

WTPC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Held at: T90 Ranch
16641 Old Hwy 99 SE
Tenino, WA 98589
January 27th, 11:00am

Called to Order: 11:02am by President, Roger Braa

Board Members Present:

President: Roger Braa	Director: Vera Demick
Vice President: Kayring Delikat	Director: Monika Chandler
Treasurer: Johanna Enger	Director: Veronica East
Secretary: Chelsey Batchelor	Director: Jeff Hills
Director: Richard Lemieux	

Treasurer Report:

- Quick Books Balance: \$14,456.51
- Twinstar Checking: \$18,757.78
- Twinstar Savings: \$20,399.31
- There are still many outstanding checks from the 2023 season.
- **Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Jim Schak, 2nd Ken Hicks**

Club Announcements:

- Introduce the 2024 Board
 - Roger introduced the 2024 Board Members.
- Reminder about the March 3-Man
 - Critiqued practice Saturday March 2nd, 3-Man 8 Go Draw Sunday March 3rd.
 - The flyer has been emailed, posted on Facebook and on the website.
 - To reserve your spot for the critiqued practice, stalls, dry camping or RV electric hookup contact Kayring Delikat, contact information included on the flyer.
- Sidekick app entries
 - WTPC can now accept team entries via the Sidekick App.
 - Kim Olsen did a walkthrough and covered important details about required phone settings.
 - In your phone settings, you **must** turn on notifications for the Sidekick app.
 - All riders on the team that is being submitted via the App **must** have the Sidekick App because each rider must accept the team once it is submitted.
 - The board is highly encouraging our membership to purchase the Sidekick app to drastically reduce the number of hours it takes to process entries, in addition to the overall benefits the app offers the member.
 - Those that already use the Sidekick App, please download the newest version from the App Store if you have not already done so. Please do not "create a new account" if you have had one in the past, because it will generate a new rider number.
 - App cost:
 - Quarterly Membership (billed every 3 months): \$19.95
 - 1-Year Membership (billed annually): \$59.95
 - 2-Year Membership (billed every 2 years): \$99.95
- 2024 Sponsors
 - Richard announced our current sponsors for the 2024 season, we already have 7 saddle sponsors.
 - Sponsorship information is available on the website; if you have a sponsor in mind but don't have the time to reach out, please send your recommendation to a board member and we will be happy to reach out for you.

- The more sponsors we get, the more added money at our finals show!
- 2024 award considerations
 - Kayring proposed to the club that we consider offering a gift certificate to order a custom saddle directly from our selected saddle maker, rather than awarding saddles at the year end banquet; this would solve the problem that many face of winning a saddle that does not fit their horse.
 - The gift certificate would be for the full amount paid by our saddle sponsors, and the recipient can then choose, at their cost, to add any customizations/upgrades they would like.
 - We can order one display saddle to have at the banquet for pictures; throughout the year we could hold 50/50 raffles at our shows to cover the cost of the display saddle. The display saddle will then be auctioned off at the year end awards banquet.
 - The gift certificate must be spent at the selected saddle maker, and cannot be redeemed for cash value.
 - All saddles will still have WTPC and Sponsorship information on them.
 - There was discussion about whether we want to contract Todd Jays or Jeff Smith for our saddles. Todd Jay's offers a saddle at the base price of \$2,000, but Jeff Smith's bundle base price for a saddle is \$2,350 (only if we purchase 6 or more), so we still need to determine if our sponsors are willing to increase their sponsorship from \$2,000 to \$2,350, or if it is possible for the club to make up the cost difference without impacting our added money or year end awards. Many members said that they would rather pay the extra \$350 themselves for a higher quality saddle if it came down to it.
 - We would prepare a display showing each sponsor's information for pictures with the display saddle at the year-end awards banquet, and can offer to provide a picture of the saddle to the sponsor once it's completed.
 - Motion for gift certificate for Jeff Smith Saddles: Carrie Silvernale, 2nd Eva Gagnon
 - **Vote approved to award certificates for Jeff Smith saddles.**
- T90 Updates:
 - Dusty has asked that we remind the club not to work horses on the grass, please utilize one of the several arenas that we rent for our shows.
 - Dry camping: please park only in the designated areas.
 - Day parking: please park only in designated areas.

