



## Treasure State Cutting Horse Association Board of Directors Meeting

418 Saddlehorn Drive, Butte, MT 59701 | February 1, 2026 11am.

Jessica Lee, President, called meeting to order at 11:08 am

### **Board Members Present (In-Person):**

- Jessica Lee (President)
- Joan Hogue (Vice President)
- Lynn Bervy (Secretary)
- Hobby Hogue (Director)
- Josh Kiemig (Director)

### **Attendees via Zoom:**

- Katie Clouse (Treasurer)
- Tim Johnson (Director)
- Ken Mesaros (Director)
- Tyrelle Smith (Director)
- Janelle Smith (Show Secretary / Guest)

### **Guests (In-Person):**

- Darrell Lee
- Karla Camp

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes from the September 28, 2025 board meeting were read by Secretary Lynn Bervy.

### **Minutes Approved**

## **Financial Report – Treasurer Katie Clouse**

- 2025 was a successful year with **net profit > \$10,000** despite increased expenses
- Banquet added money tracked; **\$1,255** from Silent Auction proceeds
- Bank transition complete: Wells Fargo closed; now solely Stockman Bank
- Current total cash balance: **\$44,836.98**
- Sponsorships received to date: **\$1,400 + \$200** more ( $\approx$  **\$1,600** total)
- A few memberships received; more expected near first show
- Lynn Bervy to send sponsor receipts
- Discussion: Itemizing sand expenses in QB (Jessica Lee request)

### **Action Items:**

- Remove Karla Camp (outgoing President) as signer on Stockman Bank account; add Jessica Lee (new President).
- Year-end Profit & Loss statement available upon request (contact Lynn Bervy).
- Katie Clouse is unable to rerun as Treasurer for another term (December 2026); replacement needed early 2026 for training and transition.

## **Clinics / Workshops**

### **Karla Camp Beginners/Intermediate Workshop**

- 1–2 days, up to 12 participants (based on sign-ups).
- Tentative dates: April 11–12 (weekdays acceptable).

### **Tim Denton Clinic**

- Dates: May 26–27, Deer Lodge Fairgrounds
- Intermediate to Advanced rider clinic
- Requirements: Cowboy hat and show attire mandatory; participants clean stalls prior to departure.
- Extras: Deer Lodge board may provide burgers
- TSCHA PA system
- Any profit from the clinic will automatically be allocated as added money.

### **Josh Kiemig Cutting / Cowhorse (CH) Clinic (Tentative)**

- Josh requested to work with CH trainer (e.g., Mike Hoffman)
- Venue to be midway between trainers

## 2026 Show Schedule

Goal: Prefer to avoid overlaps with RMBA, CMRCHA, or MCHA events.

- **April 24-26** — 406 Arena secured, cattle secured
- **May 22-24** — 406 Arena secured, working on cattle
- **June 19-20** — Sanders County Fairgrounds, Plains. Arena secured, cattle secured. Friday practice; Saturday one-day show.
  - Jessica checking Hot Springs area for possible Sunday cattle.
  - Sunday option: Re-run cattle (lower rates/fees, no points); add clinic/practice.
  - Notes: Rock picker removed 13 loads; may need additional sand. Last year's sand is stockpiled.
- **July 3-5** — 406 Arena, Vaughn (tentatively secured by Jessica); cattle TBD. Concern about July 4 weekend; consider alternate dates.
- **July 31-August 2** — Never Sweat Ranch (NSR), Hamilton; cattle secured. Run NWAB at only this show.
- **September 4-6** — Richard Cromwell Rodeo Arena, Darby. Arena secured Friday - Sunday.
  - Extras: Media coverage provided; possibly use state-of-the-art PA system; check on food vendors
  - Saturday evening: Special event ideas (Brideless Class, Calcutta, dinner, Silent Auction under lights); invite local businesses/public for visitor appeal.
  - Stalls: Never Sweat Ranch. Offering RV parking.

