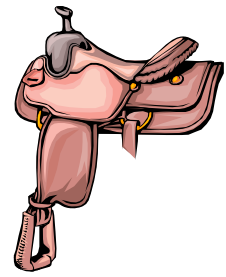




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September 2008

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Connie Riessland 638-3874

Gymkhana:

Jody Clark 634-0945

Concessions:

Elaine Anderson 547-9299

Grounds:

Tammy Maas 421-4455

Advisor:

Lisa Pontorero 635-1862

3-D Barrels:

Jody Osban 631-1271

Buidling:

Cindy Loofboro 638-1517

NON-Board Positions:

Royalty:

Cindy Loofboro 638-1517

Parades:

Margie Earlywine 638-8688

Rules:

Lisa Pontorero 635-1862

Clinician:

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Drill:

Barb Pitt 547-3347

Sponsorship/Fundraiser:

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Website:

Jay Ostby 632-5817

Cheyenne Saddle Tramps Monthly Newsletter

CST Annual Awards Banquet

The CST annual awards banquet is scheduled for November 22, 2008 at VFW 1881 off Nationway. The event is the celebration of this year's show season. We recognize the top performers in horse shows and gymkhanas. 2008 CST president's year end review and description of Board Positions and Special Awards will begin at 5:00 pm. Dinner will start at 5:30pm. We request that each member bring the following dishes based on the first letter of your last name. Coronation of Royalty will start at 7:00pm. Presentation of awards will start immediately after that. Ballot boxes will be available during dinner time. This should be a great event and lots of family fun.

Salad/Side Dish

A-H

Appetizer/Hot Dishes

I-P

Desert

O-Z

Nominations for 2008 CST Board Positions

All CST board positions are elected on a year to year basis. Nominations for the 2009 year board of directors will be held at the meeting held on October 15, 2008. This is your chance to choose your leadership for the upcoming year. If you are interested on serving on the board, please plan on attending this meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send a written notice and the position you would like to be nominated for. Elections for the 2008 board of directors will be held at the awards banquet in November. You must be present to accept the nominations for the position. All members are encouraged to attend and guide CST for the following year.



CST Workday and Bonfire: October 5, 2007 1:00pm CST Grounds.

Come out and get the grounds ready for winter. The last workday of the season is going to have some fun afterward. Bring gloves, jacket, and smiles while working. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish to share! Let's do some work and have some fun!!!

Year End Awards: CST gives out the following awards during the awards banquet. These awards nominees are taken from club members. Nominations can be started now and brought to the meeting or the night of the awards. Ballot boxes will be available at the banquet during dinner and the winners will be announced during the awards presentation.

John Easterwood Award: Recognizes individuals or family who has displayed extra ordinary dedication to the club and its membership through leadership, participation, and sportsmanship.

Sheila Vossler Award: Youth member of the club who on January 1st of the year of recognition has not reached 19 years of age, had displayed extra ordinary dedication to the club and its membership through leadership, participation, and sportsmanship

Most Improved Rider: Recognizes rider who has excelled the most in their ability

The Lifetime Achievement Award: Recognize that member or family consistently and continually for a significant number of years has demonstrated extra ordinary leadership, participation, and sportsmanship together with tireless and selfless service to the club, its members and its founding principles and purposes. This may not always be awarded every year.

Grounds Committee Chairman Report

Submitted by Tammy Maas

1. Thanks to Rob and Susan Benning for taking care of the grounds for me on the weekend of 6-7 September.
2. Grounds for the last show – Despite all the rain, we were able to hold the final show and gymkhana last weekend. The tractor is broke again. Rob Benning removed the part and is assessing the repair. I will let the board know what the repair costs will be.
3. Work Session – I would like to hold a final work session of the season. My goal is to have an afternoon work session followed by a bond fire to burn all the junk lumber. We could have a barbeque dinner as part of the event. I contacted the Fire Chief about “standing by” while we burn the old lumber and she was very agreeable. I proposed 2 dates to her and she will get back to me. The 2 dates are 5 October and 12 October (need a vote on the date and a commitment)

The following are things I would like to get done at the last work session:

Repair the broke boards on the arena and the warm up area

Repair the damaged stalls from Frontier Days stall rentals

Roll up hoses and store them for the winter

Mow and weed eat

Change a short section of fence by the front gate so I can mow around the sign

Put all the rocks that the 4-H kids gathered around the sing.

Panel the inside of the crow's nest

Paint boards for sponsor signs

4. Looking ahead to next year – Whoever is the grounds committee chairman next year needs to have a “committee.” It cannot be one person or one family. The duties as described in our constitution references a committee. Our most valuable asset is our property and we need to take good care of it. I have had a couple people volunteer to help as part of a committee for next year.

Royalty Report

2009 Royalty clinic and tryouts were held. We had some great girls that tried out this year. I would not have wanted to be the judge. Each girl should be congratulated on their performance and tryout. Crowning of your 2009 Royalty will take place at the banquet. Queen candidates were: Shelby Benning. Princess candidates were: Gracie Brown, Cianna Schofield, and Erin McIntrye. Your 2009 Queen is Shelby Benning and 2009 Princess is Cianna Schofield. The girls are looking forward to a great year. Congratulations!

