

VCHA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of February 2010 Board Meeting

The February board meeting was held on Wednesday February 3, 2010; at Marie Calendars, in Santa Rosa, CA.

The meeting was called to order by President Wanda Smith at 6:35 pm; board members present were Chris Brown, Brandis Langston, Alicia Massey, Stacey Powers, Wanda Smith, Sally Spaulding, Judy Tamagni, & Nina Van Sweden.

Absent was Monica Vanoni. No guests or members were present.

Minutes of the January 2010 board meeting were read. Sally motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Nina Van Sweden.

Treasurer Report: Judy reported the Liability Insurance totaled \$1,045; including 2 additional insured's.

Bills presented totaled \$169.52; consisting of \$30.05 Show supplies & \$139.47 for mileage reimbursement to Wanda Smith for picking up the Secretary's book; reporting an ending bank balance as of 2/3/2010 of \$14,420.32. The Board approved the bills & treasurer report as provided.

Organizing of the Club's historical documents & records were discussed. Nina & Chris to gather old documents; Brandis stated he recently spoke with Chari. He reported Carrie had done some organizing of some historical documents & purged some things. Chris stated he would contact Chari.

Show Committee: Sally reported she had a list of 10 possible judges to contact. Chris called 3 other Clubs to determine what the market bears as to Judge's fee. After review of the other Club's Judges' costs, Sally made a motion to pay a flat fee of \$400.00; motion was seconded by Stacey; unanimously agreed by board.

Chris contacted the Deniz's, to obtain the Judge's stand & Bleachers. Gary was out of town. Upon Gary's return, Chris will follow-up.

Chris was unsuccessful in locating historical cattle contracts. He spoke with Detar about formalizing a 2010 contract, and provided Detar with our show dates. Chris to clarify if additional transport cost over 100 head & determine if there is a minimum order over 100 head, for the shows, and for future Club sponsored practices & clinics.

Sally reviewed with the board, a forecast for 2010 show revenues using the recently approved lower class fee structure. As a result, she anticipates a net profit. However, analysis is based on **if we do not experience a decrease in**

actual works, or any unforeseen mishaps. Sally confirmed Brandis & Chris will be coordinating a group of people, to assist with the gates, tractor works, pens, cattle handling, etc, at each show. Brandis stated he may have a hay donor of cattle quality hay. He will follow-up.

Practices & playdays': Nina is researching & confirming possible locations to hold practices & playdays'. Judy mentioned our venue should include Clinics as well; with possible solicitation about the clinic(s) in other Clubs' newsletters. The Board decided for now, to entertain one practice in April or May. Then move forward with entertaining a clinic or playdays', depending on the amount of interest shown by the general membership after the first practice.

Membership: Wanda with Judy & Sally is finalizing the 2010 membership list. Discussion around Life time members occurred. The board will review the preliminary list, in an attempt to obtain missing addresses for some of the life time members.

A suggestion was made about a recruiting or new membership drive. Brandis recommended the current members have an incentive program. Sally stated an organization she's affiliated with had a big raffle prize. This idea was tabled to the next meeting.

By-Laws: Wanda requested the entire board review the current by-laws prior to the next meeting. Thus, bringing recommendations to discuss, & provide recommendations to the By-laws Committee for review. Committee is to return to the board for conclusion of recommendations. Sally stated she found a copy of Club's 1983 By-laws. Wanda will scan & provide to committee, as well.

Media: Website was revised to include agenda, & board meeting minutes. Wanda spoke with Star Roberts about the newsletter. Star can not head this committee, but would be willing to assist. Wanda asked if any board member interested, or if board knew anyone qualified and willing from our general membership to take on this task. No response from the board.

Nina stated she would help coordinate the advertising & sponsors. Sally suggested we leave the names of the 2009 sponsors' in February & March's newsletter, as well a ensure we have sponsor recognition & signage at our shows.

Show Awards: Alicia, nothing to report at this time. However, there was a brief discussion about a perpetual trophy in memory of Jimmy Rodgers; the board agreed to proceed with this; Nina & Chris to follow-up with the Rodgers Family to obtain the family's ideas and wishes.

Club's 2010 budget: The board reviewed the proposed budget, prepared by Judy, Sally & Nina; which reflects the Club should net a profit, if support is received by the general membership.

Administrative Items: VCHA website has been revised, which includes other club's websites, dates of various NCHA events, etc.

Nina suggested the Club make a \$50.00 donation in memory of Rich Schanizi to PCCHA Youth Fund, as well as a donation in memory of Suzie Chadbourne to a charity within her local community. Wanda motioned to donate \$50.00 in memory of each member; seconded by Chris, board unanimously agreed.

Items for next board meeting: Newsletter Chairperson,

Update by Chris regarding, cattle contract; clarify additional transportation costs for over 100 head, and minimum order of cattle for playdays' and/or clinics. Contact Gary Deniz regarding Judge's stand & bleachers, update as historical club documents.

Brandis update as to donor of cattle hay.

The board members to bring recommendations as By-Law changes and/or amendments; review of entertaining a "new" membership drive.

Being no further business, President Wanda Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.