

WAHSET State Meeting
January 18, 2009 9:00 am
Lacey Fire Station 34, Lacey, WA

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Bev Matney called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.
State Board: Bev Matney, Judy Schwartz, Linda Turnbull, Tira Hancock (absent).
Voting members present: District 1 (2), District 2 (2), District 3 (3), District 4 (3). Total voting = 10.

Approve Minutes Motion/Vote Motion made to approve minutes from December 12, 2008 meeting.
Motion seconded. Motion carried 10:0

Treasurer's Report Balance: \$1,959.16
Short discussion held on expected funds and funds to be paid out.

Approval of Treasurer's Report Motion/Vote Motion made to approve Treasurer's report as presented.
Motion seconded. Motion carried 10:0.

OLD BUSINESS

Rule Changes Votes were taken from each district on the following rule changes given to them at the Dec. 12th, 2008 State meeting..
Working Pairs Page 128 (D): **Failed 3:1**
Rule will stay as follows: Working Pairs is to be ridden in an arena using Dressage symbols for orientation. The arena should be fairly close in size to a small dressage arena (65ft x 130ft approx) without using any type of borders or boundaries.
Gaming (pole size) Page 132 2-07-4 6 (a): **Approved 4:0**
Rule will change as follows: Standard 1 ½" , schedule 40, white plastic pipe, 80 to 81" long.
Break-away Roping Page 60 add A (a): Tie 2:2
Suggested rule change was: Riders must rope from the heelers box (the box on the right).
Chairperson Matney asked for short discussion to aid her in voting to break the tie. Short discussion was held. Chairperson Matney voted no to this suggested rule change. **Failed after tie breaking vote of State Chair.**
**Note: Suggestion was made that this be submitted for a rule change next year in time to get it in the rulebook in Sept/Oct.

Concerns at this time included the short amount of time for riders to make changes before first district meets.

Pattern Concerns Discussion was held on Working Rancher wording for the number of throws to rope the calf head. Should be maximum of 1 throw.

Chairperson Matney reminded everyone to check the website for answers to submitted questions regarding patterns.

Discussion was held on the procedure to make Dressage Arena pieces.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Redistricting Comm. No report

By-Laws Comm. No report. Jo-Anne Debes will get the committee started.

Scholarship Update. Lynne created rubric to aid in scoring. Lynne needs the names, addresses, and emails for District representatives on the scholarship committee. Would like 2 from each district. She will send the scholarship application to Chairperson Matney for website posting. Application has a May 1st deadline.

State Program Teams should be submitting team info and Senior info ASAP. Discussion was held on pricing for ads in the book. Ad pricing will be as follows: Congrats line = \$10, Business card size = \$20, $\frac{1}{4}$ sheet = \$30, $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet = \$50, Full page = \$75. Judy Schwartz will make changes to ad order form and email that to District chairs for distribution to the teams.

Deadline exception requests Toledo request: Student is a new rider. District Chair had papers and fees prior to deadline.

Motion/Vote Motion made and seconded to grant an exception to the deadline. Motion passed: 10/0

Ridgefield request: Student signed on as a groom and wanted to change to a rider. Student is a 4th year returning member. Deadline for this was Dec. 15th. Requesting email was received by District Chair on Jan 13th.

Motion/Vote Motion made and seconded to allow this rider to continue as a paid up groom and not as a participating rider. Application was past deadline (see Nov. 16th, 2008 State minutes for deadline information) with no circumstances listed to support an exception.
Motion passed: 7 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain

Co-op approvals District 1 submitted the following co-ops for approval:
The following schools wish to co-op with Columbia: Pasco, Kamiakin, Richland, 3 Rivers Homelink, Kiona Benton.

The following schools wish to co-op with Deer Park: Mead, Mt. Spokane, N.W. Christian, Riverside, Oakesdale.

Troutlake wishes to co-op with Goldendale.

Insight School of WA. wishes to co-op with Wenatchee.

White Salmon wishes to co-op with Cascade (pending approval at Jan. 21 School Board Mtg.)

Motion/Vote Motion made and seconded to approve District 1 submitted co-ops.
Motion passed 10:0

District 3 submitted the following co-ops for approval:
The following schools wish to co-op with Castle Rock: Kelso, Mark Morris, R.A. Long, Toutle Lake.

Motion/Vote Motion made and seconded to approve District 3 submitted co-ops.
Motion passed 9:0 (1 voting member temporarily left room)

**2009 Judges List
Correction**

Dale Waite was accidentally left off of original approved judges list. Please make sure to include him on Districts' list.

Discussion held on suggestion that Judges be sent any changes to patterns and/or rules. Chairperson Matney will try to make sure this is done. She also suggests that District Chairs make the effort to get the info to Judges they have hired prior to or at the beginning of their meets.

It was suggested that WAHSET consider a Judges clinic next year. Weather kept quite a few of the Judges who had signed up from attending this year's clinic.

Legal Concerns

District 2 approved giving State \$1000 to help in legal costs. Districts 1,3,4 will take the suggestion to their districts for discussion.

13 members (State Board and others) received a letter from an attorney representing Candy and John McCaige. WAHSET attorney is reviewing all information for response to the letter.

Insurance

Linda will send copy of insurance policy to District Chairs when she receives it from the company.

Reminder was given that the insurance company is no longer listing schools as separate additional insured.

Lap Timers

Larry Mielke handed out lap timers and gave instruction on their use. Each District will reimburse State for the cost of the timers. Thanks so much to Larry for undertaking the purchase of the timers.

Misc.

Discussion on refunds. \$35 to state with \$10 being held by districts.

of riders by districts.

District 1 = 127

District 2 = 130

District 3 = 125

District 4 = 91

TOTAL # OF REGISTERED MEMBERS = 473

Information given out regarding joining WSH. WSH is working on WAHSET points counting towards WSH end of year awards. This year it will be for Drill Teams with the goal being for all WAHSET events in the future. Contact District Chairs for more info on this.

Information given on email received by State Chair regarding horse slaughter protest.

Next Meeting Date for next meeting is February 14th 9am at Lacey firestation
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Date for March meeting is March 14th 9 am at Lacey firestation
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Open Floor Discussion on having a deadline for rule changes.

Discussion on difference between By-Law changes and Rule Changes.

Question asked regarding bits allowed in Reining.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 11:13 am.
Motion passed 9:0 Meeting adjourned

Minutes of January 18, 2009 State Board meeting respectfully submitted by

Judy Schwartz
Vice Chair