

VCHA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of May 5, 2010 Board Meeting

The May board meeting was held on Wednesday May 5, 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, Monica Vanoni & Nina Van Sweden. (All board members were present)

Jordan Massey, Alicia's daughter was our only guests were present.

Consent Calendar Items: Minutes of April's board meeting were approved as amended. Motion made by Chris Brown, board unanimously in favor.

Judy reported bills to be paid totaled \$4,237.79 consisting of show costs & expenses; general office expenses, and California tax exempt fee. Revenue received was membership dues of \$160.00, entry fees \$3,860.00, & \$272.10 and a \$200.00 sponsorship from Bob Cooley; resulting in an ending bank balance of \$15,892.12. Both Club bills and Treasurer's report was approved as provided.

Standing Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Sally reported April's show grossed \$3,771.00 with 44 works, net profit of \$89.00. Nina reported the kitchen/lunches made approximately \$100.00. Judy requested the various receipts for the kitchen expenses, as soon as possible.

The board discussed at length, the possibilities of hosting a few short clinics; either separate dates, or during the shows. Possible topics suggested were a Turn Back clinic, and a Showmanship. The board discussed encouraging our communities' youth equestrians' to participate as well as join the Club. Chris volunteered to give a short clinic during our May's show; focusing on showmanship. It was recommended to communicate this event on our website & phone line.

Chris stated he hadn't had an opportunity to finalize a Cattle Contract. It was discussed and coordinated the Cattle committee would meet next Tuesday @ Marie Calendars to get contract drafted. Chris stated Gabe was undecided as to what he's going to charge if the Club does not meet the minimum order of cattle per show. Gabe's suggestions were outlined for the board. The Cattle committee intends to run various financial forecasting to determine what works for the club, at their next week's committee meeting.

Judy reported to date; 2010 current paid membership is 44, compared to 70 paid membership last year. Wanda recommended the board divide up the historical membership list to make phone calls to encourage members, to remain members of the club. Discussions of recruiting High School Rodeo youth as well as other youths involved in other equestrian sports. A possible free youth clinic was discussed. Thus contacting Ag-Advisors, equestrian clubs, was also mentioned. Brandis stated he'd look into the possibilities of us hosting a youth clinic.

Bylaws: The recommendation that the board postpone the bylaw review until later this year.

Wanda reported she had completed the archiving on the Club's historical records, or at least what we have. She stated Karl Bastion has generously donated a free storage unit. Wanda sought board approved to take Karl up on his generous offer; which is a fire proof unit. Stacey made the motion, board unanimously agreed.

Media: Wanda will be completing the "Trainer's Corner Spotlight" for our next newsletter, featuring Chris Brown.

Awards: Nina reported she will be gathering ideas & pricing proposal as to costs, over the next two months. Brief discussion about award ideas; breast collars, reins, sheets, split boots, etc. Nothing has yet to be finalized, as net profits as to our mini-series is a major factor to award choices.

Banquet: Too early to book, next meeting Monica stated she's bring tentative locations for the board to discuss.

Budget Review: Judy stated the board needs to focus on sponsors for 2010; this is another key component to awards for our min-series.

Chris read a draft of the Club's support letter for the Equestrian Complex. A brief discussion as to minor changes in verbiage occurred. The board approved the letter with the appropriate changes.

Items to cover at June's Board Meeting: Sponsors, Awards, Cattle contract & cost at various minimums & Banquet facilities

Being no further business, President Wanda Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.