

EKHA Winter Meeting
OCTOBER 24, 2009
Sterl Hall, Abilene – 2:00 PM

EKHA President Sara Prochaska called the 2009 Annual Meeting to order on Saturday, October 24 at 2:10 PM in Sterl Hall.

There were 20 voting delegates present, representing 11 Saddle Clubs. Clubs being represented were Buckeye SC (Pam Diehl/Angela Weber), Cowboys for Christ SC (Julie Ebert), Crossroads SC (Stephanie Melhus), DK 4H (Meghan Dalton/Heather Darling), Junction City SC (Tami Boller/Jill Schmutz), KS 4D (Bob Atkins/Brenda Peterson), Mitchell County Riders (Jane Wallace/Shirley McDonald), Osborne SC (Dan Legg/Glenda Walker), Salina Silver Spurs (Bev Seuser/Dean Ann Zsamba), Sand Springs SC (Gina Dalton/Sheila Beemer), and Santa Fe SC (Wanda Timm/Heidi Lange). Two voting officers were also present, (Kris Langdon/Secretary and Susan Melhus/Treasurer), making a total voting delegation of 22.

Kris Langdon read the minutes from the January 09 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – Susan Melhus reported that the bank account balance was \$2146.35. In addition, there is \$7447.88 in a Money Market, and \$858.02 in the Bob Sheridan Memorial Scholarship Fund, for a grand total of \$10,452.25. The report was approved as printed.

Communications – Sara read a nice thank you from Amanda Cormack, recipient of the Bob Sheridan Memorial Scholarship.

Committee Reports - President: Sara reported that the State Show was a great success. The Santa Fe SC has donated \$77.00 to EKHA – this money was raised through the tie dying event that was held at the State Show. This was reported to be a profitable and fun extra event.

Sara reported that all year-end awards were finished and ready to distribute at the banquet.

VP/Rules: Gina reported that the show year was deemed a success with very few problems needing to be addressed during the show season.

Secretary: Kris reported that all had been well with the 2009 year. One concern that would need to be addressed at the January Budget meeting was the over spending on sending out the newsletter. This results from a large drop in subscriptions, and printing and postage prices going up.

Treasurer: Susan reiterated the need to address the current price of a newsletter subscription, and also discussed the cost of the website and the fact that this brings in no income.

Old Business – No old business.

New Business - Sara made the “official” announcement that Amanda Cormack was the 2009 winner of the Bob Sheridan Memorial Scholarship.

Discussion was held on entry cards that are not filled out completely/correctly. The areas of main concern are the birthdates, owners of horses, horses names, and signatures. It was suggested that signs be posted at the shows reminding contestants to “Check Your Entries!” A suggestion was made to make laminated signs to carry in the EK properties box so that all shows could post this reminder. A check sheet was also suggested for the office help at each show. Kris will supply these signs and check sheets in the Secretary Packets.

Discussion was held concerning having a “Welcoming Committee”, consisting of several members from different clubs. The idea behind this discussion was that members were not well informed enough to fill out entry cards correctly, and not familiar with all the rules, i.e. 30 day membership rule, riding an “EK” horse, etc. Even though EK always welcomes new members, and loves having new faces, it was felt that this responsibility should be up to each club to inform their members, (both old and new) of the rules, and that ALL members should be familiar with the EKHA Rulebook – where these items are covered. (Rulebook – Free on the web site, or \$3.00 per book!)

Discussion was held about other organizations posting points throughout the show season. It was stated that not posting them was one of the things that made EK unique, not to mention the short time frame, and balancing points among the point keepers, and posting standings would not be done at this time.

Discussion was held on having a check sheet for properties to be included in the property box. A stopwatch was on the missing list for this year, and hopes of things like this happening might be prevented if a check sheet is available for both checking in and checking out the property box. Sara will be adding this form to the box.

It was discussed to look into a different web site provider in the hopes of saving money.

It was discussed that in the future proposed rule changes will be turned in typed. This should help expedite the turn around in getting them to members. The comment was made that proposed rule changes were not available to clubs in a timely manner this year.

Officer Elections: President – Sara Prochaska was nominated for re-election for President. Nominations ceased. A unanimous ballot was cast. Sara will serve as President.

Treasurer: Jane Wallace was nominated for Treasurer. Nominations ceased. A vote was held; Jane will serve as the new Treasurer.

