

VCHA

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING APRIL 7, 2010

The meeting of the board was called to order by President Wanda Smith at 6:30 PM at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Santa Rosa, CA

Board Members in attendance were: Chris Brown, Brandis Langston, Alicia Massey, Wanda Smith, Sally Spaulding, Judy Tamagni, Monica Vanoni, and Nina Van Sweden.

Board Member absent: Stacey Powers

Members and guests attending: Don Lewis (member) and Karl Bastion (guest).

The first order of business was that Wanda Smith recommended that the treasurer's report be moved from the Consent Calendar to the Administration portion of business and that, for the purposes of this meeting, the treasurer's report be listed as Item B. A motion to make this change was made by Judy Tamagni and passed by the board.

Karl Bastion, President of the Sonoma County Horse Council, gave a presentation on the proposed Sonoma County Equestrian Center - now to be known as CEPEC.

Wanda Smith then provided further information on the proposed equestrian center with a vision for developing an "international equestrian center" which might among other purposes, host the Olympic Equestrian Games at some point, and have an established equine veterinary center. Wanda is serving as the Director of CEPEC.

Wanda made a proposal to link the VCHA website to the CEPEC site. She also proposed that VCHA join the Sonoma County Horse Council.

Treasurer's Report:

- Judy Tamagni, treasurer, reiterated that anyone wanting a reimbursement should use one of the forms she has provided.
- A suggestion was made to donate \$50.00 to Pacific Coast CHA in memory of Rich Schinazi, and another \$50.00 to the High School Rodeo Assn. in the Myers Flat area of Northern California in memory of Susie Chadbourne. Sally Spaulding made a motion to go ahead with these donations and the motion was passed unanimously.
- It was agreed that the club will look into some kind of a fire proof file cabinet for storing the club records and archives.

Committee Reports:

Mini Series Shows:

- More tractor drivers are needed at the shows. Chris and Brandis both think that they know people who will help out with this.
- The May specialty class will be a "Halter Cutting". There will be no earning limits on either the horse or the rider. The entry will be \$55.00 for re-run cattle.
- The April "specialty class" will be a "Green Class". It will be a 2 handed class with a limit of \$250.00 in earnings for the rider and no earnings limit on the horse. It will be a non jackpot class. It this class is

well attended, we may make it a permanent addition to the class line up.

- Sally Spaulding brought up the problem of how to handle disputes or challenges as to qualifications of an entry in a class as there was a challenge with regard to the eligibility of one entrant in the Ranch Class at the March show. Sally Spaulding will handle this “challenge” with the exhibitors involved, but in future, any questions or disputes will be handled initially by the “General Rules Committee” made up of Chris Brown, Brandis Langston, Monica Vanoni, and Alicia Massey.

- It was agreed that the “general show rules” will be amended to read “All NCHA rules will apply **EXCEPT**

where specifically noted otherwise.

- The Judge for the April show will be Alex Long.

Awards: Nina is working on a list of proposed/possible awards and then will get prices in order to try to “back into the amount to be spent.

Practices: Nina reported that, due to the late rains which impacts grass, numbers, ground, etc. , no practices have been set up yet.

Cattle Committee: The committee is going over a “potential cattle contract” to be used in the future. Any suggestions for changes or additions to the contract should go to Chris Brown.

Membership: There are 41 paid up memberships of which 3 are new members.

Bylaws Committee: Sally Spaulding has withdrawn from the committee and Nina Van Sweden will take her place. The committee members will now be: Chris Brown, Wanda Smith and Nina Van Sweden.

Records:

- Wanda Smith went through the boxes (archives) and disposed of unnecessary documents. She noted that some of the minutes (archives) are missing.

- Wanda would like to get some binders for the records. Nina made a motion that we go ahead and get some and the motion was passed.

Other Business:

- **VCHA Sign:** Apparently Mike Piro has the VCHA sign made by Virginia Sorensen. Alicia Massey will try to get it back before the next show.

- **Photographs:** Monica Vanoni has a friend with a digital camera who will come and take pictures.

- **CEPEC:** There was discussion of writing a letter of support from VCHA for the CEPEC project.. It was to agreed that we will do this. Chris & Celia Brown and Sally Spaulding with work with Sally on writing the letter and Sally will sign it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nina M. Van Sweden