Winter Care for Your Horse

Are you ready for another winter? Is your horse?

Another summer is winding to an end and horse owners need to make management plans for the cooler seasons ahead. For horses, cold weather does not mean coming in from the cold, but being assisted to withstand the cold as comfortably and healthy as possible. However, horses have special needs during the cold weather to assure they will stay healthy and in good condition. Horses are very tolerant of cold conditions; in fact, horses tend to be far more stressed by heat than by cold. From the horse owner's standpoint, winter management gets very basic: routine health care, feed, water, and shelter. Any winter, be it mild or severe, will be easier to deal with if you have prepared in advance.

Assessing The Horses Condition: For a horse to be an "easy keeper" during the winter he needs to be free of parasites, in good flesh, and properly immunized going into the winter. The cost of deworming, veterinarian checkups, and immunizations will more than pay for themselves in reduced feed costs through the stressful winter months. Work with your vet to set up a health program for each of your horses and stick with it. We tend to think that if we are cold, our horses must be cold. Not necessarily so. Preconditioning horses before the onset of cold temperatures helps to reduce the effect of cold weather on the horse and will reduce his nutritional needs to maintain weight. A horse shouldn't lose weight in the winter. In fact, a little extra layer of fat to fend off the cold won't hurt. Fat cover acts as an insulator and provides energy reserves during stress. Altering your feeding program for the upcoming winter by providing some extra calories will allow horses to lay down an insulating layer of fat under the skin. The horse's winter coat is a horse's first defense from the cold. When allowed to grow, a horse's natural hair coat acts as a very effective thermal blanket, it increases both in length and density as the days grow shorter. A Horses winter coat is also naturally greasy, which helps it repel snow, ice, and sleet. A heavy winter hair coat a tremendous insulator and provides as much warmth as the best blankets. Horses that are to be maintained outside should be allowed to grow a long hair coat, plus the hair within the ears and around the fetlocks should not be clipped throughout the winter months. Horses have the ability to fluff out their coats in cold weather, thereby trapping a layer of air in the coat which provides them an insulating layer. Once the hair coat becomes wet, the hair lies down and loses its insulating ability. Stabled horses may need blanketing when they're turned out during the day, but the best blanket for an outside horse is his own full winter coat. If you do blanket your horse, make sure you take it off and brush him often. Also, realize that a blanket that is not warm enough is worse than no blanket at all. A blanket keeps the coat flat again causing loss of insulating ability. The most accurate assessment of body condition is done through feeling the condition over the horse's ribs, plus visual inspection of overall condition. A thick winter coat can easily hide weight loss so it's important to use hands as well as eyes to monitor winter weight. Your horse should be at such a weight that you cannot see the ribs but can feel them if you run your fingers over the rib cage applying slight pressure. Horses add body fat from front to rear and top to bottom. Evaluate their necks, withers, covering over their rib cages and croups, and around their tailheads for deposition of fat. It is really important that you feel your horses in winter due to their heavier winter haircoat. Often, one cannot accurately evaluate a horse's body condition by only visual appraisal. It is important to body condition score your horse each month in winter. By the time you see that the horse is getting thinner, it's too late and it may be difficult for horses to increase body condition during extremely cold weather. During long periods of freezing temperatures, most horses will experience some loss of body condition, no matter how well they are fed. A horse's ears are said to be a good indicator of whether or not he is cold - cold ears mean a cold horse. Also watch to see if your horse is shivering, a warm blooded animal shivers to produce more body heat, if they are shivering, they are not warm enough.

As with all warm-blooded animals, horses must maintain their body temperature to survive. The temperature, wind chill factor, wetness, hair coat and the heat produced within the body determine the extent to which heat must be conserved. As environmental temperatures fall below the individual horses comfort zone, heat production is increased by the body by speeding up chemical reactions which produce heat.

Cheyenne Saddle Tramps- Meeting Minutes- September 17, 2008

Meeting Called to order 7:00pm

Minutes approved from last meeting as attached in newsletter

President: Todd Miller-Not Present

Vice President: Jody Osban- Cindy gave report on Margie Earlywine, out of hospital and staying with sister in Pine Bluffs. Doing better!

Secretary: Anita LaFond-reminder to everyone that all positions are volunteer and we need more help in the future. A proposal made to add service hours to rules next year to be eligible for yearend awards. Need updated email and addresses. Start thinking about nominations for 2009 board positions. I received parade application for Christmas Parade-will send it in and table until the next meeting

Treasurer: Susan Benning: Report given, Had copy of insurance policy: need to add boarding and rental of stalls for next year. Capital Insurance.

Horse Show: Connie Riesland- Shows are done: A big yeah to that!!! She wanted to send out a big thank you to all who has helped get the shows off and a big success. Suggestions for whoever does it next year:

1. Western Riding/Reining: Either make it one or the other all the time- maybe add western riding to the youth show.
2. Community Service to club: Make it mandatory for yearend awards. It can be running the gate, Ring Steward, Helping Judges, or work days: A consistent judge comment was that the club didn't have enough help.
3. Maybe have a Horse Show committee because very hard for one person to do it.
4. Halter Classes- Had people inquire but then they would be only one in class
5. Board by Trail Class to post pattern over there.

