

**RED RIVER VALLEY HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 29, 2016**

**Grand Forks Fair Board Office**

**6:00pm**



**Board Members Present:** Mark Barnett, Donavan Wald, Amy Theis, Keith Eggl, Terry Jenson, Becky Diseth, Jeanie Andringa, Mike Crawford

**Board Members Absent:** Raelene Aarhus, Gayle Moe, Trisha Wallace

**Other Members Present:** Mara Eggl, Scott Diseth

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Barnett at 6:15pm.

Minutes from November 21, 2015 meeting are available on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$10,939.73 is the balance in the checking account as of January 1, 2016. The account is currently with Fransden Bank. Amy Theis asked that the account be moved to Bremer Bank which has locations in Grand Forks, Crookston, and Fisher. ***Jeanie Andringa made a motion to move the checking account to Bremer Bank, add Mark Barnett and Donavan Wald to the signature card, require two signatures on all checks, and have an independent audit performed by Stromsodt CPA. Keith Eggl seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Old Business:**

- **Crowsnest**

Ryan Bartels was selected as the contractor and work will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Labor is estimated at \$6,000-\$6,600. Permanent naming rights are available for a \$6,000 donation.

**New Business:**

- **Sponsorship**

Members went through the list of potential sponsors and committed to contact them. Amy Theis will e-mail an updated list as well as an updated sponsorship sheet. Terry Jenson asked that the recognition signs be located on the south side of the arena for better visibility. A list of all sponsors will be located on the north side of the crowsnest. Pictures of class winners will be taken and sent with thank yous to the class sponsor.

- **Marketing**

Jeanie Andringa will make sure photos are taken at Association events/shows and will submit them to local newspapers.

- **Website**

Amy Theis will contact Kylie Nissen or Julie Arnold about getting access to the website. Once access is gained, she will make updates.

- **Raffle**

Same prize amounts and tickets as 2015. Raffle will be awarded at the August 28, 2016 show. Amy Theis will request permits for this raffle as well as 50/50 drawings. She will also find out if a permit is needed to sell chances on a PHT magnetic horse sheet at the Little Rascal Barrel Race.

- **Judges**  
Mark Barnett will work on securing qualified judges. Members are encouraged to make suggestions.
- **Little Rascal Classic**  
Saturday, August 13, 2016. \$2,000 added. Amy Theis will complete the application for the CVB grant. We may have to work together with the GF Barrel Series on the grant. Mara Eggl will take care of having prizes embroidered. There will be no pre-entry or late fee/penalty. Payout will be issued by check the day of the run. Amy Theis will check with UBRA about being a Tour Event. Amy Theis will get sanctions for UBRA, MPB, and WPRA.
- **Western Pleasure Derby**  
The Board decided to add a Western Pleasure Derby class as the last pleasure class on the August 28<sup>th</sup> show. Entry fee will be \$30 per rider. Payout will be \$1,000. \$400 and a trophy buckle for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$300 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$200 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and \$100 for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Amy Theis will work on the flyer advertising the event and she will work on finding a buckle sponsor.
- **Clinics**  
Becky Diseth suggested having an affordable Western Pleasure clinic. Possibly Jamie Novak as the clinician. Jeanie Andringa pointed out that she, Donovan Wald, and Amy Theis are on the Board of Directors for the Red River Valley Shows in Crookston and recommended the two groups work together. The Valley Shows has stalls and an indoor arena available so weather would not be a factor. This will definitely be considered for 2017.
- **Cross training**  
Board members will be cross trained on the computer and registration process as well as driving 4-wheeler, setting up trail obstacles, etc.
- **Prizes**  
It was suggested that prizes be awarded for two classes per show. Possibly a bag of feed, buckets, etc.

**Adjourn at 9:00pm:**

***Terry Jenson made a motion to adjourn. Becky Diseth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Theis  
Treasurer