

MONTANA REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MRHA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Brackett Creek Quarter Horses, Wilsall, MT  
May 4, 2007

Bill Crain called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Lori Waters, Jay Dee Anderson, Kay Johnston, Jim Gelhaus, Sharon Gelhaus, Linda Hahn, and Jarvis Anderson. Absent were: Casey Richardson, Darra Norgaard, Billi Heigh, and Sean Alquist. Guests were: Jan Lukenbill, Stephanie King, and Tina Brilz.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Hahn reported on the balances for the General Fund, Show Fund and the Youth Fund. There has been a new category setup for the Youth Scholarship Fund, as \$500 has been donated specifically for the scholarship.

Saddle Raffle: Linda Hahn handed out raffle tickets for the board members to sell for the saddle that will be raffled off again this year. Sales from these tickets will purchase the saddle that will be awarded to the 2007 MRHA Rookie, plus pay for the raffle saddle. This saddle is once again a Duane Latimer Reiner. This year the raffle will not only be for the saddle, but also for a custom made hat by Rocky Mountain Hat Co. and a silver headstall.

MRHA Merchandise Report: Linda Hahn had a selection of sweatshirts, hoodies and t-shirts made up with the new MRHA logo on the back. These along with the mugs will be sold at the shows. The MRHYA will be asked to sell these with the profit from the mugs going to their account.

Show Committee Report: Jim Gelhaus reported that everything is in place for the Hungry Horse Summer Slide, except for an announcer. Awards have been purchased and River Bend Embroidery in Livingston is doing all embroidery work. Darra Norgaard sent a report that she had been asked why the MRHA show flier did not list all of the MRHA approved shows. It was explained that the main purpose of this flier was to distribute the application forms for the shows that are actually being put on by the MRHA. The other two shows that are part of the MRHA circuit, The Reining In The Root and the YRHA Slide II, are being put on by other associations so we could not send out the application forms. It might be better next year if we can coordinate with the associations sponsoring these shows and include their forms, or at least include a complete list of the shows in the MRHA circuit.

Stallion Stakes: There was discussion whether the Stallion Stakes will be run in the first go of the Manntana Futurity or during the finals. Billi Heigh was reached by phone and explained that this class will be run concurrent with the first go of the futurity. Billi is currently working on the stallion stakes reports for 2008.

Fundraising Report: Jan Lukenbill reported that the sponsorship level is far exceeding any other year at this time. She was commended for her excellent job.

Show Rules & By-Laws: This book has been completed and is being sent to all MRHA members.

New Business: Bill Crain handed out a flier on the NRHA Gold Star Affiliate Program. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Linda Hahn suggested that in 2008, MRHA have a Short Stirrup Class as a year end award class. This class would be for youth 10 and under running pattern 11. Sharon Gelhaus suggested March 1, 2008 as the date for MRHA's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet. She will check on this date with the Great Northern Convention Center. An NRHA Judging Seminar will be held in conjunction with the 2008 banquet.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> by teleconference at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Sharon L. Gelhaus  
MRHA Secretary