

# Agenda

## WTPC General Membership Meeting

**Held at:** Taylor Mountain Ranch

**Scheduled meeting time:** February 10, 2018 **from** 11am to 1pm

**Call to order:** by President Mark Brady @ 11:04 AM

Introduction and roll call of Officers and Directors:

President: Mark Brady

Director: Heather Anderson

Vice President: Ken Hicks

Director: Penny Aske

Treasurer: Johanna Enger

Director: Hilary Gonia

Secretary: Connie Robins

Director: Debra King

Director: Dave Buckner - absent

Director: Sami Moore - absent

### **Announcements:**

Mark Brady gave an update on the March penning clinic with Bobbi Obrien. The clinic is full and there is a short waiting list. We are still following up with a couple of people for deposits. If you know of someone who would like to attend, get ahold of Mark, or anyone on the board, to have your name put on the wait list.

**Review of minutes** from the General Membership meeting, January 28, 2017. Minutes from the previous meeting were included in the notifications to members to review. Connie Robins moved to accept the minutes, Jackie Towle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** 2017 year-end financial report was provided in the materials for the members to review. Johanna Enger reviewed the reports for the members.

- The club had a net income of \$6,496.77 for 2017 and had an ending cash balance of \$26,259.59. As compared to a net loss of \$11,420.57 for 2016 and an ending cash balance of \$12,680.25.
- Total income decreased by \$38,476 from 2016 to 2017:
  - Total entry fees, arena fees and office admin fees decreased by \$43,928 from 2016 to 2017 and sponsorships dropped by \$3,371
  - The silent auction raised \$1,110 more in 2017
  - There was new income in 2017 from the banquet and jackets of \$3,010
  - There were two clinics in 2017 and one in 2016 with an increase in income of \$5,053
- Total expenses decreased by \$56,395 from 2016 to 2017:
  - Cattle rental decreased by \$10,000 from 2016 to 2017 due to fewer cattle used
  - Contracted labor decreased by \$6,059 from 2016 to 2017
  - Payout decreased by \$29,170 from 2016 to 2017
  - Year-end awards decreased by \$13,766 from 2016 to 2017
  - With two clinics, expenses increased by \$5,561 from 2016 to 2017

There was discussion about rumors of the clubs financial condition, especially with members paying for year-end jackets and the banquet. Because of the loss in 2016 and the drop in entries, the 2017 board was conservative and reduced expenses more than they probably needed to. A draft budget has been prepared for 2018 that would put more money back into year-end awards. The 2018 board will review the budget and actual event results each month.

Connie Robins moved to accept the treasurer's report. Denise Guyton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **New Business:**

#### **Proposed revision to Bylaws:**

There were four proposed revisions to the bylaws (see attached). Proposed changes 1, 2 and 3 were passed and proposed change 4 was tabled with a request for more information on the club's insurance provisions. This proposed change will be held for unfinished business at the 2019 General Membership meeting.

- Change to designate board positions with five expiring on odd years and five expiring on even years. Connie Robins moved to make the change. Jim Adderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Change to bring the club's budget period and fiscal period into alignment. Jim Adderson moved to make the change and Jackie Towle seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Change to allow a single check signer on checks under \$1,000. Robert Bouffard made a motion to make the change and Leslee Singer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Change to remove the late fee provision and the non-member day pass provision. There was discussion about the intent of the late fee; to give the board an idea of the size of membership in order to set the budget. There was discussion that in current practice, if someone shows up in August for the first time we don't charge them a late charge. There was a question about why remove the day pass and comments about what the club's insurance will cover. This item was tabled with a request for more information.

#### **Awards:**

- **Green novice saddle:** There was discussion about the reduction in awards for 2017 and how that is contrary to our discussions about increasing our numbers. There was discussion about whether to have a saddle as a year-end award for the green novice class. Points raised included that the green novice fees are low, questions about whether those who had won a saddle in green novice actually stayed with the club (so is it an affective way to grow the club), that sponsors pay for the saddles so it doesn't cost the club anything, and that we should be putting more money into growing our green novice class, not taking it away. There was discussion that maybe we should have a saddle for high point in the ProAm and PAN, instead. No changes were put forward to our current practice of awarding a saddle to the green novice class.
- **Sponsorships:** There was discussion on sponsorships and that they are down from prior years. Mark had a copy of a flyer from another club that was very professional looking. We'll look for a printer and see about getting a more upscale flyer for our sponsorship work.

