



Missouri Reining Horse Association

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2008

The January 27, 2008 MRHA membership meeting was held at Boone Tavern, Columbia, MO. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President, Bob Sappington. Members attending the meeting were Denise Holiman, Gwyn Haskins, Pat Kerley, Missy Hood and Mike and Marsha Tuley.

Treasurer's Report – MRHA has a balance of \$9,246.42. Waiting on invoice from KO Trading for the 2007 year end awards. The Autumn Slide & Futurity netted approximately \$1,500 dollars.

2008 Elections were held for Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members. Votes were tallied from those present at the meeting along with votes received via email or return mail. Election results:

Secretary:	Heather Slemm
Treasurer:	Denise Holiman
Board Members:	Jim Dudley
	JD Roberson
	Rhonda Martin
	Mike Tuley
	Phyllis Ward

Heartland Saddle Circuit – Had an open discussion regarding the Heartland Saddle circuit and MRHA participation. A Representative from the circuit was not present at the meeting and MRHA has not received any written notice from the circuit regarding 2007 status. Members have heard or participated in conversation regarding money needed by the circuit to finalize and pay for the 2007 awards.

MRHA will not make any decisions or nominations regarding the 2007 Heartland Saddle circuit until we have written status from the circuit as to financial obligation and actual shortfall. MRHA would seriously look at helping the circuit but without a written status and request from the saddle circuit we did not feel we could act at this time. Bob Sappington will contact Philip Solum. Will add to next meeting agenda.

It is MRHA's understanding that to participate in the 2008 Heartland Saddle Circuit each club must become a circuit sponsor. Sponsorship will cost \$2,000 for the year. All members present voiced the same opinion that the saddle circuit did benefit the club in 2007 and that we wanted to support continued participation. Bob Sappington made the motion to that MRHA become a 2008 Heartland Saddle Circuit sponsor. Denise Holiman seconded the motion. All members approved.

MRHA will have a clinic May 3rd, 2008 and an NRHA sanctioned show May 4th, 2008 at Midway Expo Center. The clinic and show will be held in Arena G. Mike Tuley will be the clinician.

Discussions regarding fall clinic and fun show at Sedalia followed. The 2007 clinic and show was not very well attended. Membership suggested trying to hold MRHA fun shows in conjunction with either Ranch or Foundation Quarter Horse shows. Gwyn Haskins will review show schedules for both organization and contact facilities to see if possibility of having fun show at same time.

Gwyn Haskins presented Tom Lauth's idea to have a Green Rider Incentive Award. Tom and his family have come up with the idea to reward Green Riders for their hard work and dedication to Reining. Understanding that reining can be challenging and intimidating the Lauth's feel that it would benefit MRHA and their Green Riders to have this special incentive award. The Lauth family have donated a bronze trophy, "Whistle Stop" for the traveling trophy.

Members agreed to the following qualifications:

Green Riders must be members of MRHA, must show in 3 of the 5 Green Rider classes offered at MRHA shows, point are awarded on rider/horse team and winner of the trophy retain ownership for one year. Details will be posted on the web site.

Gwyn Haskins made motion to implement the Green Rider Incentive Award for the 2008 show season. Mike Tuley seconded the motion. All members approved.

Members at meeting also approved to try breaking the Green Rider class into an intro division. Green Rider I will be available at the May 4th show. Rider can have never won a year-end award or money or more than 5 points in a reining class to be eligible to compete in this class. For the May 4th show - NRHA Pattern 11 will be used. The rider will not be required to change leads but will come to a complete stop and change directions. The rider will also be required to only complete 2 spins. Changing leads or doing more than 2 and or 2 1/4 spins will result in a score of 0.

Mike Tuley brought up discussion around having T-shirts and other give aways available for the clinic and show. He also suggested having some type of gift available for a drawing for the clinic participants. Mike will work on putting something together. Anyone with suggestions or donations please contact Mike.

Gwyn brought up discussion regarding the American Royal and the open weekend the end of October due to the Quarter Horse show moving to an earlier date. Several members had heard talk about the Royal directors offering the use of the facility for free or at reduced costs if we would hold a reining show that weekend. Members discussed but decided it was not in the clubs best interest to move the Autumn Slide and Futurity to the Royal at this time.

Next meeting will be March 8, around 1:00pm at The National Equestrian Center during the March to the Arch Quarter Horse show.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.