Month

# Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Libby Cotterman, Chuck Hand, David Kreider, Peggy Kreider, Laissie Stocker, Donnie Uffner, John Kreis, Lisa Kreis, Lori Kiko, Chad Clippinger, Rex Everhart, Eric Erwin, Angie Erwin, Willie Hohmann, Jen Hohmann, Mary Hohmann, Melissa Miller, Amanda Shank, Jodi Adkinson, Clint Adkinson, Tiffany Davis, Jenna Gorham, Rick Learn, Everett Minteer, Lori Merrit, Kayla Swain, Jaime Carter

**Agenda:**

1. Review June Minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. In-field Challenges
4. Open Discussion

**Minutes**

**June Minutes**

* Motion to approve June Minutes
  + - * Motion – LM, 2nd – LS, VOTE: Pass

**Treasurers Report**

Shows continue profitable returns. There were no exceptional expenditures in June. The club did purchase new radios for the judges, scribes, office and show staff.

**Action Item:** Joseph is owed $100 for the June Show – Stall Clean up. Lori will handle

**In Field Challenges**

**Primary - Exhibitors at the June show reported wait times for the classes in excess of 2 hours; this is beyond reasonable and should be addressed.**

Secondary – Judges contract states the show time as 9-3. May and June both extended well beyond 3pm. This challenge can be solved by offering additional compensation from the association at the end of the day. This will be a conversation with the President and the Judge privately prior to the show.

* Motion to pay extra $100 to June Infield Judge
  + - * Motion – LC, No 2nd – the motion was not moved to a vote

The judge did not ask for additional payment, the offer was made to the judge the day of the show for additional compensation it was declined.

1. In-field Structure changes – Proposals/Ideas for improvement
   1. **Start In-field classes at 8 am** – allow that time slot for cattle exhibitors only
      1. Con - The judges will need to arrive an hour only – so instead of extra time at the end of the day they may end up with extra time at the start and end of the day
      2. Con - The 8 O’clock hour is generally used by cattle exhibitors to warm up their horses for their first classes. They may not have an opportunity to go through the patterns and may subsequently still end up running later in the day.
      3. Pro - If we assign non cutting cattle exhibitors to the 8 am time block they will complete their infield classes before the arena classes are started.
   2. **Split the day by Pattern** – Ranchmanship in the morning & Trail in the afternoon
      1. Pro – The judge is judging one pattern at a time in each block.
      2. Pro – The Ranchmanship pattern completion time is significantly shorter (3 minutes or less) – would allow for more runs to be completed in a smaller time block
      3. Pro – The judges stand can be set up for the Ranchmanship viewpoint in the morning and moved in the afternoon; the judge is not going back and forth between patterns during runs
      4. Con – Cattle exhibitors in the morning will need to find time between their classes to make their Ranchmanship run
      5. Con – Rail class exhibitors will need to find time between their classes to make their trail run
   3. **Additional In-field Steward** – Find another person to assist with signing in the in-field exhibitors and assigning a time block. Perhaps a radio to the announcer or smaller microphone can be used to notify exhibitors of the running order.
      1. Pro – exhibitors can sign up for a running order and continue to work their horse while they wait for their time slot
      2. Con – exhibitors would still need to remain in close proximity to the infield to ensure they hear their number
      3. Con – we need to find another person to support the infield – most likely a paid position
   4. **Additional In-field Judge** – We work to find an additional judge; one for each pattern.
      1. Pro - We may be able to leverage an apprentice judge at a lower rate who is looking for hours to fill their requirement.
      2. Con – We are paying an additional judge for the day, they may finish early or have excessive downtime.
      3. Con – we may not be able to find available judges for the remaining shows in 2019.
   5. **Draw system at point of entry** – ask exhibitors to draw a running order at time of entry or assign them first come first serve at time of entry. Leverage the 2nd in-field steward to manage the draw order and communicate with the arena announcer to update the grounds with the current infield running orders. Additional show runner may be needed from the office to the in-field gate steward to update running order. If an assigned running order is missed for a reason other than actively showing in an arena class the exhibitor is scratched.

**Action Item:** Is it possible to purchase a number sign that the in-field steward can update with run order - like at the BMV – not electronic but whiteboard or number flip board.

