

Treasure State Cutting Horse Association (TSCHA)

Board of Directors Meeting

February 11, 2023 Butte, MT

Present:

Jessica Lee (President), Lannie Lemons (VP), Karla Camp (BOD), Joan Hogue (BOD), Billy Campbell (BOD)

Conference Call:

Ken Mesaros (BOD), Tye MacDonald (BOD), Katie Clouse (Treasurer), Lynn Bervy (Secretary)

Guest:

Darrell Lee

Jessica Lee called the meeting to order at 11:25 am

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- ❖ Gretchen Dunn as outgoing Treasurer transferred duties and information to Katie Clouse January 2023.
- ❖ Will work on transferring our accounts from Wells Fargo to Stockman Bank
- ❖ She will need phone numbers, addresses & social security numbers of those authorized to access to our banking. President Jessica Lee, VP Lannie Lemons & Secretary Lynn Bervy. (Lanny has elected to opt out of being on any TSCHA accounts.)
- ❖ Our 1099 tax forms have been filed by Katie
- ❖ Katie will send financials to the BOD & President quarterly and following each show
- ❖ Checking Balance \$25,536 as of 1/31/23
- ❖ Savings Balance \$6,332
- ❖ 2022 was a good financial year for TSCHA, a \$5,000 increase from last year.
- ❖ Sponsorships & an increase in membership contributed to this.

MOTION: Send out email to membership once transfer to Stockman Bank is complete.

Karla, 2nd Ken

Ayes: ALL Nays: 0

Carried

OLD NEWS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ❖ TSCC DBA as TSCHA was approved by the board
- ❖ New website was designed by Big Sky Internet Design offering a professional and user-friendly platform.
- ❖ Lannie Lemons appointed to finish Chris Basham's term as Vice President (one-year, 2023).
- ❖ The Fall year end Banquet at the beautiful Fairmont Hot Springs included:
- ❖ A general members meeting, dinner provided for the membership by TSCHA, Awards Presentation, comment box and two Hat Voucher giveaways and extra drawings.
- ❖ Our Silent Auctions (Spring & Fall) totaled \$2,017
- ❖ Thanks go out to our generous Donors and Bidders for making our Silent Auctions a success!

2023 Projected Show Schedule:

APRIL 7 - 8 406 Arena, Vaughn

- ❖ Billy Campbell secured a Cattle Supplier Agreement with Lane Yeager
- ❖ 150 head @\$40 each, rates include trucking. Also 40 head of practice cattle.
- ❖ Bill and Scott to organize this show

MAY 6 Blue Ribbon Pavilion, Deer Lodge

- ❖ Darrell Lee (MCHA board member) was present to represent MCHA in offering us an invitation to TSCHA to co-produce this show. MCHA wishes to open their door to our membership and encourage a positive working relationship between both organizations. Many of their members may enjoy our two-handed classes and our members can see if they might enjoy being part of the classes that MCHA offers as well.
- ❖ MCHA has already secured cattle that would include our classes as well.
- ❖ It will reduce/eliminate considerable costs, planning, and setup/takedown for TSCHA, therefore taking substantial risk out of holding a show at this new venue for the first time.
- ❖ Classes that MCHA/TSCHA share will be at the MCHA entry fees and payouts. Those classes would be: Open, Non-Pro, \$5,000 NH & \$5,000 NHNP, Youth and \$2,000 Limit Rider.
- ❖ All TSCHA/Cowhorse classes will be at the TSCHA rates and payouts (any NWAB class would be MCHA only)
- ❖ The TSCHA/Cowhorse classes will run following all combined MCHA/TSCHA classes for our Show Secretary to effectively keep the two Associations books organized.
- ❖ Darrell had discussed this extensively with Kelly Fraser, Show Secretary for both MCHA and TSCHA and she feels optimistic that we can do this and manage both associations books as usual.
- ❖ MCHA has again offered a free membership to any TSCHA member that has not been a member with them in the past year (2022). With the MCHA membership, an NCHA membership is also required. Currently, NCHA offers anyone who has not been a member in the previous (3) three years a free membership as well. Memberships may be completed online or paper form. Information will be provided to you prior to the show.
- ❖ TSCHA discussed reciprocating free memberships in kind to MCHA for those that have not been members with us in the past year and there was also much back-and-forth discussion about this. *When we voted, all had agreed to extend the offer for this year.*
- ❖ There was a lot of back-and-forth discussion by the board with many questions and concerns presented. The board decided to proceed with just a one-day, one-time show, to be evaluated and considered with our membership for any future co-produced shows. To confirm, at the end of our discussion and prior to the vote being taken, *all board members decided to give this a try, this one time.*
- ❖ Joan, Jessica & Darrell to organize this show

