

RRVHSA General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2009
Happy Joe's Pizza Palor

Sara Erickson, vice president, called the meeting to order for absent President Scott Diseth.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance of \$13,561.26. Expense of \$57.88. Deposit of \$703.00 from membership dues. The balance as of 2/21/09 is \$14,506.38.

Secretary's Report: Karen Bohnsack pointed out amendments that needed to be made to the minutes from January's meeting. In the section regarding the Open Barrel Series, the poles are a 2D (division) instead of 3D. The line "All proceeds will do to the Fair Board for arena improvements needs" needs to be changed to "All proceeds will go to the Fair Board for arena improvements." Keith made a motion to amend the minutes. Paul Z. seconded.

Old Business: Karen Bohnsack asked why no notices prior to this meeting had been sent out. According to the rules they need to be sent out 7 days before the meeting. Sara and Annette explained that the past secretary and new secretary had not had a chance to get together to exchange information due to busy schedules.

Karen stated that a packet used to be sent to the Judges with a confirmation letter, the rules and by-laws for the association, the showbill, and a list of obstacles available for pattern classes.

Sara stated that she would like to change the sponsorship forms to add other sponsorship levels. Karen stated that they used to give plaques/certificates to sponsors.

Finalizing the wording for the Proposals:

1. Proposal was withdrawn so no changes were made.
2. Amend the By-laws to state: We have two general membership meetings. The first to make proposals and discuss them. The second meeting to vote on the proposals.
3. All patterns be posted on the website one day prior to the show and have standardized symbols on them. (Section 1, General show rules.)
4. The Open classes: Western pleasure, Walk/Trot, Barrels, and Poles also be counted for year end points. (Section 6 Hi-point and year end awards)
5. Show Bill classes are swapped for every other show Pleasure/Games Games/Pleasure. Egg and Spoon to be cut off between classes. (Section 1, General show rules.)

6. The Judge is required to stay through all the classes on the show bill for the day. (Section 5, Judges) The Judge must run the stopwatch for the timed event classes at the time line for a back up timer. The Judge may take rest breaks but the timer must be run by a designated Board member. (Section 2 , Timer)
7. The Judge must follow our rules unless as stated in a safety issue. (Section 5, Judges)
8. An additional 15 feet be added to the existing 16 feet of gate alley creating a safety zone for horses and people. The run may begin when the horses nose is inside the 16 feet alley made by the gate and panel. (Section 2, Gate Rules)
9. There should be an opening ceremony at the beginning of each show where the National Anthem and Flag is to be played/displayed. (Section 2, Show Arena And Grounds)
10. Have one end of the year Champ/Versatility Show after the last horse show. 3 performance classes: Showmanship, Western Pleasure, and Horsemanship; 3 game classes: Barrels, Poles, and Keyhole; 1 horse/rider combo, 1 age ground. One all day entry fee to be established by show committee. (Section 5)
11. First place awards are a trophy or prize of \$5.00 or less in each class. (Section 5, Awards)
12. Year-end and Hi-point award points to be figured on 1 horse/ 1 rider combo. Not multiple horse/1 rider combo. (Section 6: Points and Hi-point awards.)
13. Amend Rules to state that the gate latched for classes. (Section 2, Gate)
14. Allow the Jr. Board members to plan more playdays at their discretion as long as they have permission for arena use from the Fair Board and have insurance for the playday. (Section 5)
15. Withdrawn because the Fair Board is planning improvements to the arena this spring.
16. There be set meeting dates for the annual meetings. (By-laws)

New Business: Sara said that she had been contacted by an individual who is putting together a petition to try to get Turtle River State Park open to trial riding.

Karen asked if we could mail in our votes if a club member was unable to attend the March meeting. It was agreed that could be done. The votes need to be received by March 9th and sent to the secretary.

The next meeting will be March 16th at 7:00p.m. at Happy Joe's. Annette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky seconded it.