Gymkhana: Jody Clark (Not Present)- Report given by Elaine Anderson: Most Points are tallied- Lisa Pontoriero has been working on that to get them straight. Needs a few questions answered by Jody to finish. Victoria Hall was to help Jody with the points but she told Lisa that with the new baby she doesn't have time to do it all. Motion made and second for Lisa to figure out the points and then for Jody Osban to audit them. Overall comments about the Gymkhana was that the kids loved the goat tying/dressing. Maybe need to look at stock events for the future. Jody needs to know the total goats tied. Last meeting it was voted on and approved to supply Gene (owner of the goats) with a \$100.00 Positively Cheyenne Gift Certificate. This should cover the \$1.00 stock fee- if not then will adjust accordingly. Cindy to get address to Anita so an invitation could be sent to Gene for our year end banquet.

3-D Barrels: Jody Osban- no report

Grounds: Tammy Maas- Report given: Thanks to Rob and Susan Benning for taking care of grounds for the weekend of 6-7 September. The final show was held. The tractor is broken again-Rob Benning took out the part and trying to see how much it will cost for fixing it. Motion made and second for October 5th 1:00pm to be a work day to get the grounds ready for winter- Will have bon fire after the work day to burn some of the old lumber. Tammy to provide the meat and everyone to bring a side dish. She would like to say that whoever is grounds next year needs to have a committee. It cannot be one family or person! Nikki Schofield made a comment about making fixing the steps into the crow's nest.

Advisor/Rules: Lisa Pontoriero- Audit will be done, need to continue to address the rules refractations; Safety is always a big concern. Club needs to remember that it is every members responsibility to follow the rules.

Building: Cindy Loofboro- Last rental scheduled for October 25th. Motion made and second for club house to possibly closing clubhouse for winter. Cindy to bring to the next meeting the number of rentals for the Holiday Season from last year- Proposed date to shut the clubhouse down, November 1 for the winter. Question of Key inventory for the building and gates. Anita to bring the inventory to the next meeting. Eye/PA System in locked room- out of crow's nest to get out for winter. Butt cans in front of building missing. Cindy to get bucket with sand to replace them. New PA System at Cindy's and it was decided to keep it there until the spring.

Concessions: Elaine Anderson- Yeah it's over! Left over's donated to Junior Board for their movie night. Walking Taco's and Chili Fritos a big hit this year.

Website: Jay Ostby- Has reviewed and discussed with Todd about the proposed new website. He says could possibly buy the template monster for approx \$63.00- Visionary has donated the space over the last 4 years. Jay to look at separating the site from his account so that more people can have access to the site. Motion made and second for website to stay with visionary and possible re-design. Jay also stated he didn't mind continuing his relationship with visionary and CST for website. March 2009 registration for the domain name needs to be renewed. Approx cost \$109.00- Motion made and second for Jay to get this done and will be reimbursed.

Royalty Advisor: Cindy Loofboro- Date set for clinic and tryouts. Judges are set. Has set the Country Buffet back room for the speech- 2:00 on Sept 27, 2008. All board members are invited to attend- A clarification of the rules- no parents are allowed to be in the room during the speech. A Mary Kay Make-up clinic is set for the clinic day at 2:00.

Royalty: 2008 Queen Lori Riesland, 2008 Princess Rylee Anderson- Would like to thank everyone who helped and encouraged them this year. If they had to say something to the next year's royalty- "Be ready for lots of work, but lots of fun".

Junior Board: Lori Riesland- decided not to do a bunch of activities this year but start raising money for next year's project of recycling. Bake Sale Fundraiser made approx \$114.00. Thanks to the Schofield family for donation of the pizza at the gymkhana. Having a movie night- Saturday, Sept 20th at 6:00pm- chaperoned! Will receive and vote nominations for next year's Junior Board at the banquet and be on the same schedule at the regular CST Board.

Old Business: Awards Banquet- Motion made and second for the banquet to be turned into a carry-in instead of reception. Date: November 22, 2008. Dinner to start at 5:30pm. Jeri Miller will donate 2 turkeys, Susan Benning to donate the plates and cups, Anita will go to the VFW to see if they have the date available. Tammy Maas volunteered to be the Banquet MC & Foreman. Awards Committee- possibly should meet again before awards are ordered once the actual points are done and placings are finished.

New Business: Motion made and second for Susan to spend approx \$100.00 for prizes on rock picking. Went over very well at 4-H Gymkhana- 1st place in morning was Randi Rae Evans with 25lbs of Rocks, Afternoon was 1st Maria Grogan with 26 lbs of Rocks. Kids had a lot of fun and great way to rock pick! Suggestion made by Jay for CST to start thinking about a storage shed because storage seems to be an issue- he has 9 windows, tile, and paint at his house that was a donation to the club and would love to have it out of his garage. Possibly seek donations of the storage shed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2008 at 7:00pm

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