

Central District OHSET Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2016

In attendance: Barb Walley (Co-chair), Anne Geser (Co-Chair), Marty Hopper (Vice Chair), Lani Wyman (Treasurer), Adrienne Yenne (Summit/District Athlete Rep), Stephanie Yenne (Summit), Heather Zumwalt (Mt View), Tahnee Hayden (Redmond), Christina Bates (LaPine), Kathy Russel (LaPine/Vendors), Nancy Wiggins Condron (Crook), Sharon Sieveking (Mt View), Gayln Snair (Ridgeview), Halee Snair (Ridgeview/athlete), Keri Strawn (Madras), Hope Strawn (Madras), Annie Winter (Sisters). Via phone: Debi Ferrer (The Dalles), Kaela Kruise (Sherman/athlete), Elizabeth Olson (Redmond), Carmen Tague (Lakeview), Lisa Crane (Pendleton).

Note: underlined attendees are voting attendees. Meeting called to order at 6:36pm.

Approval of September 27, 2016 minutes – Gayln moved to pass. Keri 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Financials/Cherries

- Budget – voted on in September.
- Cherries – let Lani know what you need – she has lots of bags still to distribute.
- Registrations are starting to come in.
- If your funds do not go through your school and you are setting up an outside bank account using OHSET tax ID, you must e-mail (scan) or send monthly statements to Lani – if you do this when you receive the bank statements it will become automatic. Don't make Lani have to track them down please!
- There is a team activity sheet on the OHSET website that should be filled out for outside events and fundraising.
- Monies from fundraisers must be split equally among athletes – cannot have individual funds for athletes.
 - If you are not sure you are doing correctly, can clarify at the coach/advisor training or ask one of your chairs and they will get info for you.
- Passed around arena list
 - Need to have all arenas used for practice on this list (and also need to remove those not being used). If you use any arenas you don't think are on the list, get info to Barb asap.
 - Barb will e-mail out of town schools and update their list.

District Meet #2

- Due to Rodeo event and the impact it has on the fairgrounds and community, we are needing to change the location of our second meet to Rim Rock Event Center at Brasada.
 - Chairs considered changing the date and felt it was important to keep originally advertised dates and move location.
 - We will have to take our trailer of equipment but won't need 4-wheeler for dragging and won't have to move any dirt.
 - Some re-arranging of events might happen to accommodate the different arena set-up and size of arenas.
 - Other changes that will affect us – stalls \$20/night (includes 1 bag shavings-may not bring in outside shavings – additional shavings \$10/bag); stalls are matted and includes stripping; camping is \$20/night and includes electric and water; possibly can keep costs the same as we do at fairgrounds depending on what overall meet expenses are – will be able to come up with more info at December meeting after we have an estimate of number of athletes.
 - Will make sure Cindi has arena change info for cattle provider.

Hunt Seat Over Fences discussion for warm-up

- Summit and Sisters have brought up concern over safety of over fences warm-up and are losing athletes because of it.
 - Can we figure out a way to allow jumpers a time they can warm-up in the arena?
 - Experienced riders are seeing refusals that are out of character because even if they have warmed up in the arena, adding the jumps in the arena changes everything.
 - We cannot allow to warm-up on the course.
 - Can we just have a practice jump off the course?
 - Could section off area with cones and allow warm-up before walking the course and while setting up.
 - Discussion leaned to this is too risky for athlete because if their horse does veer into course they would be disqualified.
 - Could set up jump prior to course set up (estimate 7-7:30am) and open to riders.
 - Seemed to be the best option.
- Jumping Trainers do need to be reminded that unless they are a team coach, they need to stay out of warm-up area.
 - There are areas they can be (stands, above the area outside expo) and still coach their students.
 - In Over Fences, trainers or others are allowed to walk the course with athletes.

Clinics

- Do we want to try to get some district clinics put together for cattle classes or any other specialty classes.
 - Nobody wanted to put this together but would like contact information for cattle practice.
 - Bobbie O'Brien – Sky Hawk Ranch – 541-408-0865
 - Dick Elliott – Fast Time Arena – 541-419-3626
 - Bobbi Jo Roseur – 541-977-4898

Rule Changes

- Housekeeping changes from State Board Meeting –
 - Will add clarification on how to hold split reins to Western events
 - Add rule about cow entering chute to Steer Daubing (already in Roping)
 - Add athlete can signal where they want flag in Individual Flags
- Rules
 - Roping will not allow to rebuild loop – rule will remain the same
 - Can carry 2 ropes to throw second time
 - Penning will not change to Sorting
 - Drill will change from Freestyle 6+ to Freestyle 5+
 - Penning scoring will not change – rule change requested to go by number of cows and not number of pens first.
 - Over Fences – rule change submitted to allow bitless bridle – did not pass so no change
 - Figure 8 will remain the same and not change to Idaho Figure 8 (as done in Washington and was done at Regionals last year) but it was voted to allow 45 seconds to start course to allow additional time to get to far side to start.

Coach and Advisor Training

- Must attend at least once every 2 years
 - Rule changes that will go in effect next year (2017-2018 season)–
 - Head Coach and Head Advisor will need to go to training their first year
 - Will try to offer later training for teams that don't know early enough who will lead the team
 - If you have been to training at least 2 times, you can go every 5 years – but we do not want to understate the value of having experienced coaches and advisors at the training

Co-Ops

- Standard Co-Ops –
 - The Dalles (7 riders) and Dufur (1 rider)
 - Already approved at State level
 - Tahnee moved to accept and motion was seconded. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.
 - Lakeview (7 riders) and Northlake (1 rider) pending paperwork
 - Carmen moved to accept. Tahnee 2nd. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.
- Non-Standard Co-Ops (due to number of riders on sponsoring club)
 - Pendleton (2 riders) and Weston McEwan (1 rider)
 - Pendleton working on paperwork and the school has questions about liability – they are in process and working with school to get all relevant information.
 - Lisa moved to accept. Tahnee 2nd. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.
 - Madras (2 riders) and Culver (1 rider)
 - Keri moved to accept. Tahnee 2nd. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

Other

- District Sponsorships
 - We have time to do this but we need to get going on it.
 - Estimate need \$3000 to increase awards in high point categories and possibly add some other awards.
 - Raymond Blevins is willing to help but this will only work if all teams are involved.
 - Could have our student representatives (Adi, Sararose and Kaela) work on this – especially figuring out what we could do for awards
 - Left the discussion at advisors and/or coaches will go to their teams and see if it is feasible to get a \$250 sponsor for the district – can either be one or multiple that make up the \$250
 - Once we know we have the support, we can look at different sponsorship levels
 - Also discussed possibly team size determines amount needed
 - i.e. \$250 for every 5 athletes per team
 - Will discuss what the teams want to do at December 14 meeting.
- AYHC – make sure your athletes know of this opportunity to represent OHSET at April 21-23, 2017 symposium in Massachusetts

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next meeting: December 14 (Wednesday), 6:30pm, Mountain View High School.