Point Keeper: Lil Peck has volunteered to be the new Point Keeper. She is also available to help with the web site should Beth need help.

January Budget Meeting – The January meeting has been tentatively set for Sunday, January 17, (January 24th – snow date) in Salina. Location will be Coyote Canyon or Western Sizzlin’, with the final plans to be determined after contacting these locations. A reminder with final plans will be posted and/or sent to newsletter recipients after Christmas.

Rule Changes – The following rule changes passed and new rulebook pages will be made available at the January meeting and on the EK Website.

Rule Change #1 – (Pg 10, #16, Item #1) Super Horse nomination forms must be filled out and sent with the State Show entries. A fee of \$15.00 (up from \$5.00) must be sent along with the form. No late nominations will be accepted.

Rule Change #2 – (Page 6, Omit #12, & Page 26, Event 1: Open Race, #3) Replace the word “mandatory” with the word “optional” in Open Race Event.

Rule Change #3 – (Page 28, Event 5/Pole Bending, #3) In pole bending, change placement of the first pole from the starting line from 20’ to 21’. This makes it standard with most other associations.

Rule Change #4 – (Page 25, Event 18: Rosie Clymer Memorial Ranch Horse Pleasure – New Event) Optional Event – Open Age Class – This class shows the horses ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown at three gaits – walk, jog, and lope in each direction of the arena. Horses will also be asked to reverse away from the rail, to stop and back. The judge may ask for an extended jog and extended lope at least one direction of the ring. A horse will be given credit for traveling with his head held in a normal position, ears alert, and moving at a natural speed for the gait requested. Credit will be given for making a smooth transition between the gaits, for keeping the correct lead, and for maintaining the gait requested until the judge requests a change. A rider must show his horse with only one hand on the reins, unless the horse is 5 years old or younger and is being shown in a snaffle or hackamore (bosal).

Rule Change #5 – (Page 23, Event 13: Reining, Pattern #5) – This corrects a typo in the book. #1 & #2 Run to far end of arena, stop and do 2 1/2 spins to the left, no hesitation. #3, Run to opposite end of arena, stop & do 2 1/2 spins to the right, no hesitation. (Replace 2 spins with 2 ½ spins)

Rule Change #6 – (Horse Show Rules & Regulations, Page 7, Add #35) - All clubs will be required to provide each rider a payback slip for places 1st – 4th for each class. The payback slips will provide the following information: date of show, placing class number, class name, number of entries in the class and the amount of payback. A template for payback slips will be included in the show packet sent out by the EKHA Secretary.

Rule Change #7 – (Page 25, Event 17: Hunt Seat Equitation - New Event) -- Optional Event – Class to be Jr. 18 & Under & Sr. 19 & Over. Standard dress for contestants and tack shall follow Event 3, Item #3 and Item #4 (page 16). The judge will ask each rider to work individually. Individual work will be a combination of maneuvers that the judge feels are necessary to determine the equitation ability of the rider. Pattern should be one that can be completed in about 30 seconds. Selected riders may be required to work on the rail to determine final placings, which shall include the walk, trot, and canter.

Rider is judged on ability to keep horse in designated gait, proper leads, and handling and control of horse. Rider will be judged on his/her basic position in the saddle, hand position, leg position, seat position, and back position. Percentage shall count 70% for horsemanship, 30% for conformation and suitability of horse to rider.

Awards Banquet – The Year-End Awards Banquet will be held in Clay Center at the Parish Hall in 2010. The date will be Saturday, October 23, 2010, with the time and caterer still being determined. Mark your calendars!

The following clubs have booked a show for the 2010 Show Season:

May 29 & 30	Junction City SC
June 5 & 6	Sand Springs SC
June 12 & 13	Mitchell Co. Riders
June 19 & 20	KS 4D, Bennington
July 31 & Aug. 1	Cowboys for Christ, Clay Center

A committee sign up sheet will be available at the January Meeting. Be planning for the committee you would like to help with. The following people have signed up for 2010: **AWARDS:** Susan Melhus, Stephanie Melhus, and Sara Prochaska – **SCHOLARSHIP:** Jane Wallace and Shirley McDonald – **STATE SHOW:** Kris Langdon – **RULE BOOK:** Kris Langdon – **WEBSITE:** Beth Cormack and Lil Peck, **RULES COMMITTEE:** Gina Dalton and Kris Langdon.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed – Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Langdon
EKHA Secretary

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