

# WPRHA Meeting Notes – Board & General

## Attending

Megan Stevenson  
Eric Stevenson (late)  
Cheryl Miller-Yurcak  
Mariclaire Stearns

Brandon Himes (Zoom)  
Jesse Dillaman (Zoom)

## **BOARD/GENERAL MEETING**

### Announcements and Old Business

- Board Meeting was called to order by Megan at 6:32pm
- Account standings were read by Cheryl
  - Corry Credit Union: \$5508.54
- Expenses since the last meeting were discussed, with the LEC show breaking close to even, and the majority of year-end awards being ordered. Cheryl expressed that we have room in the budget to finalize year-end awards with around \$500. Withdrawals and deposits were made for the LEC show, and the account is up to date and current.
- Megan read a review of the meeting minutes from the board meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, and they were accepted by Mariclaire, seconded by Cheryl.
- The next meeting will be on November 3, 2022, with the time TBD. This meeting will start with the board, then transition into a general meeting.
- Membership totals for the year are 39.
- Year-end calculations and green reiner points are up to date and can be found on the website.

### New Business

- LEC Show Feedback
  - Survey Results
    - Class Order – comments regarding moving Ranch Riding to the beginning of the show to encourage more participation from the ranch community
      - The board discussed the following as possible issues with this change:
        - Lose the “reining” part of the club
        - Issues with drags and paying the venue to drag for longer in the day
      - The board also suggested having the ranch classes on Saturday night, then Sunday morning to encourage riders to stay through the weekend and use stalls.
    - Announcer Issues – comments regarding alcohol and pronunciation of names
    - Venue

- Excellent feedback and all positive comments regarding the footing, stalls, venue, etc.
  - Board Notes
    - Overall successful show, lots of positive feedback. LEC would like to have us back again next season.
- Board Notes and ideas for next season
  - Adding classes – Short Stirrup Ranch (ext. trot or lope permitted), Novice Horse Ranch, Ranch Rail classes for all ranch divisions except short stirrup
  - Make all “Green Horse” classes to “Novice Horse”, distinguishing “Green” as the rider, and “Novice” as the horse.
  - Change in class fees and percentages to adjust for the increase in venue costs (the club has not raised rates in 5+years). All classes except SS and leadline will increase by \$5. Jackpot percentage will decrease to 50% from 70% this season.
  - Sponsor Drive, Buckle Sponsors, and clinic ideas were discussed as additional ways to increase club income.
  - Show weekends – most members expressed a need for more than 2 weekends, with at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend with a single show date, or a full 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. The board discussed venues and options for an early season show next year.
  - A trainer’s meeting was brought up and the board agreed it would be a great way to involve our trainers in how the club can move forward. This meeting would be held through Zoom sometime at the beginning of the year to brainstorm show ideas.
- Year-End Awards
  - Date and Location can’t be set until all awards have arrived, but the board is hoping to hold it at the beginning of November before the holiday season starts.
- Nominations and Elections
  - The nominations form is online and will remain online through November 1<sup>st</sup>. The nominations will be posted on the website and shared to the Facebook page mid-October. Nominees will have a chance to share their bio on the Facebook page and website.
  - Voting for positions will occur through a website form for 1 week (7 days) after nominations end.

## Final Thoughts

Board meeting was adjourned by Megan at 7:28pm, seconded by Cheryl.

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM, with attendance matching the board meeting. The board stayed on the Zoom meeting to ensure all members who wanted to attend would have a chance to login. There were no members that joined, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM by Megan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mariclaire.





- New Membership in 2023 – get the word out, make connections, talk about us at other events, etc.
- LEC Show Feedback
  - Entries – 213 Penland – 182
  - Stalls – 39 Penland – 31
  - Overall positive
  - Board Members leaving early was brought to our attention by members
  - LEC wants to have us back next season
- Year-End Award Prep
  - List for riders – decide on prize options
  - Raffles – Free weekend stall, Free Membership, Credit Towards Showbill, etc.
- Next Season
  - Trainer's Meeting with the Board
    - Host a trainer's meeting on Zoom after elections to discuss next season, and what changes they would like to see.
  - Class Changes
    - Change Green Horse to Novice Horse – Green would mean rider only in our club
    - Change/Add Classes:
      - Short Stirrup Ranch – open to walk/trot and lopers, pattern would allow for an extended trot or slow lope. Slow lope would be a plus 1 maneuver
      - Novice Horse Ranch – can run concurrent with Green Ranch
        - Keep the same earnings rule, except apply it to any ranch events (ARHA, AQHA, etc.)
      - Make Green Ranch for green riders only
      - Add Ranch Rail Classes – Open, Youth, Green/Novice Horse
  - Entry Fees/Percentages
    - Decrease payback percentage to 50% from 70%
    - Increase all entry fees to \$15 except for SS and Youth
  - Venues/Events
    - Clinic Ideas (for April/May – early season)
      - Intro to Reining
      - How Reining Classes can Help Your Ranch Riding Patterns (or vice versa)
    - Shows – 3 weekends? 5-6 shows?
      - LEC for 2 weekends
      - Weekend or single day early in the season at another venue (Trinity/Tailwinds?)





## Meeting Agenda

**Date:** September 8, 2022

**Location and Time:** HHR and Zoom

**Reason:** General Meeting @ 7:30 PM

1. President / Vice President → 7:30 PM
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call (Attendance Sheet)
  
2. Treasurer
  - a. Account Status
    - i. Corry Credit Union: \$
  - b. Expenses Since Last Meeting
    1. Lake Erie College Show
    2. Year-End Awards
  - c. Withdrawals and Deposits
    - i. Petty Cash Withdrawal
      1. LEC Show Deposit
  
3. Secretary
  - a. Old Business
    - i. Recap meeting minutes from May General and July Board Meetings
  - b. Next Meeting –
    - i. Board and General – November 3, 2022 (Time TBD)
  - c. Membership Count: 39 Total
    - i. 2020-2021: 51 members
  - d. Year-End Awards and Green Reiner Points are finalized and posted online
  
4. New Business
  - a. LEC Show Comments/Concerns
    - i. Class Order
    - ii. Shootout – changes to LEC
    - iii. Green Ranch
    - iv. Work Hours
    - v. Officer / Board Participation
    - vi. Survey results
  - b. Year-End Award Prep
    - i. Choice List for riders with duplicate awards
    - ii. Raffles
    - iii. Date and Location
  - c. Next Season
    - i. Trainer's Meeting
    - ii. Class Changes
    - iii. Entry Fees / Percentages
    - iv. Events/Shows
    - v. Venues
  - d. Sponsors and Fundraising for 2023
  - e. Nominations and Elections
    - i. <http://www.wprha.com/vote>
    - ii. All positions must be re-nominated and voted on at the next meeting.
  
5. Closing Remarks / Questions