MOTION: Co-produce a one-day show in Deer Lodge with MCHA

Karla, 2nd Ken

Ayes: All Nays: 0 **Carried**

MOTION: Reciprocate free membership to MCHA members that were not our members last year

Bill, 2nd Karla

Ayes: All Nays: 0 Carried

JUNE 2 - 4 5C Arena, Corvallis

- ❖ \$400 Arena rental for practice 12pm-5pm
- ❖ \$600 Arena rental for show days
- ❖ \$35/day for stalls
- ❖ Jessica & Lannie working on cattle
- ❖ NWAB class offered

July ? Roy Oliver's facility

MOTION: work with Roy Oliver to put on a one-day show

Jess/2nd Ken

Ayes: All Nays: 0 Carried

Aug 4 - 5 Never Sweat Ranch, Hamilton

- ❖ Cody, Darrel & Jessica organizers

Sept 8 - 10 Jack Hirschy Livestock, Jackson

- ❖ Billy working with Terry & Stacy Hendricks (Hirschy friends)
- ❖ Perhaps fresh cattle would be available for all classes
- ❖ Indoor & Outdoor arenas
- ❖ NWAB class offered
- ❖ Bill, Terry & Stacy to organize

CLINIC FOR 2023:

May 19-20 Beginners Clinic Karla Camp

2023 Class order to remain the same as 2022

Open
Cowhorse Bridle
Non-Pro
Cowhorse Bridle NP
Cowhorse Hackamore/Snaffle
Cowhorse Hackamore/Snaffle NP
Ranch Horse
\$5,000 NH
\$5,000 NHNP
Youth
\$10,000 Amateur
\$2,000 LR
\$500 LR
\$1,500 Novice Open
NWAB (2)

VOTING:

- ❖ **MOTION:** Re-instate paper ballots for elections (as our voter turnout with on-line voting was low). Will offer both e-Voting and print paper ballots to send members with their Voter ID included.

Karla 2nd/Bill

Ayes: All Nays: 0 Carried

AWARDS:

- ❖ **MOTION:** Change Youth Awards to 1st & 2nd place only
/2nd Lannie

Ayes: all Nays: 0 Carried

OTHER:

- ❖ Concessions: Give Spices & Spurs (Cassie Campbell) right of first acceptance and secure concessioners early
- ❖ Rented Venues (Arena) to ranch venues – cattle costs should remain at \$30/head for ranch venues where cattle are on site and do not require transportation. Will negotiate best cattle/shipping rates for rented venues and consult with board.
- ❖ Work on securing our Cattle Supplier Agreements early
- ❖ This will be Kelly Frasers last year as Show Secretary, we need people to consider who may be interested in learning this paid position.
- ❖ Apparel: Becky Mesaros will handle the apparel program
- ❖ Robbie Bennett has a connection for Yeti Products at wholesale cost
- ❖ New sponsorship committee: Jeannie Reyher & Jennifer Lantz
- ❖ Discussed TSCHA Cutting Saddle Giveaway, perhaps raffles for class entries & securing sponsorships throughout the 2023 season
- ❖ Work on Awards early for this years banquets. More “horse-gearred” awards
- ❖ Consider circuit awards, possible rookie of the year

Meeting adjourned 1:33pm

Minutes by Lynn Bervy, Secretary

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