



## FISHERS PEAK HORSE ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of General membership Meeting December 16, 2012

Meeting was held at the Hoehne Community Center, Hoehne , CO with the Annual Awards Banquet.

Meeting called to order by President Cary Nelson at 2:10 pm.

Members present: Cary Nelson Family, Jennifer Sanchez McDonald Family ,Kim Gonzales Family, Dennis& Susan Schneider, Arch & Linda Haught, Carole & Dennis Bollmann, Ike & Roylynn Hill Family, Scott Engl Family, Renee Walton/Whitaker Family, Brad Long Family, Christine & Larry Tortorice, Riddle Family, Tammy Carroll, Jesse Mullins, Nancy Walzer, Roddy Leonardi, Zach Snow Family, Joette Counts, Riggins Family,

Minutes of December 2011, were read by secretary Susan Schneider. Motion to pass and approved.

Treasurer report by Kim Gonzales: As of this date checks / expenses outstanding \$2526.37. Additional expenses \$190.00 for a total of \$2716.37.

Bank Balance on 12/6/2012 \$4495.49 -- \$2716.37 =\$1779.22

2013 Expenses	Ribbons (approx \$450 = fees 2009)
	Insurance (approx \$600)
	Arena Fees ( approx \$450 = fees for 2012)
	Public Address System (PA) (approx \$\$\$)
	Extension Cord 100 foot
	Printing Entry Forms, Sponsor Forms, Member Book
	Postage

Motion to pass Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, second by Dennis Schneider, motion carried.

Discussion regarding purchasing new Public Address System (PA). Susan Schneider stated that the current PA system does work, and that the 100 foot extension cord was discarded due to shorting out. It was discussed that the defective extension cord could also be reason PA system not working properly. (low wattage) Roddy Leonardi stated that the defective cord could result in PA system not working properly and offered to look at the PA system to see if working properly and if speakers could be added to system to provide better sound at events. If this PA system is defective, then a new PA system will be purchased. Jennifer Sanchez McDonald (737 Productions) has offered to let FPHA use 737 Productions portable PA system to see if that type of PA system will work for FPHA before buying a system.

Motion to purchase 100 foot extension cord, and to review the current PA system / speakers with Roddy Leonardi, and try 737 Productions portable PA system. Then purchase new PA system if needed. Dennis Schneider made this motion, second by Tammy Carroll, motion carried.

Then President Cary Nelson read the Partner/Sponsors for 2012. ( see exhibit A)

President Cary Nelson recapped the events for Fishers Peak Horse Association 2012. A Fun Day started off the FPHA events in February 2012, then there were the two Trail Rides. The 1<sup>st</sup> FPHA Trail Ride was on May 5, 2012 at the Trinidad Lake State Park. On Memorial Day, FPHA Trail Ride #2, took place along the base of Fishers Peak, (Montoya Ranch). Before the FPHA Horse Shows began, a clinic was held at the Lazy YD-Horse Village, (Ron & Joette Counts), Trinidad, CO. The clinic gave members hands on experience in Halter, Showmanship, and Trail. In June the FPHA Horse Shows began and were held monthly to October 27, 2012.

FPHA members mounted horseback / on the float participated in the Labor Day Parade, Trinidad, CO. The Horse/Rider Halloween Costume Contest took place October 27, 2012, at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds Expo. The costumes were very original and each contestant went home with a prize. (see pictures of events on web site fisherspeakhorseassociation.com)

President Cary Nelson reminded everyone the FPHA scrapbooks are for everyone to look at and cover FPHA events from 1989 to the present. FPHA would appreciate items for the scrapbook(s) if anyone has pictures, or ?? from previous years. Send to FPHA 43988 CR 40, Trinidad, CO 81082 or contact Susan Schneider, secretary .

Events for the up coming year 2013 should be scheduled:

Fun Day

Kevin Waggoner Clinic ( rescheduled from 2012)

Trail Ride(s)

FPHA Horse Shows (5 monthly shows, to begin May 2013---September 2013)

President Cary Nelson reviewed the FPHA By Laws / Member Rule Book.

He stated that in the 2013 FPHA Member / Rule Book, Grand / Reserve Champion Halter rules were ambiguous and that no extra points had been awarded for extra points in the Halter Division points 2012. This ruling did not affect Year End 2012 Halter Points.

The following change to Grand Champion / Reserve Champion Halter was read:

#### GRAND CHAMPION HALTER

The Grand Champion in each sex division ( stallion, gelding, mare) will receive 1 point extra for being named Grand Champion.

Example: If 2 yr old Gelding wins class of 3 horses, he will receive 3 points for being first.