## Votes & Approvals

- Add **Tom Campbell** to Judge List.
  - Motion: Ayes: All | **Motion Carried**
- Change \$2,000 Limited Rider to \$4,000 Limited Rider.
  - Motion: Ayes: 7 | Nays: 1 | **Motion Carried**
- Change \$15,000 Amateur class to \$25,000 Limit Amateur (Rider class).
  - Motion: Ayes: All | **Motion Carried**
- Increase Entry Fees — Fresh: \$35 → \$55; Re-run: \$15 → \$25.
  - Motion: Ayes: 7 | Nays: 1 | **Motion Carried**
- Increase Office Fee & Omit \$8 TB Fees — Office: \$15 → \$20.
  - Motion: Ayes: 7 | Nays: 1 | **Motion Carried**
- Weighted Points Option (e.g., double points at some shows).
  - Motion: Ayes: All | **Motion Carried**
- Purchase New Clock (research brands; up to \$1,000).
  - Motion: Ayes: All | **Motion Carried**
  - *Note: Never Sweat Ranch to purchase old clock for \$200.*
- Change Class Order: Cowhorse Bridle Non-Pro moved before Non-Pro.
  - Motion: Ayes: 8 | **Motion Carried**

## Miscellaneous

### Backups / Transitions:

- Announcer: Tami Allen; backup, in case of emergency
- Show Secretary: Janelle; backup needed
- Treasurer: Replacement for Katie Clouse needed prior to end of season

### Sponsorships & Added Money (\$1,600 received so far):

- Ongoing efforts: Joan (Ressler Motors \$1,000 ask, Lawsons \$1,000 ask for added money); Karla (Stockman Bank – likely Bronze); Ken (Steel Etc.).
- Add “Added Money Sponsorship” section to brochure.
- 501(c)(7) non-profit: Funds must be allocated per sponsor wishes.
- High sponsors (idea): Offer TSCHA Buckle Award (provided by Sandy Spur / Janelle & Tyrelle).
- Recognition: Show announcements, Facebook/website, thank-you notes, receipts, Christmas cards (W-9 required; Lynn handling).
- Member incentive: Prize/drawing for bringing in sponsors (\$1,000 target; any amount helps).
- Additional ideas: More Silent Auctions; annual NSR auction for Smith Benefit; \$1,255 banquet proceeds to first show added money.

### Other Discussion Items & Policy Notes:

- Scott relinquishing clock/flag transport; Tim Johnson to take over / backup Hoby Hogue
- Arena fee (\$10) and flag fee (\$15) unchanged.
- Awards qualification: Attend 3 shows (unchanged).
- Open & 5 Novice Horse classes: Riders may show over two horses but must designate TWO to track for standings at their first show.
- Optional website online membership form (~\$150 BSI cost to build) – revisit later.
- Western Shirt fundraiser for Smiths; consider ballcaps + silkscreen.
- Review financials after every show; Jessica & Joan offered to make deposits.
- Insurance: Argonaut; cattlemen/truckers carry own; Treasurer adds shows to policy once show schedule is established
- Board members expected to assist with set-up / tear-down.
- Cattle supplier agreements: Add W-9 to backside of CSA; truckers add insurance info.
- Payouts issued **only** after all memberships paid (rider, client, trainer); encourage early settlement.
- Creative socials at shows (Pro-Am, stick horses, etc.).
- Member sign-up sheets for assistance with set-up/take-down help at every show.
- Membership Directory: Lynn to add opt-in sub-category in contacts; available to interested members.
- For BOD/Officer positions, may now opt for free membership during elected term.

- Year-End Awards: Joan & Josh coordinate
- Rename “Awards Banquet” to Member Appreciation Banquet (late September, Fairmount Hot Springs).
- Back of Membership Form now contains detail regarding Trainer/Non Pro/Amateur status.
- Zero Tolerance Committee: 2 per show; no incidents in 2025.
- Fundraisers: Lynn to lead.
- Zoom auto-pay \$165 – Jessica to cancel subscription.
- Equipment: Tarps (Darrell), Banners/Clamps (Lynn), Clock/Flag (Scott → Tim), PA System (Tami).
- Equi-Stat: determine who will handle
- Arena help track next Rookie of the Year
- Videographer interest: Dory Wade? 406 Arena? Tim suggested for run review (Dory does video/stills).
- Board photo needed
- Big Sky Internet \$700/year; build voting ballot platform annually for \$150
- Promote Ranch Class to ranchers/cattlemen
- Practice Day: FOUR minute work, 1 fresh cow / late entry gets a re-run cow
- Practice day add a tip jar for Tami/leave at Office(Janelle).
- Photographers: Dory Wade (406 Arena), Steel Lace (Josh).
- Cuttin’Up pads requesting group photo.

#### **Other Policy Changes:**

- Eliminate honor system for horse registration; require AQHA registration number including registered name only. Add registration number as required field for online entries.
- Explain turnback tipping etiquette

**Adjournment Motion to adjourn:** Ken Mesaros **Second:** Tim Johnson

**Vote:** Carried at 2:37 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Lynn Bervy, TSCHA Secretary