

EKHA Winter Budget Meeting
January 17, 2010
Western Sizzlin', Salina – Eat - 2:00 PM/Meeting – 3:00

EKHA President Sara Prochaska called the 2010 Winter Budget Meeting to order on Sunday, January 17 at 3:10 PM at Western Sizzlin' in Salina.

There were 15 voting delegates present, representing 8 Saddle Clubs. Clubs being represented were Buckeye SC (Diehl/Weber), Cowboys for Christ SC (Ebert/Martin), DK 4H (Darling), Junction City SC (Boller/Hannagan), Mitchell County Riders (M. Wallace/Cormack), Salina Silver Spurs (Seuser/Bruhl), Sand Springs SC (Dalton/Beemer), and Santa Fe SC (M. Lange/Heidi Lange). Two voting officers were also present, (Kris Langdon/Secretary and Jane Wallace/Treasurer), making a total voting delegation of 17.

Kris Langdon read the minutes from the October 2009 Annual Meeting. Minutes were approved as read. (A correction was made before the meeting to the minutes stating that the Awards Banquet location would be voted on at the January meeting.)

Treasurer's Report – Jane Wallace presented Susan's final Treasurer's Report. It was reported that the bank account balance was \$2894.65. In addition, there is \$7456.71 in a Money Market, and \$860.72 in the Bob Sheridan Memorial Scholarship Fund, for a grand total of \$11,212.08. The report was approved as printed.

Communications – Kathy Martin reported on a Grass Roots group of people that were doing a survey on surplus horses and surplus wild horses. Information is on the Kansas Horse Council.com site and United Organization of the Horse.com websites. A survey is available.

Kris Langdon read a copy of the minutes from 1970 – 1975.

Committee Reports - Beth Cormack reported on the possibility of changing hosts for the website. It could possibly save some money, but would involve a large amount of work. The new site would run approximately \$70.00. No decision was made at this time.

Secretary: Kris reported that new rulebook pages are almost ready.

Old Business – A vote was held to determine the location of the 2010 Awards Banquet. A motion was made and seconded to host the banquet at the Catholic Parish Hall in Clay Center. Motion carried. The meeting has tentatively been set for 3:00 (subject to change depending on the amount of meeting content) with the banquet to follow at 6:00 PM. Kris reported that Ricky's Café of Hanover would once again cater the meal.

Discussion was held on the possibility of having a dance after the awards ceremony. Sara reported that a lot of fun was had at the dance in 2009. Jane commented that we would need to budget for a DJ for this event to happen. It was moved and seconded, motion passed to host a dance after the awards ceremony. Julie Ebert is in charge of securing a DJ for this event.

New Business – Discussion was held as to whether or not to stop publication of the Shodeo News due to a drop in subscriptions, rising cost of postage and printing, and the availability of electronic communications. It was reported that the newsletter showed a loss for the 2009 year. A motion was made and seconded to raise the price of the subscription to \$12.00, and print for at least this year. Motion passed.

Discussion was held as to how show bills would be posted if the newsletter was no longer publicized and whether there would still be a \$10.00 fee to print/post them if they were only published on the website. No decision was made.

Lil Peck has set up a link on the EKHAonline.com website for social networking among EKHA and horse people in general. Some concerns were discussed as to whether this site would be monitored and how it would be handled. Participants were reminded to check credibility of what is posted.

It was suggested that the website provide a forward link to this networking site. Sara was to check on this.

The following shows have been scheduled for 2010. (Due to an error by Kris, Buckeye's show date was not recorded and would need to be rescheduled. My apologies to Buckeye!!!)

> May 22 & 23	Sante Fe SC, Council Grove
> May 29	Junction City SC, Junction City
> May 30	DK 4H, Abilene (tentative)
> June 5 & 6	Sand Springs SC, Abilene
> June 12 & 13	Mitchell Co. Riders, Beloit
> June 19 & 20	KS 4D, Bennington
> July 31 & Aug. 1	Cowboys for Christ, Clay Center
> August 28 & 29	STATE SHOW

Line items for the 2010 budget were presented individually and voted on. All items were passed with the following amounts being budgeted for 2010. (No changes from 2009.)

Timers	100.00
State Show Judge	400.00
State Show Awards	400.00
Officers	200.00
Point Keepers	100.00
Show Equipment	150.00
Misc.	350.00

Discussion was held to increase the price of Saddle Club dues to generate more income because of the drop in clubs/shows for the 2010 year. Discussion was held concerning the possibility of charging more to clubs that did not host shows each year. It was pointed out that it would take a 2/3's membership for this vote to take place. Due to lack of member clubs in attendance, this item was dismissed. At a later date, this could come in the form of a rule change.

A discussion was held concerning prizes at the State Show. It was suggested that for the Jr. classes certificates to the concession stand could be awarded to winners and that the EKHA could reimburse the host club/concession stand for these certificates. The State Show committee will examine this possibility.

Discussion was held concerning the amount of entry blanks that needs to be printed and on hand for the shows. This has become quite an expense and it is felt that there could be surplus pads of these in trailers and secretary boxes.

Comments were made that many entries are now being printed from the website and that the entry form on the website is being updated. Concerns were discussed about whether to discontinue the use of entry cards being printed on goldenrod paper. It was felt that this made them easy to find in a hurry, or among numerous other papers, and that there is no reason why contestants can't purchase a \$5.00 ream of goldenrod to print entries. (Paper is available at Wal-Mart or Office Max.)

Mark Wallace brought it to attention that the tape we use to measure all the races, etc. is deteriorating and that it needs replaced. Mark will update the tape for the 2010 show season.

A Committee sign up Sheet was passed around. (Be sure and contact an EKHA officer to sign up to help. (It takes EVERYONE to make an organization successful!!!)

Questions were asked as to where some of the traveling trophies came from and how they came to be. It was decided that it was time to update the history on them and revive the Historian Committee. Julie Ebert will head this committee and volunteered to call several of the past members to see if this information can be obtained.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Langdon
EKHA Secretary

(These minutes will not be submitted for approval until October 2010.)



The following clubs have paid their 2010 dues.
(As of 02/17/10)

Buckeye Saddle Club
Cowboys for Christ
Crossroads Saddle Club
DK 4H
KS 4D

Mitchell County Riders
Salina Silver Spurs
Sand Springs Saddle Club
Santa Fe Saddle Club
Washington Saddle Club