

**Yellowstone Reining Horse Association**  
**BOD Minutes**  
**1/19/2008**  
**Bozeman, Montana**

Alice Morrison call the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and Wheat Montana Bakery Conference Room.

Present: Alice Morrison, Sharlene Stone, Wendy Deans, Gwen Wagner, Harvey Lewis, Janis Anderson, George Stone, Kurt Stabenau, Jay Dee Anderson

Unexcused: Lawrence Martin

Excused: Elise Donohue, Anne Kent

Guests: Lanette Frye, Chandra Morris, Lottie Stabenau

Secretary Sharlene Stone read the last BOD Minutes dated September 20, 2007.

Correction to minutes – Kurt Stabenau was excused.

To qualify for YRHA Year End Awards, one must ride in at least two YRHA approved shows, the same class.

Minutes approved with corrections.

Treasurer Report: Wendy Deans handed out a Category Summary Report covering 1/1/07-12/31/07. A loss was reported last year due to several reasons. Reduction of entries was noted as the primary cause again due to several reasons. Two CD's are due to mature in February and April. The checking account fluctuates throughout the year and at this time of the year it is at a minimum due to numerous upcoming expenses (clinicians and judges plane tickets, awards, show trophies, banquet expenses) and minimal income.

**George Stone made a motion to borrow \$10,000 out of the larger CD due to mature in 2/2008 to cover upcoming expenses that Wendy has indicated to be paid in the next couple months. When the smaller CD matures in April 2008, the borrowed \$10,000 will be reinvested with the April CD. Seconded and Passed.**

George Stone requested a Balance Sheet for 2007 to review assets and liabilities.

Committee Reports

Banquet – Dinners have gone up to \$22.95/plate.

C.R. will auctioneer at the banquet.

**Shar Stone made a motion to pay for his dinner as a thank you for his professional service. Seconded. Passed.**

Alice asked for a budget for door prizes.

**Harvey Lewis made a motion to approve a total of \$600 to be allotted as gift certificates for drawings at the Banquet. Seconded. Passed.**

2007 show sponsors will be contacted: Corral West, Four Corners Saddlery, and Rusty Spur.

Audit – A 2006 audit was never conducted. A 2007 audit to be looked into. It will not be a full blown audit, but more of a review. Wendy will ask a tax auditor what the charge will be to do a review of YRHA's books.

Fund Raising – 2007 was very successful as it covered the added monies for all three shows. Wendy has begun fund raising this month. She is now taking on the full responsibility as the main fund raiser but would like the board members to make initial new contacts that she could follow up. She is also reviewing benefits at each level since YRHA will only be producing one show in 2008 instead of three. She's looking at several options Advertising/banners tend to be the main means to giving back to the sponsors for what we can do as an organization.

Raffle a hat from Rocky Mountain Hat Company -- \$450 beaver hat

**Jay Dee Anderson made a motion to purchase a \$450 hat from Rocky Mountain Hat Company to be raffled by YRHA and to be given at the July show. 500 tickets at \$5.00/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Seconded. Passed.**

**George Stone made a motion to approve Wendy's sponsorship levels, benefits and buying two dinners at the YRHA banquet for the top level sponsorship. Seconded. Passed.**

Web Page -- The committee (Wendy Deans, Chanelle Zimmer and Chandra Morris – Lanette Frye also volunteered to help out) representing the web page will be in the process of reconstruction and updating the YRHA site for easier navigation.

Officers & Directors -- Harvey is concerned that YRHA elections are not staggered. Presently, all officers and directors are up for election on even years. We elect four officers and seven directors. Another concern is that should the Executive Director be reappointed at the same time a new President is elected? Should the Executive Director have a voting position or strictly be an advisor? Where does the Immediate Past President fit within the BOD structure?

Five directors on even numbered years, six directors on odd numbered years.

The odd numbered years would be the officers and two directors to be elected.

The even numbered years would be five directors.

How could we determine, if implemented, who would be the initial one year terms?

Gwen recommended to forward this into the hands of the By Laws Committee to refine this within the next two weeks.

Can this be implemented this year or must it wait until 2010 after a vote to change the By Law this year?

**Kurt Stabenau made a motion to adopt MRHA's wording to implement staggered election of the YRHA Board of Directors. Seconded. Passed.**

**George Stone made a motion that the Nominations Committee make a recommendation of who will be one year terms and two years terms on the ballot. Seconded. Passed.**

**George Stone made a motion that the Executive Director be a two year term that runs concurrently with the President and that person does not have a vote. Seconded. Passed.**

Nominations -- Gwen Wagner reported at this time the following slate of candidates have agreed to have their names placed on the ballot for the Officers and Board of Directors:

President – Alice Morrison  
Vice President – Harvey Lewis, Janis Anderson  
Secretary – Chandra Morris  
Treasurer – Wendy Deans  
Directors: Sharlene Stone  
George Stone  
Kurt Stabenau  
Lanette Frye  
Nicole Mather  
Mike Carlson  
John Morris  
Jackie Sorenson  
Jean Keffeler

Gwen will be submitting this list to President Elise Donohue. Elise would become a board member as Immediate Past President and has a vote. The past term, YRHA did not have an Immediate Past President Alice Morrison board position. When Jim Gelhaus resigned, Elise Donohue became the President and Alice took on the position as Vice President.

