

## VCHA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2011 Board Meeting

The January board meeting was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2011; at Marie Calendars, in Santa Rosa, CA.

The meeting was called to order by President Stacey Powers @ 6:40 pm; Board members present were Brandis Langston, Stacey Powers, Wanda Smith, Steve Litzky, Kit Simmie, Patrice Menini, Virginia Sorensen and Shannon SinClair.

Absent were: Nina Van Sweden – No guests were present

Minutes of December's board meeting were read and approved as corrected by Wanda Smith. Motion was made to accept the minutes with corrections noted, by Patrice Menini. Board unanimously in favor.

Treasurer's report: Nothing to report. However, treasurer Steve Litzky provided the board a two year itemized Income & Expense comparison: Comparing 2009 to 2010; the board reviewed & discussed, the major decrease was in the sponsorships from 09' to 10'.

Additional discussion around sponsorships was emphasized & agreed to be a focus for 2011. Wanda recommended all sponsorship information should be included on the Club's web site.

Virginia Sorensen presented a show headstall, offering to donate the item for a fundraising raffle. Her husband would make a silver buckle for the headstall. A brief discussion as to the estimated cost of the silver buckles, the price of the raffle tickets, the advertising plan, etc had not been decided.

A motion to accept the headstall as a raffle prize was made by Wanda Smith, board unanimously in favor. The details as to cost of the raffle tickets, and the marketing associated would be finalized upon completion of the silver buckle for the headstall.

President Stacey Powers, referred to the club's standing committees & duties of those various committees outlined in the By-Laws: The following committees were discussed and formed as follows:

1. Nominating Committee: To be determined later in the year.
2. Newsletter & Media: Wanda Smith agreed to continue these tasks.
3. Show Committee: Consisting of the following Show Judges, Cattle Chair – playdays & practice Committee: After a detailed discussion; the following will assist: Brandis Langston & Steve Litzky – primarily for cattle & facilities duties, (contacting Chris Brown about Judge's stand at Bar None Ranch); Show Judges – Stacey Powers; Secretarial duties shared with Kit Simmie, Patrice Menini, Virginia Sorensen, & Shannon SinClair: Stacey encouraged the committee members to accept Sally Spaulding's generous offer to meet with her, to learn about the various duties associated with this extensive committee.

Board discussed VCHA's 2011 show dates. Wanda will check other cutting club dates.

Board discussed the need for a VCHA show announcers, and the volunteer from Sally Hubbard to assist with announcing when present.

Patrice suggested asking judges to donate their time for hosting short clinics the day of show. The board discussed having the clinics before the show starts since the show is usually over in the early afternoon hours. Nothing was decided or approved at this time.

4. Year-End Awards Committee: Nina Van Sweden & Virginia Sorensen
5. Year-End Award Banquet: To be determined at a later date – Seeking assistance from Membership
6. Annual Fund Raiser (Silent Auction) To be determined at a later date – But agreed all members need to focus on increasing the success of the Silent Auction as well as sponsors.
7. By-Laws: Wanda Smith
8. Insurance & Membership: Treasurer Steve Litzky will head the Insurance and co-chair the membership with Virginia Sorensen.

Wanda recommended we review the membership dues & fees reflected on the application. Board discussed the 2010 dues & loper fees; For 2011 the board moved & approved to change the Loper fee to \$10.00; The Loper Fee will be applied towards the membership fee if loper decided to join the Club during the same calendar year.

New Business: Wanda mentioned the possibilities of a tack-swap & mechanic cow clinic being hosted where she currently boards. Primary discussion occurred, Wanda will contact owner to discuss his willingness and availability.

Wanda brought the board up to date on the progress of CEPEC.

AGENDA ITEMS TO COVER AT THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING:

Committee Reports  
Show Committee Recommendations  
Wanda - Tack Swap & Mechanical Cow Clinic update  
Virginia - Headstall Raffle Fundraiser update

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Patrice Menini – Board Member  
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