

## ORCHA Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2025

Location: Panda Inn, Hermiston

In Person- Board Present: Elane Drushella- President, Casie Hull- Secretary  
Members present: Alex Pennington, Shawna Pennington, Mickey Hull

New attendance option- Google Meets online or call in  
Board Present: Kelly Doherty- Treasurer, Toni Minthorn- VP  
Members present: Kailey, Ric Johnson, Linda Ware, Janie Kepler

President called meeting to order at 7:13 PM  
Minutes were read from the Year End Banquet/Meeting/Election and approved as read. Toni M. made motion, Kelly D. seconded

New Business opened- Toni M. Suggested lifetime memberships be granted to 10 yr. + members of the board, example Bonnie Hamlin. Kelly revealed that most members that have been serving on the board in recent past yrs are mostly 10+ yrs. Kelly also shared that Gary Barney and Leticia Kidder do have lifetime memberships (these were awarded with no set criteria).

-Deferred to continue as **old business**

Kelly- Sage Riders may not be secured for show dates. Elane to follow up: -Dates, -Use of club house

Teena Griffin or Teeah McNamee may be the USR President/point of contact.

Cattle are NO longer being supplied from Bonnie's contact as was stated in the December and January meeting. Mickey volunteered to call Abraham.

~Ideas presented from Elane and Casie- thru member feedback:

Show Dates: April 19<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

-Propose consolidating the youth to one group, 14 and under (as of Jan 1) unless they have won over \$250 (or have won the class the prior year). Then they bump up to Greener than Grass- Negative feedback. Youth age divisions will remain as they have in the past.

-Adding Jackpots to each class- Positive feedback. Will implement at first show. Cash pay in, cash payout.

-Class divisions/starting point similar to Gem State- See Packet within email -members- comb over and provide feedback via email and explanation so there can be edits made in time to affirm at March meeting. -Deferred to continue as **old business**

-Questions regarding tracking of earnings since not affiliated with NRCHA. Honor system was suggested. Do we track awards as \$? -Deferred to continue as **old business**

-NRCHA a futuristic goal

-Pre-entry incentive- Fees \$100, discount \$25 if entered Friday before. Packets will be available on ORCHA website, facebook and at Horse Plaza (check with USR re: leaving some there). Entries will be accepted until Wednesday. Late entries will be accepted with an additional late fee. Kelly suggested 5-6 extra cattle for late entries. Toni M. made a motion to approve, Shawna P. seconded. **This MAY NEED A VOTE!**

- Online entries and digital payment options- Cognito Forms. Positive feedback. Elane will be further investigating to report in March. P

-No Judge for the April show. Elane will ask Judy from XO and Alex Torres

September judge will be Judy (Ric)

-Work day definition- Preshow/setup/take down -Current club states must work 2 to be eligible to earn awards. Discussion was had to see if a choice could be made to pay a per work day fee as a trade. Casie and Elane will reach out to some local horse clubs to see if we can hire for the trade. **-Deferred to continue as old business**

Linda W. may have ppl to help with cattle pens. Kelly D. offered as pen help.

-Seeking a Show manager- As outlined/edited from December meeting

Do/delegate/recruit help for the following tasks:

-Arrange for:

The cattle

Show day meal

Judges and accommodations

Arena set up/tear down (shade cloth/banner)

-night before pre-meeting so workday help is present

Gate help/bit checker

Pen/Cattle Help

Help secretary to get draw to the arena

Announcing

scribe for the judges

ground prep and water before each show or workshop

fuel for tractor

-trail class setup (?) Proposal-Separate Club to take on this class

hay /water for the cattle

-Assist Show Secretary

Show manager is not required to do all of these duties, just make sure each job is assigned and completed. No takers at this time **-Deferred to continue as old business**

-Show Secretary position-

- Pre Show: Order back #s and Pins

-Collect \$

-Confirm entries at check-in

-Distribute #s (per horse) and Pattern (if not in entry show packet)

-Take Late Entries and Jackpot \$

- Add Late entries to Draw Board
- Draw board to arena
- Document/Score sheet (provided) organization
- Auditing results post show (Show sec. & Secretary)

Casie will ask Haley Hamlin if she is available for hire to assist the position appointed to Shawna Pennington.

-Tractor driver/arena prep- Casie reach out to Teena.

-Sponsorships-

-Unknown if current bank account was from 501 c(3) days. Money in and out could possibly be out of compliance.

-Tax ID # needs to be on sponsor/donation form (Toni M.)

-Current and past 5 year sponsor list requested from Kelly to connect to Casie.

-Proposal- Every membership is responsible for bringing in 1 sponsor. Discussion. No motion, no second. -Deferred to continue as **old business**

-Sponsorship options would like to be expanded. Banner, Judge Sponsors, Show/Class sponsor- \$ added. Prizes, Etc. Alex Pennington volunteered to be Sponsorship coordinator.

-Alex made a motion to revise current sponsorship plan. Shawna Seconded.

- Kailey expressed concern regarding many proposed changes (membership requirements- workdays and sponsorships). She suggested paying vs. additional time for work days. Further discussion to be had.

Motion to conclude meeting by Alex P. 8:22 PM, Mickey Seconded.