* + 1. Pro – at the start of the day exhibitors will know there placing for both infield classes and can plan accordingly
    2. Con – we may need to manage 2 draw lists for arena and non-arena exhibitors
    3. Con – arena exhibitors will need to monitor their classes on both sides to ensure they are not skipped or scratched.
    4. Con – make up slots at the end of the day will need to be added to accommodate exhibitors with arena class conflicts extending the day.
  1. **Downsize the trail and ranchmanship patterns**. Current set up is leveraging a ½ acre of ground for the set up. The June pattern was extended slightly to allow for visibility of all obstacles by the judge.
     1. Con – making the patterns too small may not provide enough room for all maneuvers to be executed properly
     2. Pro – a smaller pattern may result in a faster run times
  2. **Non Arena Class Exhibitors Show prior to Noon**, freeing up the afternoon for overflow and arena class exhibitors.
     1. Con – conflicts with Rail and Reining classes will still exist
  3. **Reduce number of obstacles for Walk/Trot and Youth Exhibitors** 
     1. Con – exhibitors may elect to attempt the obstacles and result in no time savings for the day.
  4. **Cutoff entries for infield classes earlier**
  5. **Make no changes for the 2019 season reassess at the end of the show season** 
     1. Con – wait times may continue to increase as the size of the show increases

1. June Show – In Field Judge feedback
   1. 2019 Change - Trail Pattern is too large; reducing the size will reduce run time
   2. 2019 Change - Reduce the number of obstacles – 6 to 7 Obstacles
   3. 2020 Change - Hire 2 apprentice judges -one for each class
2. Changes Regardless of Option Selected
   1. Cutoff Infield Class Entries at 11am or Noon?
      1. Showbill, website changes will need to be made to ensure exhibitors who historically arrive later can adjust their plans. We may consider a Social Media Post as well announcing the change now and again the week of the show.
   2. Implement an in-field Steward to help with check in and line up
      1. Volunteer position – leverage existing members, directors and officers to fill the day so one person is not standing all day.
3. **Proposed Option for Directors Vote** 
   1. Initiate a “Draw Order” for both in-field classes
      1. With each in field class entry the exhibitor will select a running order spot (number). This should eliminate long wait times and the need for line jumping during the morning by cattle exhibitors. Each exhibitor will be assigned a specific place in line.
         1. Each exhibitor will select 1 running spot in the order. If both classes are entered the exhibitor will be asked to complete both in that running spot; one after the other
      2. In-field steward will coordinate checking in exhibitors, lining up the next horses to go. Radio the announcer for updates and leverage the new microphone/speaker system to announce running order
      3. We encourage exhibitors who are not in a cutting class to select the earlier running positions, leaving the later positions for the cattle exhibitors
         1. The in-field steward will take the first 25 spots in the running order to start the day; with the remaining available after the entries have closed.
      4. If an exhibitor is not able to run in their selected spot because they are showing in another class at that time; they will be moved to the end of the list.

**Action Item:** Off-Cycle directors vote was taken – majority voted to approve the proposed option for a Go Order and In Field Steward.

Open Discussion

**Bi-law Changes**

**Show Bill Changes**

**Off – Cycle Discussion**

1. Purchase Digital Clock for Cattle Classes
   * + - Motion to pay purchase digital display and timing system for the arena – approximately $2000
         * Motion – – approved
2. Purchase Digital Number board for the In Field Go Order
   * + - Motion to pay purchase digital display with remote for the in field – approximately $400
         * Motion – – approved

**Next Month Discussion Topics**

1. Show Day Support
   1. Moving all show day support to paid positions. Amounts will need to be discussed as well as how to handle support from the May and June shows.
2. Open Discussion

**2019 Committees**

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| Committee | Members | Overview |
| Infield | Tiffany Davis  Adam Black  Zach Boggs  Libby Cotterman | Review trail patterns  Review trail obstacles |
| Communication | Laissie Stocker  Lori Merrit  Kaci Neptune  Jaime Carter | Marketing  Social Media  Forms  Show bill |
| Judge | Donnie Uffner  Libby Cotterman  John Kries | Review judge selection  Show Day Pattern Selection  Show Day Location |
| Cow | John Kreis  Chuck Hand | Secure Cattle Provider  Cattle Management |
| Website Administration | Kaci Neptune  Laissie Stocker | Review web access  Update with 2019 info |
| Cline | Josh Darling  Chuck Hand  Rusty Hensel  Libby Cotterman | Clinic offerings for 2019 |
| Awards | Lisa Kreis  Libby Cotterman  Tiffany Davis | Year End Awards  Show Ribbons |
| Freestyle Reining | Jennifer Hohmann  Suzie Rospotynski | Pattern Selection  Show preparation |
| Membership | Lori Merritt  Kendra Vaughn  Jaime Carter | Review and Update |
| Youth Activities | Jennifer Hohmann  Lori Martin | Youth clinics  Youth show activities  Fun Show |
| Sponsorship | Diana McGee  Lydia Knapp |  |
| Stall | Donnie Uffner | Stall/Barn Assignments |
| Show Day | Lori Merritt  Kendra Vaughn | Office staff  Announcer  Software |
| Banquet | TBD |  |