

Big Bend Horseman's Association

Minutes January 11, 2010

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

Jane is currently working on the budget and hopes to have it at the next Bard Meeting. After banquet expenses, we have \$488.87 in our checking account.

For the 2010 show season, the club approved shows on the second Saturday in February, March, April, May, June, September, October, and November and leave December free as a rain out date. Start time will continue to be 8:00AM. Our Cowboy Trade Day which was tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2010 is rescheduled for March 27th, 10:00 am, at Evil Twin Farms.

The reining class was deleted from the show bill and the club discussed this. We agreed to put Open Reining class back in our schedule and to try and build more interest in it. Morgan and Pam C. will try to get a clinic going to help members with this class.

Club members were asked to recommend potential trail rides or clinicians for the upcoming year. The club will try to have more "fun" events in the upcoming year.

Wade told members about the Board's assignments:

Sherri Dean	Facilities and Web Page
Sally Bek	Record keeping, show records, awards, judge selection, ribbons
Jane Essig	Treasurer records and reports, balancing and writing checks
Doyle Conner	Youth participation and 4-H liaison
Sue Everett	Fund raising and scholarships
Dana Morgan	Logistics of equipment needed for show, including stewards, gate Keepers, getting members to assist with setting up and tearing down the show equipment
Pam Clark	Education and Clinics. Doyle will help with this also.
Pam Houmère	Publicity – getting our name out in all media venues possible
To Be Decided	Membership –new members and retention of old members, trail rides

Dana agreed to work on getting some trail rides together. Morgan turned in the scrap book for last year and we need a new volunteer to act as Historian for this year.

Wade updated the club on the FSU Equestrian Team's request of sponsorship of their show in February. The following people will donate use of their horses: Sherri/Bugsy, Sally/Target, Peggy/Becky, Doyle/several horse, and Margaret S. will bring a horse. Doyle still needs to meet

with Sydney Pohemus to determine exactly how many horse and how much money is needed from us to be a platinum sponsor.

Wade presented the need for a P.O. Box for the club so that mail will not be sitting at his house. The club discussed it, but no actual decision was made.

The club discussed the high point rules for the year. They were accepted as printed with the minor change of adding in the Open Reining class as a prize class. The daily high point was discussed at great length. The club voted to continue to have daily high points in Western, English, and Speed Events. Margaret Smith will be the high point coordinator for the year. She will be responsible for getting the high point prizes and donations for them. The club voted that we should keep the cost limit of \$15 per prize (total of \$45 per show).

Margaret also pointed out that she thought more jumpers would come if we added more jumping classes. Since we already start at 8:00am and currently have no lights up in the arena, we cannot add classes. Margaret works for Talquin and will check on getting 6 telephone poles to put up. We also discussed maybe having a separate hunter ring in the back and run a Hunter/Jumper show concurrently with our regular show. We will continue to explore this idea.

Sherri reported on the Banquet. It was a huge success. There were plenty of people to help decorate and clean up. The food from Carrie Ann's catering was superb. The belt buckles really turned members' eyes and all the monogrammed items were met with great enthusiasm. Everyone was quite complimentary!

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Bek, Secretary
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