

Union County Saddle Club Monthly Meeting

Minutes – 5/01/2011

Taken by Liz Patten

Attendees:

Rick Harmon, Debbie Hollowell, Brittany Duquemin, Amanda and Chad Baucom, Dan and Miranda Kaplan, Liz Patten, Allison Hinson, Audrey Duffy, Mike and Robin Fordham-Grant, Sally Johnson Cheryl and Lacey Billotto and Harriet Metrosky.

Location:

UCSC Club House

Meeting called to order at 4:07 PM.

Ratification of previous meeting minutes:

Printouts were handed out to the group. Miranda moved to except last month's minutes with no changes. Brittany seconded the motion and the motion is passed.

Treasurer Report:

Report of current balance: \$7,921.14. The April show netted \$573 with \$56 collected for the Building Fund. \$91 was gained by the 50/50 drawing held during the show. \$1930 is currently designated for the Building Fund.

Harriet suggested the CD or Money Market was not a viable option for growing the Building Fund. Her suggestion was a savings account. Rick motions to leave the money in the current account and wait until the amount reaches a much higher level before taking any action. Dan seconds and the motion passes.

Rick requested a definition of the Building Fund and this answer was provided. Money collected from the two Practice Classes and any other fund raiser so designated will be ear marked for use at a future date for removing and rebuilding the show office.

Show Committee Report:

Audrey related the findings from the show committee meeting. The Fun Show will give gifts, not ribbons. There will be an All Day fee of \$25 or \$7 a classes. They show sheet itself is not complete, but the plans are to have all classes broken up by age with the majority of the younger classes running early. The show will start at 4 as publicized. There will be two Jack Pot Classes one for barrels and one for poles that will have a \$15 entry fee (not included in the proposed All Day fee) with the majority of the pot paid back to winners. Completed details will follow. Helmets will be mandatory for all riders 18 and under, but will not be required for 19 and over. Rules for the show will be announced. Chad noted that EMT's will be on the premises. Sally suggested the club provide full concession for the show and volunteered to work the counter. The committee requested the ability to finalize and create the fun show sheet prior to the next meeting. Miranda motioned to grant the request, Rick seconds and the motion passes.

The committee presented the following option for addressing the rained out March show: designate the one show as a Double High Point show aimed at giving back to our exhibitors. Regular entry fees apply, show under one judge and earn double the points. During this one show, there will be an

award given at the end each division for the horse/rider combo that earned the most points for the day. The suggestion was well received. Added suggestions from the group include making the daily awards monetary (Sally suggested \$100), making the special show be the September 17th since the professional photographer will also be at that show, and announcing the judge for that show (Kory Merrill), and looking into other events our sponsors may want to participate in for that show. Sally motions to make the September show Double High Point with add daily awards of \$100 per division, Rick seconds and the motion passes.

Volunteers for the May show were requested and a new volunteer sheet with clearly defined lengths of time and duties was passed around. See Audrey if you did not get to volunteer.

Fundraising Committee:

The current total reported by the Amanda is \$2520 in Sponsorships and Banners. Amanda motions to place the money gained from the 50/50 raffle into the general fund, Miranda seconds and the motion passes.

Grounds Committee Report:

All scheduled work has been done. It was apparent at the last show that the Practice Arena needed work on the footing. The committee will determine what options are available and attempt to have a resolution by the next show.

Random Notes:

Suggestions for better advertising were fielded by the group. Include going to local barns and tack stores to distribute show bills, getting pictures of the new jumps for posting on the web site and Facebook. Any other suggestions should be forwarded to Miranda.

New Business:

New members were voted into the club: The Fordham Family and Sally Johnson

Amanda motions to expect the memberships, Rick seconds and memberships are excepted.

Welcome to our newest members!

The Halter Division was brought up for discussion by Audrey. After a discussion concerning the distance between the halter classes and the difficulty of tracking double participation in the two separate divisions, it was determined the need to split the division was needed. Miranda motions to do away with the Halter Division and create English Halter and Western Halter instead. Dan seconds and the motions passes. Further discussion leads to the decision to assign Gaited Halter points to the Gaited Division instead of calculating them in Western or English as we are currently doing with the Pony Halter points. Pony Halter points are calculated in the Pony Division. Liz will update the Class Points Breakdown sheet to post on the web site.

Although not new business, last meetings decision to not count the March shows points was returned to the floor. It has come to the attention of the Show Committee that this decision may not have been thoroughly researched before being voted on. Further discussion included what other shows and circuits do in a rain out situation, the exhibitor's reactions to the news and the fact that the Halter points given back would no longer affect the Western Halter Division. Rick motions to reinstate the points from the March show, Amanda seconds and the motion passes. This news will be posted on the web site and Facebook.

Based on the angst and confusion surrounding the March show, discussion ensued to create the rule the club will follow concerning points and future rain-outs. Rick motions that any show that has any classes run and the entry fees were paid, the points will count regardless if the show was finished or cancelled. Dan seconds and the motions is passed.

Meeting Adjourned:

Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick seconds and the motion is passed.

Meeting ends at 5:39 PM.

Next Meeting:

June 5th, 2011 @ 4:00 PM

Location:

UCSC Club House