

North Eastern Reined Cow Horse Alliance Annual General Meeting

Saturday, January 14, 2023

5:00pm

Guelph, ON

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE OF PARTICIPANTS - 23

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2023 EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Greg Crispin (president), Lisa Mayer (Vice-President), Mary Jo MacDonnell (Treasurer), Kassidy Holloway (Recording Secretary), Lisa Wood (Membership Secretary), Anne Harper (Director), Nicole Crispin (Director), Marie Fraser (Director), Victoria Seip (Director), Kim Vandersluis (Director)

SUMMARY OF AGENDA TOPICS:

- i. 2022 Financial Report
 - Thanks to our show secretary Deb
 - Overview of revenue and growth
- ii. 2023 Clinic Date: April 8/9 (Jerseyville-Ancaster Fairgrounds Show Arena)
 - clinician TBD
 - asked for input on clinicians – open to all levels currently
 - ideas for fun days if we cannot find clinician
- iii. 2023 Show Dates: May 19-21 (Jerseyville-Ancaster Fairgrounds Show Arena); June 23-25 (Jerseyville-Ancaster Fairgrounds Show Arena); August 25-27 (Jerseyville-Ancaster Fairgrounds Show Arena); September 22-24 (Clinton-REACH Huron Centre)
 - should be no show overlap with cutting shows and most NYCHA, ORCHA
- iv. Summary of recent member survey
 - 19 responses (all members)
 - show facility valued most then affordability, sanctioned classes, and clinics
 - majority vote for 4+ shows/year
 - high response rate for show volunteers
 - high response rate for advanced clinics
 - individuals willing to show on Friday to decrease the length of show days
- v. Committees
 - Horseshow committee, education/publicity, rule book/disciplinary, youth, awards/points, banquet, fundraising/sponsorship

- Stress the importance of volunteers and new committee members
- vi. Show Schedule Ideas/Discussion
- Motions for changes to rule book
 - a) Show begins on Friday: Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Riding, paid cattle warm-ups; Saturday runs as normal; Sunday without Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Riding
 - b) Show begins on Friday: Sunday's Open Two-Rein, Open Bridle, and Open Hackamore reined work, paid dry and cattle warm ups; Saturday runs as normal; Sunday without listed Open classes' reined work
 - Problem with footing to be ready to be shown on Friday night
 - Fair board is buying a drag
 - c) Cutting classes on Saturday only (show begins on Saturday, not Friday)
 - Year end awards still available
- Suggestions:
- RR and RP as well as cutting Friday evening, and cutting Saturday evening. No cutting Sunday.
 - Start earlier in the day
 - Settle cattle all at once
 - Add dry classes to the end of the day
 - keep cutting classes just start earlier because of the lack of cutting available in Ontario
- vii. Changes to the Rule Book (membership voting):
- a. Removal of "Reserve champions will only be awarded for classes with three (3) or more qualifiers." Under 6.0 YEAR END AWARDS in the NERCHA Rule Book.
 - seconded by Shelly
 - majority approval
 - b. Addition of "Riders can earn a score in the reined work and/or cow work of below 60." under 4.1.1. b) Beginner 1 Boxing and 4.1.2. b) Beginner 2 boxing.
 - seconded by Kim
 - majority approval
 - c. Year-end awards for intermediate Open and all levels of select classes will be determined annually at the discretion of the Executive and Board of Directors
 - seconded by Shelly
 - Majority approval
- viii. Floor Open to Questions/Comments
- how to get started in our association – proposed a new class
 - Club class only
 - Open class for all riders who are members of the NERCHA
 - Schooling class, same rules as open class.
 - First class following RR and RP to be prepared for NRCHA classes

- Open to NRCHA and AQHA rules
- Provide opportunity to eliminate paid warmups
- Jackpot class

→ discussing show pens and warmup pens for 2023 show season

→ keep entries online – we have prepared an online automatic confirmation

→ bridal spec 2023? – group thoughts:

- See what entries are
- Goal for 2024
- Survey for NP riders to see who would be interested
- Advertise we are looking to host depending on entries. Should entries meet base number of entries we will run, if entries do not it will not run.
- Discussed changes at Clinton – new sand, outdoor warm up pen
- Increase 2024 membership fee – comparable to OCHA
 - add if members do not buy their membership by a specific date there will be an increase in fees
 - ie. \$45 -> \$65

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