Then the 2 yr old Gelding is Grand Champion Gelding, and earns 1 point.

Total points for the 2 yr old Gelding for the show will be 4 points.

#### RESERVE CHAMPION HALTER

The Reserve Champion of each sex division (stallion, gelding, mare) will receive ½ point extra for being named Reserve Champion.

Example: If 2 yr old Mare wins class of 3 horses, she will receive 3 points for being first.

Then the 2 yr old Mare is Reserve Champion Mare, and earns ½ point.

Total points for the 2 yr old Mare for the show will be 3 ½ points.

The FPHA Show Rules / Year End Awards point system was then discussed, and members were reminded that in order to qualify for Year End Awards, a member shall 3 of the 5 FPHA Horse Shows and in at least 3 events at each show ( Halter and Jr Western Pleasure points excluded). Member(s) shall show 3 of the 5 FPHA Horse Shows in Jr Western Pleasure and Halter classes. Members shall volunteer their services at one of the FPHA Horse Shows or FPHA event during calendar year, or a suitable associate. Also member(s) shall obtain a \$50 Partner / Sponsor before August 30, of the calendar year.

Breakaway Roping 2012 took place at 3 of the 5 FPHA Horse Shows. President Cary Nelson reminded the members that a poll regarding Breakaway Roping had been sent in Spring 2012 prior to the first FPHA Horse Show. The poll results were few in numbers to number of members and the majority of poll response stated that try it again for 2012, and if not enough contestants, lack of cattle, then do not have.

Several members stated that it would be nice if Breakaway Roping could continue. Other members stated if so few contestants, ( 4 contestants 2012), lack of cattle, extra time for show officials, is it feasible to continue Breakaway Roping at the FPHA Horse Shows.

Susan Schneider suggested to table this discussion as done at General Membership Meeting 2011, and asked who wants to buy / bring cattle for Breakaway Roping 2013. No one responded.

Jared Tortorelli made a suggestion to not take Breakaway Roping out of FPHA Horse Shows, and if cattle become available, then continue Breakaway Roping at the FPHA Horse Shows 2013.

Dennis Schnieder stated that extra time to run Breakaway Roping class, 1 hour, and lack of participation in this class. He used the Trail Class(s) as an example and more participants during the time for class(s). Also no one has to haul cattle which became a problem this year.

Another option would be to hold the Breakaway Roping on another day / facility to not have to haul cattle and or use Hot Heels ( dummy steer pulled by quad) for Breakaway Roping...

Jennifer Sanchez McDonald motioned to table decision regarding Breakaway Roping at the FPHA Horse Shows 2013 as done 2011 General Membership Meeting, cattle available?, # of contestants. Susan Schneider second motion, motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

President Cary Nelson reminded members that in past years FPHA donated to community service in Trinidad, and that this year a Canned Food Donation will be the community event. Members may bring Canned Goods to the First Christian Church, Trinidad, CO. These items will help a needy family from the First Christian Church, and if extra donations they will be forwarded to the Salvation Army.

Board of Directors: Currently there are four elected FPHA Board Members, and Past Officers in Good Standing, and current members that have voting privileges. Executive decisions / voting pertains to FPHA Board of Directors / Past Officers in Good Standing (memberships paid).

Discussion to add two FPHA Board Members (at large) to the FPHA Board of Directors. Renee Whitaker stated it may be advantages to club, President Cary Nelson directed the conversation to Roberts Rules of Order, stating that a quorum for voting by Board of Directors is correct way to conduct business, and that the President only votes to break ties..so this would make quorum needed for voting matters.

Dennis Schneider suggested having one adult member and one youth member ( 18 & under) to fill the FPHA Board of Director( at large) positions. Further discussion regarding having youth on FPHA Board, is that this youth member would have voting privileges, be an ambassador to the FPHA Youth membership, as well as help recruit youth into FPHA. Also, the title of FPHA Youth Board Member is an asset to College applications. Other organizations such as AQHA, RMQHA, APHA, FFA, have youth members on the Board of Directors.

Motion by Christine Tortorice to add FPHA Board of Directors (at large) to the FPHA By Laws. The FPHA Board of Director(s), (at large) shall be 1 adult member (19 & over ) in good standing, and 1 youth member ( 18 & under) in good standing. The FPHA Board of Director(s) (at large) shall be elected at the FPHA Annual General Membership Meeting. The term of office for the FPHA Board of Director(s) (at large) shall be one year, January to December of the calendar year. Astrid Kramarz second the motion, motion carried.

