

## Central District OHSET Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2016

**In attendance:** Barb Walley (Co-chair), Anne Geser (co-chair), Lani Wyman (Treasurer), Michelle Nicholson (Summit), Kelli Nicholson (Summit/District Athlete Rep), Heather Zumwalt (Mt View), Cindi Smith (Redmond), Raymond Blevins (Redmond), Amanda Blevins (Redmond/athlete), Christina Bates (LaPine), Kathy Russell (LaPine/Vendors), Gayln Snair (Ridgeview), Nancy Wiggins Condron (Crook), Connie Palin (Madras), Janna Davis (Madras/athlete), Keri Strawn (Madras); on phone: Debi Ferrer (The Dalles), Lisa Crane (Pendleton).

Note: underlined attendees are voting attendees.

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm; Michelle moved to accept the December minutes; Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed unanimously.

### Financials/Cherries

- Doing good on the budget. Loader to move dirt out of arena after meet was a great deal so that helps our budget.
- Cherries are all distributed but check at first meet if you can sell more – we may have some being returned.
  - Gift cards will be awarded at second meet to high sellers.
- Lani has more raffle tickets if anyone needs them.

### First Meet – What worked and what didn't?

- Janna noted that seemed to flow better for supporting teammates.
  - Note – this is the goal. We want teams moving together whether athletes are in event or not and not being in 2 arenas at once – if this isn't working at the meet let one of your chairs know and we will help get you in position.
- Everybody was very patient. Andria mentioned she has a lot of new parents and was very appreciative of help received for their events.
- Cindi noted that Tahnee is more than happy to help with timing on Sunday (like she did at meet #1) and the general consensus was that everyone appreciated her help.
  - The goal is to train more back up timers so we will not need second judge for gaming.
- Mt. View announcer is happy to announce whenever needed – just ask if you want help announcing the event you are running.
- We will work on getting Saturday schedule out correctly – we have to see if we can manipulate the system so we can successfully run 3 events at once.
  - There was some confusion at the first meet with this and we will try to be proactive with any conflicts.
  - No rider should be dropping events because of gate conflict – ask for help at the gate and if they cannot help you, they can radio for help. Entire team should be moving together through the 3 events. Some will ride first, and then do in hand. Others will do in hand first and then ride. Lani tries to have different order of teams so the same teams are not always going first at events – hopefully this will also mix up whether competing in your in-hand class or riding class, but won't be perfect.
  - Overall, Saturday morning is a challenge with 3 events concurrently and ran very smoothly. We will do what we can to have the correct order printed out, but if not, we will have posted outside office.
  - If you are using 2 horses for in hand events, both horses need to be at the arena with someone holding your other horse. You might be called to in-hand trail or showmanship gate.
  - Flexibility is the key to making this work!
- Michelle asked if it was possible to have jump set up for warm up on Thursday.
  - Decided this will not work-too many riders and if offer for one event have to offer for all.

