

**CoVRHA**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**March 3, 2013**  
**Elizabeth, Colorado**

Paulette Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. MST.

In Attendance – Paulette Marshall, Cori Atteberry, Debbie Raymond, Kathy Clemons, Lisa Hauschildt, Cindy Rose, Tim Rose, Todd Hoffman, Lynn Cool, Theresa Coder and Rita Lauby by telephone.

**1. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL.** Paulette asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes – there were none. It was decided to publish the Board Meeting Minutes to the CoVRHA website and any sensitive matters will be handled in an Executive Session. Debbie Raymond moved to accept the Minutes as written and publish to the website, Kathy Clemons seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**2. TREASURER’S REPORT.** Cori passed around to the members in attendance the Treasurer’s Report. Cori went over the financial picture with the Board.

**Treasurer’s Report**  
**March 3, 2013**

2013 Memberships:

Lifetime:	3
Annual:	7
Couples:	2

Deposits through March 3, 2013:

NVRHA	\$1,087.79
Membership Fees:	\$ 160.00

Membership Receipts to be Deposited: \$ 140.00

Opening Balances as of March 3, 2013:

Checking	\$1,197.79
Savings	50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,247.79</u>

Cindy Rose moves to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Lynn Cool seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Paulette proposed that the Board approve the issuance of lifetime memberships to herself and Cori in lieu of reimbursement for the costs incurred to set up the

corporation. Lynn Cool moved to issue the memberships, Todd Hofmann seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**3. BYLAWS.** Paulette asked if there were any comments or questions on the Bylaws. Cindy Rose had a couple of questions: (1) 4.9 Action Without Meeting: It was reiterated that the information will be communicated to members by electronic means and that the process would only be used in an emergency situation; (2) 5.5 Treasurer: An audit committee will be set up to review the Treasurer's books at a later date when there is something to audit. Bylaws will be immediately signed by the Secretary and placed in a corporate notebook. Cindy Rose moved to accept the Bylaws as written, Lisa Hauschildt seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**4. INSURANCE.** Paulette reported that she has sent in the application and is waiting for a response back. A question was asked about what the insurance covers. The insurance covers spectators and volunteers. Colorado equine law covers the participants. The annual premium will be approximately \$700 split among the six events scheduled in 2013.

**5. MEMBERSHIP GOALS.** Tim Rose asked what our membership goals were. He said the membership fees should cover the administrative costs of the Association and, therefore, would not have to rely on any profits of the events. It was agreed that a goal of 50 members would be appropriate for 2013.

**6. EVENT MANAGEMENT.** There was a discussion about event management. It is understood by Paulette and Cori that as a Level 2 Affiliate we will be taking the event registrations and entry fees for our members. CoVRHA will pay National \$20 for administrative costs and \$5 for points on every participant.

There was discussion that in the future we evaluate whether event planning by committee would work for the Association; i.e. Person A in charge of finding and leasing cattle; Person B in charge of the facilities, Person C in charge of hiring clinicians, Person D in charge of the awards, etc.

Paulette will approve all budgets and flyers. She passed around several budgets as examples. Paulette led a discussion about ways to make an event efficient.

**7. CoVRHA LIMITED OPEN DIVISION GUIDELINES:**

The Limited Open division shall be open to any horse rider team that does not qualify as an amateur team. The concept of this division is to provide a competition venue for that non-amateur rider who is new to VRH competition. This also provides a venue for an amateur rider that does not meet the ownership requirements to be eligible as an amateur horse rider team.

The classes will mirror the Limited Amateur Division.

An open horse/rider team that has competed “down the fence” in any other working cow competition association show (AQHA, NRCHA etc) shall not be eligible to compete in the Limited Open Division, rather they will show in the Open Division.

Written by Paulette Marshall  
March 19, 2013

**8. BUCKLE SERIES.** There was a lively discussion about the number of events to qualify for the buckle series. There are five Colorado events in 2013 before the event season ends: May, June, July, August and September.