Motion to amend motion regarding FPHA Board of Directors (at large) by Dennis Schneider, to have the youth member age 14 to 18, in good standing. Roylynn Hill second the motion, motion carried.

Discussion regarding FPHA Board of Directors, regarding the 1 year elected service for President and Vice President, and the 3 year elected service for Treasurer and Secretary. These years of service were approved by the General Membership at past Annual General Membership Meetings to ensure that the organization (FPHA) kept continuity within its governing Board of Directors. It was presented to the membership by Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, that organizations, stagger the terms of office for Board of Directors to keep continuity within organization, which enables the organization to run smoothly, year to year, by having ones on Board of Directors that know business, and new Board of Directors to learn from the old...by staggering elected service of office Board of Directors...

Tammy Carroll stated / motion to change all elected Board of Directors to serve only one year as elected at the Annual General Membership Meeting. The motion was second by Christine Tortorice. The motion was then voted upon 12 members voted to approve the motion, and 18 members voted not to approve the motion. The motion was declined / not passed.

The 2012 FPHA Board of Directors went to executive session:

The 2012 General Membership Meeting resumed.

**FPHA BY LAWS were voted to be amended by FPHA General Membership 2012 to add to the Board of Directors:**

Fishers Peak Horse Association on December 16, 2012, approved the revision to the FPHA BY LAWS.

The Fishers Peak Horse Association Board of Directors shall consist of:

President: (elected 1 year at Annual General Membership Meeting)

Vice President (elected 1 year at Annual General Membership Meeting)

Treasurer: (elected for 3 years at Annual General Membership Meeting)

Secretary: (elected for 3 years at Annual General Membership Meeting)

Director at large (adult 19 & over member, elected 1 year at Annual General Membership Meeting)

Director at large (youth 14-18, member, elected 1 year at Annual General Membership Meeting)

\*(elected terms are for calendar year January to December)

\*\* (the office(s) of Treasurer and / or Secretary are for three years, so that the association shall have continuity within the organization. It is best to stagger these terms of office so that when one term expires, the other term still exists. Thus if current treasurer term expires 2012, then secretary term should expire 2013, and new treasurer term expires 2015 ( 2013, 2014, 2015=term), and a new secretary elected 2014 ( 2014, 2015, 2017 = term)

\*\*\*Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail

**The remaining wording of FPHA BY LAWS to remain the same.**

President Cary Nelson opened the nominations for 2013 FPHA Board of Directors.

Kim Riddle nominated Brad Long for President...he declined.

Jennifer Sanchez McDonald nominated Carole Bollmann..she declined.

Kim Riddle was nominated for President..she declined.

Susan Schneider nominated Cary Nelson for President,..he declined.

Susan Schneider nominated Roylynn Hill for President, second by Jennifer Sanchez McDonald.

Motion carried, Roylynn Hill elected 2013 FPHA President.

Nominations for Vice President:

Susan Schneider nominated Brad Long for Vice President, second by Kim Riddle.

Motion carried, Brad Long elected 2013 FPHA Vice President

No other nominations.

Nominations for Treasurer: ( 3 year term 2013, 2014, 2015)

Dennis Schneider nominated Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, second by Kim Gonzales.

Motion carried, Jennifer Sanchez McDonald elected 2013, 2014, 2015, FPHA Treasurer

No other nominations.

Office of Secretary will be continued by Susan Schneider. ( 2013 will conclude the 3 year term)

( Susan asked for someone interested in becoming Secretary 2014 to intern 2013, if interested.)

Nominations for Adult Board of Director (at large):

Renee Whitaker nominated...she declined.

Dennis Schneider nominated Joette Counts, second by Roylynn Hill.

Motion carried, Joette Counts elected FPHA 2013 Adult Board of Director (at large)

Nominations for Youth Board of Director (at large):

Brandt Walton nominated...declined.

Susan Schneider nominated Whitney Nelson, second by Kim Gonzales.

Motion carried, Whitney Nelson elected FPHA 2013 Youth Board of Director (at large)

The new Fishers Peak Horse Association officers for 2013:

President: Roylynn Hill, Walsenburg, CO

Vice President: Brad Long, Raton, NM

Treasurer: Jennifer Sanchez McDonald, Trinidad, CO

Secretary: Susan Schneider. Trinidad, CO

Adult Director at Large: Joette Counts, Trinidad, CO

Youth Director at Large: Whitney Nelson, Trinidad, CO

The Meeting was adjourned by President Cary Nelson at 3:30 PM.

The 2012 Annual Awards Banquet began....

Respectfully submitted

Susan Schneider  
FPHA Secretary