- **Saddle vouchers:** There was a question about having a voucher for saddle awards. There would be a saddle at the year-end banquet to represent the saddles, but each winner would get a voucher and be able to choose how they wanted their saddle; size, style, etc. The members thought this was a good idea. Heather will take this back to the awards committee.

#### **Operations updates:**

- **Historical points on the website:** There was a request to have more than one year of points on the website. We contacted Jim Crofts that does the website updates for us and he made this change.
- **Tractor, rent or buy:** We sold the quad we were using to groom the second pen and used a member's tractor last year. The board felt that renting a tractor for the weekend was the best option and members agreed. There was also a suggestion that we have this rental sponsored. Aaron said he had tried to get this in the past and they wouldn't go for it. Ken said he talked to someone and they might be willing to now. The commitment was to try to get it sponsored and if not, to rent instead of buy.
- **Running two sorting pens simultaneously:** We will run both sorting pens at the same time for 2018, similar to what they do at sort for the cause. There was some concern about confusion by the riders with time being called in the other pen. Several members have been at sort for the cause and said it works with the two pens running and being announced simultaneously. We will make this change for 2018 and make changes as needed to work with the judges and riders.
- **Sorting judges:** We will keep our current judge for sorting and need to have a second judge in order to run two pens at once. The members recommended we have volunteers for the second pen. Both Roger Braa and Aaron Shields volunteered. It was agreed that a person cannot judge the class they are riding in.

**Discussion of numbered classes:** There was discussion of having numbered classes as a way to have newer, less experienced, riders have an opportunity to ride with more experienced riders and improve in the sport. There was a lot of discussion and people felt it wasn't clear how it would work. It was proposed that we go to all draw classes to make it more of a fair playing field. There was discussion that our current system allows someone to have three draws so already gives people that option. There was also discussion that people who can, form three pick teams, leaving the draw pool with mainly those who may be new and not able to form three pick teams.

- **One pick and two draw teams:** A motion was made by Leslee Singer that we have one pick and two draws for novice and Am, penning and sorting. The motion was seconded by Connie Robins. The motion passed.
- **Five rides:** There was a motion made by Craig Baar to increase to five rides for novice and Am penning and sorting. Willy Patterson seconded the motion. The motion did not pass.

**Ratings:** There were questions about how ratings were done, what criteria is used. Penny Aske explained the work of the rating committee. In particular, there was a question about how winnings are considered and noting that winnings is not a part of the self-rating form. The question was about

winnings in classes other than the one they are rated in. The board agreed to review the form and consider the comments that were made at the meeting.

**Call in times:** There was discussion about the importance of call ins, pre-registration, so the board knows how many cattle to order. Some clubs have it mandatory to call in/pre-register and if you're registered, they only take registrations at the show up to the number to fill the herds. It was suggested that we have a pre-registration cut off day/time and limit the registrations at the shows if needed.

**Moving penning to Sunday:** There was discussion about our penning numbers and a concern about being able to keep our penning classes. Some other clubs have dropped penning. Penning was moved to Sunday because the sorting was getting over so late. With having two pens running for sorting it should have sorting ending in a reasonable time on Sunday and give time to take down the pens. By having penning on Saturday, we may have more people come to pen and stay for sorting on Sunday. Roger Braa made a motion to move penning to Saturday and Aaron Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Cattle costs:** There was a question about how much cattle would cost in 2018. Robert said the cost will stay at \$50 a head.

**3 man:** There was a request to have a 3 man sorting in 2019.

**Co-sanctioned events:** There was discussion about seeing if we could work with Yakima to do co-sanctioned events.

There was a motion to adjourn the General Membership Meeting and a second. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM