

MRHA Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2008, 1PM, National Equestrian Center

The MRHA meeting was attended by President, Bob Sappington and members Gwynn Haskins, Denise Holiman, Heather Slemp, Jim Dudley, JD Roberson, Daphne Ingebritson?, and Theresa McCarty?.

During the meeting the discussions revolved around ideas to make the events better attended.

Bob suggested a raffle for stalls as a possible fundraiser and Theresa brought up the addition of a fun class as a fundraiser. Jim talked about a sliding contest that could be handicapped based on Open/NonPro and Brideless with the jackpot being 50/50.

Heather suggested putting all of the showbills for the Heartland series in a tablet form. Jim and JD both were interested in the idea and asked to get more information on cost and design. Jim suggested a subcommittee be formed with Jim, Heather and Daphne.

Bob spoke about exhibitors' parties and how to make them feasible for the club. He suggested trying to increase sponsorships and Daphne noted that sending the Youth members may have better results.

Gwynn talked about organizing a clinic with Sterling Slemp which would include a small demonstration and portion for cow horse. There is a class in the National Reined Cow Horse that has a reining pattern followed by a box only cow work. No going down the fence. Heather said she would speak to him and try to get a date ASAP.

Gwynn also suggested having one day shows at various places such as Jim's, JD's etc. Jim said he had success with such events and said that good food added to the draw.

Jim and Jeff reported on the success of the 2007 Heartland Saddle Series and noted that all three clubs involved made money in 2007! Due to all of the prizes to be awarded for the 2007 Saddle Series(which contributed to its success) the Heartland Saddle Committee asked for an additional \$500.00 to help fund 2007. Gwynn made a motion to contribute the \$500.00 to the 2007 Heartland Saddle Series with the condition that the MRHA is in good financial condition after the June show. The motion was seconded by Jeff and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.