Also discussed was including New Mexico events in the Colorado buckle series. New Mexico’s confirmed events are April 27-28 and July 18-21. The July event is a double show event on July 20-21.

Between Colorado and New Mexico, there are eight judged events (CO 5; NM 3). It was decided a minimum of four events are needed to qualify for the buckle award and one NM event could be allowed to count toward the four. If there are no riders with four events in a division, no awards will be issued.

Tim Rose moved to accept a minimum of four events needed to qualify for the buckle award and one NM event will be allowed to count toward the four, Cindy Rose seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**9. CLINICIANS/JUDGES.** Rita Lauby is tasked to use her connections to try to get new clinicians and judges for our events. She talked to Jill Cook again but does not have a commitment yet. Todd Hoffman talked to Dave Dillman and he would be interested in working with us. Tim Rose asked if a clinician/judge who has let his membership lapse will have to take the test again. Paulette thought that was indeed the case.

**10. AWARDS.**

**A. Events.** There were discussions on Awards v. Ribbons and it agreed that instead of ribbons most members would like to have awards such as halters, buckets, etc. A list could be created as suggestions for awards and where they can be purchased. Paulette said that at each of the events she managed last year she spent \$400 on awards (\$100 for each division). She received a price break from Lancaster’s Western Wear and has learned from the new owners that they would work with us.

**B. Year-End.** A Year-End banquet and awards dinner will be held at the Cactus Creek event on October 12-13, 2013. Tim Rose and Bill Cantrell offered help with the procurement of awards. It was agreed that Mortenson do the 2013 buckles and the decision of the second place award can wait until we have more of an idea of what monies we will have. Tim suggested asking Mortenson to donate a knife as an auction item.

**11. FUNDRAISING.** Lynn Cool has volunteered to coordinate fundraising. There was a lively discussion about the types of fundraisers available and what we would like to do.

**A. Raffle/Silent Auction.** Lynn suggested asking the members if there are new or good condition items in their closets and tack rooms that could be donated for a raffle item. Everyone has something that has never been used. As an example: Lynn has a halter that does not fit her horse and has never been used. The raffle and silent auction items would be drawn during the awards dinner.

**B. Auction.** Tim Rose volunteered to help with a year-end auction held at the awards dinner. He estimated that we could average approximately \$3,000-8,000 the first year.

**C. Sponsorship.** Lynn will begin looking for sponsors. Sponsorship money will be used for operating expenses. The sponsors will have a banner to put up in the arena. Banner to be 4'5' x 10'; \$500 for all events or \$100 per event. Suggestions were bourbon, equine supplements, Wrangler, etc. Rita was going to speak with her friend at Wrangler.

**12. WEBSITE: CLASSIFIED ADS.** CoVRHA website will offer a Classified Ads page. There was a discussion about the rules. It was decided that the ads would be free of charge to Members and \$15 for non-members. There will be a limit of five ads per person to be posted and monitored by the website administrator. The Board will revisit the issue if need be. Deb Raymond moved to accept the classified ad rules, Rita Lauby seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**13. TRAIL OBSTACLES.** Lisa Hauschildt volunteered the trail obstacles but will be using her trailer to join us at events. Members can network to get obstacles to the events when needed.

**14. ADVERTISING.** Cindy Rose offered to post a schedule of events on any free advertising vehicle: e.g., Quarter Horse News, Fence Post, Wrangler, Performance Horse. Also things to consider are livestock expos: e.g., Horseman's Day, Colo. Spgs; Four States Ag Expo, Cortez.

**15. CLOTHING LINE.** Cindy Rose asked about logo wear. Lynn has a connection that can embroider the logo on clothing and will check into it. It was decided to have a few items (shirt with button down collar, vest, ball caps, sweatshirts) done as samples. Members to order on demand.

The next meeting has been schedule for June 8, 2013 at a time TBD at Spicer Arena, Eaton, Colorado.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.