**George Stone made a motion that the Immediate Past President becomes one of the seven board members. Seconded. Passed.**

Shows -- YRHA Yellowstone Slide will be July 10-12<sup>th</sup>. George King and Leo Fourre will be the judges. Two show secretaries have been contacted: Connie Heinrichs and Barbara Williams. Our previous Show Secretary, Mike Johnson, has moved out of the area.

**Sharlene Stone made a motion to contact Barbara to serve as our secretary. Seconded. Passed.**

Kurt and Lottie Stabenau will be our announcers for the three day show. RainDancer Video will serve as the videographer. \$5.00/run will be charged to the riders. RainDancer will provide a viewing of the run soon after each run and will need an area to provide that service. Jay Dee will make sure there is an area near the exit gate for that service. Jan Lukenbill will no longer be the concessionaire. Several individuals have been contacted to see if they would be interested.

Shows for YRHA year end awards and affiliate. Several shows considered.  
Must attend at least 50% of the shows to be eligible for YRHA year end awards.

**Kurt Stabenau made a motion to approve the following four shows for YRHA year end awards and affiliate eligibility for 2008:**

**Rusty Slide, May 10 & 11, Wilsall, MT**  
**Hole In the Wall Spin and Slide, June 6-8, Thermopolis, WY**  
**Yellowstone Slide, July 10-12, Wilsall, MT**  
**Crazy Mountain Slide, September 5-7, Wilsall, MT**

**Jay Dee and Janis Anderson and Gwen Wagner abstained from voting. Seconded. Passed.**

**George Stone made a motion that YRHA will hang their banner for advertising for \$250 at all shows that we are approving outside of the July YRHA show. Seconded. Passed.**

There will be a haul in charge beginning this year at the Anderson Training Stables for those not stalling there for the duration of the Yellowstone Slide.

**George Stone made a motion that a one time haul in fee of \$10/horse will be charged. 50% of the money collected will be given to the Anderson Training Stables to help with the equine impact to their property for the duration of the show. Seconded. Passed.**

**Sharlene Stone made a motion that beginning in 2008 the Ladies and Gentlemen classes will not longer be considered for YRHA year end awards. Seconded. Passed.**

**Sharlene Stone made a motion that the club class Senior Non Pro will be replaced by the NRHA Prime Time Non Pro class and will be a YRHA year end award class. Seconded. Passed.**

**Jay Dee Anderson made a motion the new class offered, Sixty Years and Older, will be awarded a YRHA year end award. Must be 60 as of January 1st of the current year. Seconded. Passed.**

The YRHA Green Reiner class of 30 points to graduate will only be calculated from the YRHA produced show.

**George Stone made a motion to approve a 2008 budget of \$1500 for show awards and \$1500 to purchase and co-sponsor a reining saddle with Four Corners Saddlery that will be given in a drawing as in the past. Seconded. Passed.**

Will ask Annie Kent if she would be interested in choosing and purchasing show awards for 2008.

Pre-entry will again be implemented prior to the YRHA July show. Sharlene Stone will be talking with the new show secretary of our procedures for the show.

Kurt Stabenau concerned with the YRHA rule book not stating any procedures pertaining to the mistreatment of horses at any YRHA sponsored events. Kurt was asked to prepare a guideline that YRHA could add to their show rules addressing this issue.

APHA would like to approve the YRHA shows as part of their reining circuit for points.

**George Stone made a motion to agree that APHA could use the YRHA shows, but they must compete all necessary paperwork by May 1, 2008 for the points to count. Seconded. Passed.**

Additional walkie talkies will be purchased for the gate people.

Scribes – Heather Pfancook from Billings volunteered to scribe if her husband is not home from Iraq.

PeeWee Reining – will be offered at the noon hour. 2 ½ minutes will be given to each kid to perform before being excused.

Green Horse definition – No life time reining earnings as of January 1 of the current year. Put definition in the YRHA show rules.

Clinics: Shawn Florida clinic will be at the Anderson Training Stables on March 28 & 29. \$500/rider. Free audit for spouse. \$50/day all others audit fee. First night will be \$35.00 to cover cost of bedding. Thereafter stalls \$25/night.

Charlie Smith clinic will be at Linda Hahn's indoor arena on May 2 & 3. \$375/rider. Free audit for spouse. \$40/day all others audit fee. Stalls \$30/night.

Both clinics are full at this time. 12 riders/clinic.

Old Business - Gwen Wagner submitted the cost of the preparing for the Strategic Plan Seminar held on 1/19/08 in Livingston. It cost her \$277.15 for conference room rent and supplies. She has graciously donated this amount to YRHA.

By-Laws have been addressed throughout the meeting.

New Business - **Harvey Lewis made a motion made to approve \$65/green reiner buckle. Seconded. Passed.**

Wendy Deans proposed a new banner. George Stone proposed more of a logo if YRHA is going to spend additional money for a banner. Lanette Frye to work on some ideas as well. A new banner will be approved, but more ideas to be looked at.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Stone  
YRHA Secretary