USR \$500 for 2025, for voting rights at USR meetings, free riding at the arena and our advertisement board above the bucking chutes. Do we pay this fee for 2026? It was suggested we take this matter to a general meeting and vote on keeping our dual membership with USR.

CONCLUDE MEETING by a member consensus we concluded the meeting at 7:10pm.