

12/6/21 CCHPC Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by President Rick Adams. In attendance are as follows: Jonathan and Maddie Spreeman, Jay Butterfield, Ann Gillentine, Jessica and Neil Falk, Mike and Ava Irwin, April and Lena Ostransky, Pam Schaaf, Holly Warner, Rick Adams, Tanya Duba, Laura Hardesty, Brenda Greenfield, Joy and Natalie Plautz.

Minutes from November meeting read with no corrections needed. Motion by Jonathan to approve and second by Jessica. All in favor.

Treasurer Report

- Jessica and Laura have been to the bank to put Jessica on the account as the new Treasurer. Pinnacle Bank account was closed and 5058.11 was deposited into Union Bank and Trust Savings Account.
- Estimated cash on hand, that includes the payment from the county for land purchased during bridge construction, \$43,985.60.
- Items currently pending payment: \$327 to Rixstine for final awards payment and \$200 to mowing company for final mowing.
- Electric is paid yearly and will be paid by end of the year at about \$700.
- Jessica and Laura will work together to get the application in for property tax exemption by end of the year. Start of the year Jessica will file the 501C3 for non-profit status and will pay insurance. \$2500 always remains in reserve of the club account which is about 6 months worth of expenses.
- Items left to do for new Treasurer is to have the registered agent changed to Jessica's name and to get Jessica the information on the bathrooms.

Playday Report

- Jonathan will be getting help from Ann this year for Playday. She has judged and enjoys the club and would like to contribute. Awards were well received. The have selected all Saturday dates as follows:
 - April 23rd
 - May 7th
 - June 11th and 25th
 - July 2nd
 - August 20th
 - September 10th and 24th
 - October 8th

Speed Report

- Joy, Danielle, and Michael will be working together to organize speed days. We will need additional help and function more as a committee to have fun and efficient shows. Dates will be proposed at the next meeting.
- Those in attendance agree not to have any on Friday nights as it gets too late and attendance is affected. Joy questioned if it is ok to have shows on same weekends as Playday or barrel race.
- Consensus was if it works out, not a big deal. One thought was maybe for a food truck it would be more efficient for them to be out for a whole weekend of events rather than one day.

Barrel Report

- Pam has some items of concern that need addressed before deciding whether to take over as the barrel chair or not.
- Survey for the last 3 years have been sent to Pam for review. All have been posted publicly each year including questions regards to 4D vs 5D. Unknown who fills out surveys. Overall higher percentage in support of 5D vs 4D.
- Payouts were discussed of 4D format vs 5D format. Payouts follow a general guideline of percentages and payout places but can be adjusted per chair discretion. Goal typically is to ensure majority of payouts receive their entry fee back or very close to that. Number of places paid out is always based on number of entries.

- 4D payout Pam discussed includes paying out more places in the 1 and 2D then less spots in the 3D and less spots in the 4D. Example: pay 4 spots in 1D, 4 spots in 2D, 3 spots in 3D, and 2 spots in 4D. Based on a run with 47 entries (from a race run in Wahoo in 2021), number of total spots paid equals 13 individuals.
- 5D payout used based on NBHA calculator that has been the same used at CCHPC for over 6 years. 5D payout pays same number of places per division. Example: pay 3 spots in each division. Based on a run with 47 entries, number of total spots paid is 15 individuals.
- Pam mentioned possibility of paying out on 4D split but keeping points for 5D. The 5D entrants would not receive payout at any races but would receive end of year prizes. Would this be valuable?
- Pam concerned of not being set up to handle online entries due to lack of internet at her home. Would rather do on-site entries and take fees that day. As Treasurer over last several years, Laura raised mention that doing the online entries for barrels has allowed a much better way to track funds and how it improves showing what actually comes in. The last two years with minimal cash handling has shown great improvement for the club. In the last 8-10 years even when races had 80+ runners, in the end it did not seem like much money was left for the club, which has improved the last few years.
- Consensus agreed writing payout checks day of the race is preferred for quicker payouts. Rules in 2021 were payout within 1 week of race day. That had been adapted for 2020 and 2021 due to Covid and need to reduce cash handling and office traffic.
- Concerns stated by various members in the group:
 - If drop to 4D format, will potentially lose many who show great support for the club (including members)
 - Brenda mentioned being appreciative of 5D format as she has not rode competitively in many years and is working on a young horse.
 - 5D is appealing so its not always the very high end horses winning
 - Youth, newer riders, people with young horses benefit more from 5D to be able to have a chance at payout and be able to leave with a good feeling and are more likely to come back
 - Question if having 4D bring in more participants vs the number of participants the club would potentially lose.
 - Would the number of club memberships decrease overall with the number of people who would support 4D but not be members?
 - Question how to keep those engaged and participating that don't 1D-3D horses yet can be in 4D and 5D, concern for losing people who have supported the club. How do we keep them coming to the club? Pam response, those who don't have higher end horses have playday and speed days they can attend.
 - 4D could possibly bring in different participants that are not members
- Jonathan brought up he does not know much on 4D vs 5D, but overall wish for the club as a whole to be able to grow.
- Pam stated she feels last 5 years the races have slowly gone downhill, rain has been an issue (out of any ones control). It would take a few years of a good run 4D race to bring people back.
- Being dry this year was an issue. Rick and Michael are working on a plan to devise a watering system for the whole club. Jay stated too much rain can be bad and too dry can be bad.
- Pam brought up of a better arena tool. Per Rick with the cultivator donated late this year, club may need to purchase a quick hitch, but overall it is better than previous.
- In regards to dates, no weeknights and possibly do a double run once a month and do around 6 shows.
- Pam would like to make the following changes:
 - Not limit exhibitions so much in regards to number of entries and number taken per person. No set order, get a token and turn in your token to run the expo.
 - Poles between double runs. Have no set time for race 2 to start, say 30 minutes after race 1 done.
 - Keep youth running before the open.
 - Have a set open start time.
- Pam would like to attempt to sanction with other organizations.

- In Wahoo for 2021 average race number was 40 for open runs.
- Brenda questioned could the 4D be done on a trial period. Per Pam it would take 2-3 years to see any improvement changing to 4D.
- Jay brought up barrels had been almost a separate entity until last few years. Overall all series should function for betterment of the entire club, not just one series.
- Pam stated she is on board to run the series if the club will allow 4D format, otherwise she does not want to run the series. Question to the club: Does the club want to continue 5D and not grow? Or can the race change to 4D and bring in non-members to grow.
- Rick mentioned if Pam would not run the series, could the club just do a few jackpots vs a series.
- Holly offered to help with online entries and management of online items. Pam concerned how would she get names and pre-draw done?
- Laura motion to change barrels to 4D format, Neil second. 1 nay, rest in favor. Further discussion at January meeting.

Bathroom Report

- Per Neil electric contract is signed and plumber is coming out. Permits are handled by them.
- Hoping to have bathrooms functioning by mid spring. With the nice weather we have been having, some work may get done this year.

Old Business

- Question about moving the meeting day, first Monday of the month has interfered with holidays and such at times. Per by-laws, states must meet monthly with no designated day.
- Next meeting will be January 10th at 7pm at the Ding.

Lena motion to end the meeting, second by Jessica.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.