

**Big Bend Horseman's Association
Board Meeting
March 7, 2011**

Attendees:

Sherri Dean, John Sparks, Jane Essig, Doyle Conner, Jr., Susan Sparks, Edey Corley

President Sherri Dean declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Jane Essig motioned to accept the minutes from the February Board Meeting. John Sparks seconded the motion. The Board voted. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Jane presented the Treasurer's Report. Edey Corley motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. John seconded the motion. The Board voted. The motion carried. Edey asked why the club's funds at FMB were transferred to Capital City Bank. Capital City Bank has renewed their \$250 sponsorship, while FMB did not renew theirs, which was \$100 last year.

Facilities: John reported that we need to get sand into the Evil Twin Farms arena, or run water pipes for a sprinkler system. Sherri stated that Gordon has a trencher that could be used for running pipes. John will get pricing on PVC, etc. Sherri will have Gordon start watering the arena if we don't get rain by Wednesday.

Sherri mentioned that Pam and Donna cancelled the English clinic due to the arena condition, but held a mini-clinic at Donna's farm.

Susan mentioned that field sand would be about \$1100 and suggested that if each member contributed \$50 that would cover it, assuming approximately 30 members.

Other possibilities discussed were having the shows at another location, in which case the club would have to pay every month for arena use; or holding a BBQ for members who make a donation and bring a side dish.

Youth Participation: Doyle reported that there are some youth riders who will probably be coming to our show. John reported there were no English entries at the LCHA show this weekend. Edey reported there were only three trailers at the Grady County show. Sherri reported the Gadsden County show had low attendance.

Fund Raising/Sponsorships: Wade Smith and Morgan Strauss were absent.

Trail Riding: Margaret Smith was absent.

New Board Members: Edey will work on publicity; Susan Sparks will work on Education and Clinics.

Old Business

Southern Music Rising: The festival will be the weekend of April 16. Due to low interest at last year's festival, BBHA will not have a booth.

Cowboy Trade Day: This will be on March 26 at Green Industries. Members will be charged \$5 to set up for sales; non-members will be charged \$10 to sell. Sherri will put together a flyer and send it to members. It was suggested to put a big sign by the highway billing the event as a "Cowboy Flea Market". Doyle will not be able to attend; Jane volunteered to serve as auctioneer.

New Business

New Board Members: Thanks to Edye Corley and Susan Sparks for accepting positions on the Board!

Complaint: Sherri reported that a complaint was filed concerning a rider who rode the same horse in a Western lope class and English walk/trot class; the complaint further suggested that the rider choose which category to ride in and forfeit the points earned in the other category. The Board reviewed the rules and feel they are ambiguous; however the Board agreed that the intent was to not allow cross-entry within the same Division, and felt the rider in question complied with this and no changes were warranted to the points awarded. Doyle moved that the class list definitions and High Point rules be clarified to indicate that all rules pertaining to walk/trot vs. lope classes apply only within the division (Western, English, and Speed). Jane seconded the motion. The Board voted. The motion carried. Jane will draft changes and distribute to the Board.

Arena Sand: already discussed.

DOR/Tax Filing: A member expressed concern that BBHA was not filing the appropriate forms with the Florida Department of Revenue. Discussion: BBHA is not tax exempt; we pay sales tax on purchases. Sherri stated that she had asked a former LCHA treasurer, who is also a CPA, and was told LCHA doesn't file any forms except those required for a 301-C, which BBHA is not. Sherri will forward emails with links cited by concerned member to Jane; Jane will research further.

Other

Ray Johnson will be the judge for the March show.

Sherri will pay the Chamber of Commerce for BBHA's membership (\$75 membership fee previously approved by vote of the Board).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Essig, Treasurer
Scribe for this meeting