- Equipment was set up in the practice area (i.e. poles, IHOR obstacles, etc...)
  - No equipment may be set up anywhere on the grounds without approval prior to the meet.
- 20 minute drill practice was too short.
  - We will push this back to 30 minutes per team.
  - Arena will be open one hour after scheduled drill practice ends.
- Could not hear announcements at Juniper.
  - When events are running in Juniper arena, we will try to radio announcements to gate so they can announce at the arena.
- Team Penning –
  - Need to call before 2<sup>nd</sup> go starts for cow pick up. We can go ahead and back the truck up and load cows if needed so we can pull down panels (not sure we knew this for first meet).
  - Teams did a good job with helping – we just have to make sure when signing up to help it won't conflict with other Saturday events you are running.
  - Numbering had some issues. Redmond is in charge of numbering. If they need help, they will ask, or check with them and see if they need help, but there were too many helping and it became a dangerous situation.
    - Need to be careful that any jobs involving the cows are being done by knowledgeable volunteers, but we also need to be proactive and train others – this way we continue to have experienced volunteers!
  - Crook feels they are ready to do Working Rancher on their own (Madras was helping) – situation came up at first meet that Madras was supposed to be at reining, but were setting up Working Rancher and could not hear announcements at Juniper.
- Had quite a few parents in coach/advisor/athlete areas outside Sagebrush and expo.
  - Team coaches and advisors need to do what they can to keep their parents, families and personal trainers out of this area.
  - Badges would be a big help. We were not able to get them done by first meet but will try to get them done for second meet.
- During gaming and team penning – gets dangerous at the bottom of the steps when horses are lined up along fence – would be much safer if we can get them to back up against the wall so we can walk in front of them and not between or behind.
  - We will cone this area off if we have to but hopefully just asking athletes to do this will work.
- There will be no bikes or scooters allowed inside the event center – this got out of control.
- Asked if we can work the dirt outside Sagebrush – it is very hard and also would help with making it clear where the warm up area is and only athletes, coaches and advisors are allowed.
  - We will ask the fairgrounds.
- No cars should be parked in front of the barns!
- Would like to see more organized trailer parking!
  - Christina will e-mail Barb the map that we used for State and see if we can make a map for our district meets that show how we need to park (end to end trailers!!!).
- Cows for roping were slow.
  - Decided they were ok. Good for district meets and they will probably be faster at state.
- Runback of cows in daubing – questioned if there is not a better way of doing it.
  - Cows did not appear to be going equal times.
  - We should run them all back together and make sure we leave a different cow in the pen each time (leave one so the cows will go back in).
  - Might help to use a horse and rider to run them back.
    - Decided this would be ok, but if they are under 18 they must wear a helmet.
- Working Rancher didn't seem to be measured out correctly – didn't seem to have the 65' for picking up lope?
  - Judge did measure but we will double check at next meet.
  - Some patterns have only essential measurements on them and the rest is left up to the judge/districts to decide.

- Working Rancher is very difficult to set up because of this – we would like to see more restrictions and measurements in the patterns – Barb to inquire at State Board meeting on Saturday.
- Judge did choose to set up the jumping course at the lower end of the range because it was our first meet – make sure your riders know jumps will most likely be a little higher for the second meet.
- Judge’s room – Cindi is working on a new schedule for the second and third meets – there was some confusion and she will do some tweaking of the list.
  - Look for an e-mail from Cindi to sign up for the next 2 meets – disregard what you have signed up for already.

### Other Business

- Barb is putting together a thank you list. Please get names and addresses to her if you have anyone to add to the list.
- We will need shavings for April meets.
  - Janna Davis will contact again and coordinate with Anne.
- Medals – Nancy confirmed numbers in the team events and events we might not need 3 places.
  - If you place in a team event where you have alternates compete, additional medals will be engraved after the awards, so you might not receive until May meeting or state meet.
  - Same is true for ties.
- Buckles are ordered.
- Would like trophies brought to second meet so we can make sure we have all of them for awards.
  - Will be engraved after awards.
- Stalnakers will be at meet #2.
- Question was asked if we can set up 2 gaming events in the arena so we set up more efficiently and go from one gaming event to the next.
  - Heather said that this is a conversation every year at judge’s training. Most judges will not allow us to do this and one of the reasons is because it makes it difficult to decide where that center line is and determine a rider to be off course.
- Scholarships – please remind your seniors that these will be due no later than the end of meet 2.
  - Can either be turned into the office at the meet, e-mailed or mailed (info on application).
  - Also remind them to apply for state scholarship as well – info on website.
- Senior recognition night
  - Kelli will send out e-mail with dates and what needs to be turned in for senior recognition night (Saturday before penning).
  - Please make sure that you pass it on to your seniors!
- At meet 2 we will have sign-up and drawing for seniors who would like to carry district and state flags.
  - Up to coaches to make sure senior can safely carry flags.
  - We will draw for district ceremony and state ceremony and alternates at the same time.
  - As our Senior District Representative, Kelli Nicholson will carry the state flag at the district ceremony and also at the State ceremony (Central drew the American Flag).

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Next meeting: Stay tuned – we will have a meeting at the second meet.