

Big Bend Horseman's Association

Minutes February 8, 2010

President Wade opened the meeting at 7:05pm. The secretary's report was accepted as printed on the website.

Jane presented the year's budget to the club and gave written copies to all. The club approved the budget as printed. We have \$757.20 in our checking account.

Sherri renewed the club's web page for the year. She also stated that members need to come out the Thursday before the show to help get the arena/grounds ready for the show.

Sally announced the judges who have signed up so far for the year: Feb, Jerry Carter; Mar, Pam Wing; April, Glen Miller; May, Dorothy Chaney, Nov, Karen Iverson. The other months' judges will be announced at the next meeting. Sally will not be at the March show, so we'll need members to fill in for her. Jane, Sheri, and Pam C. all said they would help. Sally reminded everyone that ALL novice classes are walk-trot even though the pre-registration form just says "novice" on them.

Doyle reported that he is working on getting more 4-H kids involved in our shows.

Sue was able to get a new silver sponsor and is working getting more sponsors. She reminded the club that EVERYONE can help get sponsors, just ask her for forms. Sue also instituted a year-long sponsorship category for Ribbon Sponsors for \$140. Several members signed up to do that and Sheri will post them on the website. People can also continue to sponsor ribbons by the month. Please remember to let our sponsors know when you are shopping in their businesses!

Dana was absent, so there is not a trail ride report. Wade did let everyone know that she is working on several ideas.

Pam C. reported that she and Morgan have coordinated a short reining clinic/demo for the next show during lunch break. They encourage everyone to watch and try the class. You can do reining on any type of horse and even trot the pattern if you want. She also is working on clinics for cowboy mounted shooting, T-Touch, and Western Pleasure. She has scheduled Jeb to come to our next membership meeting to speak on pasture maintenance in our area.

Pam H. has been busy getting the word out about our club. She has the BBHA link on several other horse club sites and is working with other clubs about announcing our shows in their newsletters.

Margaret announced that she has highpoints for the next show. She requested that if any club members would like to help sponsor highpoints to please see her. Highpoint doesn't just have to be horse-related, but anything that you like to give or find a sponsor for (like restaurant gift cards, gift cards to other places, etc.)

Jane brought "class gift cards" for members to purchase to give to friends. The idea is that if we purchase a gift card for one class and give it to another horse owner, that perhaps we will get more folks to come and try our shows out. Please see Jane for the gift cards.

Gary announced that he still has CDs of the BBHA's year in pictures available for purchase for \$10. Please see him if you are interested.

The February show is on the 13th at Evil Twin Farms. Sheri reminded everyone to check the website for weather conditions prior to the show, especially if there is a high chance of rain. She also told members that we still have the pre-registration option available and that it makes it so much easier for all of us if you use it.

The next meeting is February 8th, at 7:00pm at Green Industries in the BACK classroom (not in the room we had been using).

Wade announced that the FSU equestrian team sent their thanks to those members who brought their horses to the FSU show: Doyle & Janet Conner, Peggy Jordan, Sally & Bill Bek.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sally Bek, Secretary
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