Agenda:

- **Change the PAN class in penning to a #12 class and the Pro-Am sorting class to a #9 class for the 2024 season.**
 - Kevin Ellison presented his proposal to change the Pro-Am to a 9 class and the PAN to a 12 class, no cap, no handicap, 4 runs, 3 pick and 1 draw (or all draw).
 - Bylaw changes require a written proposal with five signatures to be reviewed by the board. The board requested that Kevin collect five signatures on his proposal, which was done during the meeting.
 - The board will review the proposal at the next board meeting, February 15th, and a vote will take place to determine if the changes will be brought forward to the general membership in a special meeting.
 - Discussion continued about considerations to make this change; first and foremost, changes must be made to the bylaws because the current class structure is defined as Open, Am and Nov.
 - Motion to table the discussion while Kim stepped away to research questions about configuring draw classes in SortArena: Jeff Serrine, 2nd Jim Schak
 - Kim confirmed we cannot set up draws in the PAN and the Pro-Am with the current class structure that is outlined in our bylaws (Open, Am, Nov)

- Motion to table the discussion until the board reviews the submitted proposal: Wes Cannon, 2nd Jeff Sirrine.
- Cows laying down during runs that are "unworkable" and will not get up. Request to change the ruling that would allow teams to get a re-run.
 - There was discussion about the challenge of defining an "unworkable cow"; when the same cow is struggling on multiple runs throughout the day, ultimately the judge should be pulling the cow.
 - As a rider, be aware of your cattle and remember that when you start your run and enter the herd you are committing to the cattle. If you want to raise a concern about a particular cow you need to do so prior to beginning your run.
 - Grievances require a \$50 deposit to be paid at the time the grievance is presented. To prepare yourself for that possibility, keep a \$50 in your pocket.
 - The members that submitted this agenda item felt that with the additional discussion and information that was shared, they understand the current process. No motion was made for changes.
- Appeal deadlines: appeals must be submitted within two weeks after the posted ratings, and the Rating Committee will make a decision within two weeks of receiving the appeal.
 - The member that submitted this agenda item was not present at the meeting.
 - No discussion or vote took place.
- WTPC rating rule updates.
 - Jim Schak explained his proposal which included small changes to the WTPC Rating Committee Process and one change to the bylaws.
 - There was discussion about the proposed change to the bylaws which added context around how points are pro-rated when a rider is moved up a class mid-season.
 - Jim will re-write his proposal based on feedback from the members at the meeting and send it to the board with five signatures for consideration to make changes.
 - The revised proposal will be reviewed at the next board meeting, February 15th.
- Show location, stay at T90 or move back to Stewarts.
 - We are contracted at T90 through 2024, this discussion was in consideration of whether we want to renew our contract with T90 for 2025 moving forward.
 - Roger has already spoken with Dusty about making improvements to the cattle pens, which has been our biggest challenge.
 - Overall feedback from the membership about T90 was very positive. Members like that there are plenty of covered stalls available, RV hookups, multiple arenas and airflow in the main arena (fans). Several voiced that one downfall is the distance from the stalls and overnight parking to the arena has been an adjustment.
 - At the time that we made the move to T90, the cost was considerably higher than Stewarts, but when we left Stewarts they were also planning to increase their cost and we don't know what they raised it to, so we can't determine the cost difference at this time.
 - This was just a general discussion to collect feedback from the club, no motion was made.

New Business

- Going back to awards for the riders designated class only.
 - Veronica proposed that we give year end awards to riders in their designated class only, while they would still be eligible to win day money in whatever class they choose to ride.
 - For example, this would mean that a Nov rider who chooses to ride the Nov class and the Am class throughout the year, could still win day money at any of our shows for both classes, but at the year end awards they would only be eligible to win prizes in the Nov class.
 - Majority of the members were very excited about this change.

- Motion to earn awards in your designated class only: Jeff Serrine, 2nd Kristi Beeson.
- **Vote approved.**

- Kayring announced that there will be a change to the awards structure for the Pro/Am class:
 - The award placings for the Pro/Am will be 1-3 for Open riders, and 1-5 placing combined for Am and Nov riders.
- 1 Board Seat to fill:
 - LaRae Smathers volunteered to fill the board seat!

Adjournment: 1:04 pm

Motion: Roger Braa, 2nd Kristi Beeson