

## VCHA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

### Minutes of January 2010 Board Meeting

The January board meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2010; at Marie Calendars, in Santa Rosa, CA.

The meeting was called to order by Nina Van Sweden at 7:04 pm; board members present were Chris Brown, Brandis Langston, Stacey Powers, Wanda Smith, Sally Spaulding, Judy Tamagni, Monica Vanoni & Nina Van Sweden.

Absent was Alicia Massey. No guests or members were present.

Minutes of the December 9, 2009 joint board meeting were read, and amendments were made. Sally motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Nina Van Sweden.

Before the Treasurer's report, board agreed to discuss the current By-laws pertaining to the qualifications of President. Being no further discussion, we moved into electing President. The result of the President elect was Wanda Smith.

A nomination for Vice President was made by Nina Van Sweden, seconded by Chris Brown; Sally Spaulding accepted the nomination, board unanimous agreed.

Treasurer Report: Judy reported a beginning balance of \$14,565.79; with general expenses consisting of web hosting & our message machine for total expenses of \$50.95; Deposit of \$75.00 for the refundable deposit, from the banquet facility. The ending bank balance as of January 1, 2010 was \$14,589.84.

Judy reminded the board, membership dues are due! Judy questioned the format of communicating the deadline date, the distribution & receipt of membership application & release of liability forms, to our membership.

Sally suggested we kick off the year by providing every member a paper newsletter for January; The goal is to effectively communicate all future board meeting dates, changes as to the mini-series, the show rules, our Club's show dates & other clubs' show dates, as we know to-date in a timely fashion. Thereafter, we would revert back to website & email newsletters' being the form of communication. The board agreed.

Judy provided the board with some accounting forms, to assist with the bookkeeping. Judy will email forms to the board as well.

## Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Sally & Wanda stated they would contact and help Star get January's newsletter out ASAP

Insurance: Nina asked Judy if she had received the invoice for this year's liability insurance; Judy, not as of yet, but would follow up as the membership & insurance duties were combined & best served by the Treasurer.

Stacey requested the order of the committee reports be shifted to leave the Show/playday committee to last; it's the committee with the most to report, & discuss. The board agreed.

Awards: Nothing to report; It was suggested we seek multiple quotes from various merchants & vendors for our awards. Wanda would like to see the committee meet & return with recommendations & a budget.

Playdays/Practices: Nothing to report at this time.

Brandis stated he'd best serve on the show committee, but would be willing to help where ever needed.

By-Laws: Wanda reported success in obtaining the 1998 membership booklet. It reflects the history of the club, by-laws, both the membership & show rules, and rules for the Point Club Show. She briefly compared the 1998 by-laws to the current by-laws and noted some minor changes. The biggest change was the area of the Loper member.

She recommended a review of the 1998 by-laws, which she will highlight, the changes in yellow, to the current. The committee should meet and make recommendations to the board. But it is difficult to determine when & if those changes were actually voted & approved by the general membership over the years, without historical minutes of the Club.

Nina stated she'd go through boxes she had. Chris stated he would contact Carrie, to see what she had. Once historical Club minutes are obtained, Stacey stated she'd scan, place on a disk and provide copies.

Media: Chris reported he spoke with Mary Maxeiner. She'd appreciate some assistance maintaining our website, since she's traveling quite a bit. Both Wanda & Sally stated they would assist.

Show Committee: Sally reported the committee had two very productive meetings; the summary of the committee's recommendations were provided to the board. (See attached outlined)

There was discussion about the number of cattle against price per head, if additional transport costs were to occur. Chris promised to obtain historical cattle contracts and contact our current cattle supplier to discuss.

The board discussed in depth the recommendation of lowering the entry fees against the costs of each show; being a very marginal net or break even result. The board voted on the various fee changes, with 6 yes 1 No, and 1 sustained.

The suggestion was made; revenue & profits should be reviewed after the first show to determine if changes to entry fees, had a positive or negative outcome. If necessary the Board could review entry fee changes again.

New Business: Sally motioned to approve the show committee's recommendations to the show rules; specifically rule #1 - must be at least 3 entries in a class, in the event that there are less than 3, the class "*may be canceled*" changed to "*WILL BE CANCELED*". Stacey seconded the motion, board unanimously agreed.

Sally sought clarification to the remainder of the show rules & board approved the following; entries will close on Wednesday nights; all entries drawn by the judge at the show. If combining classes need to occur, the show secretary, the President & cattle chairperson will decide which classes to combine, based on entries. This will be reflected on the club's show line & website, prior to show.

The changes to the classes & confirmation as to the classes qualifying for Non-Pro High Point Award are:

Non Pro \$35K, Non Pro, \$15K Amateur, \$500 N.P. & \$15K Novice/NP

Chris motioned to approve & seconded by Brandis. Board unanimously agreed

Wanda provided the board with an agenda organization temple. She will provide the agenda to the board, one week prior to the meetings. She wishes the minutes to include a list of business items to be addressed for each proceeding month's board meeting.

Nina stated the board needs to decide whether the lunch/BBQ at the shows would continue. Board agreed it was a lot of work, and most of the board were either showing or working at each show. Nina & Monica both stated they would co-chair, but will seek assistance from the membership or possibly outside youth groups.

Wanda recommended we make use of our membership, as a club is only as good as its members.

Monica sought clarification to possible banquet sites; the goal being to keep it centralized. The board concurred.

Items for the next month's meeting are:

The implementation of cattle contract & clarification as to cattle quantity.

Update on Newsletter & Website forum

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Wanda Smith at 8:40pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday February 3, 2010 at Marie Calendars in Santa Rosa, CA at 6:30pm.