**TRINITY HORSES & LONG EARS**

PO Box 1885, Hayfork, CA 96041

**Meeting Location: Trinity County Fair Boardroom at 6:30 p.m.**

**Minutes of December 6, 2018 meeting \*\*DRAFT\*\***

**Call to Order**

President Hlavac called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Jerry Hlavac, Mary Blackstone, Sharon Boone, Marsha Maraviov, Maralee Hinman, Vicki Evans, Cliff Groman, Audrey Williamson and Jeanne Bonomini.

**Minutes** – November 1, 2018

Jerry Hlavac made a correction, page 2, second paragraph where it says “…meet the CSHA *rein* requirements…” It should be “arena”, not “rein”. Correction noted. Sharon moved to approve the minutes as amended. Audrey and Maralee seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Jerry said the balance from last month was $2689.83. Jeanne read off the Tri County Statement stating the balance as of the end of October was $2693.40. Jerry said the November statement hasn’t shown up in the mail yet. Audrey mentioned that in November she spent $100 for the gymkhana buckle.

**Communications**

Jerry had received the CSHA newsletter online and shared the info contained therein with the club members present. It gave info on upcoming events, parties, etc. They receive updates from members, but related that they had “no news from Trinity Horses & Long Ears.” Jerry made the suggestion that we could send them something regarding our club. He also mentioned their monthly meetings at the Vittles Restaurant in Anderson where they will be holding their Christmas Party at 4:00 p.m. on December 9th. The newsletter hinted that they also have a problem with their events as they were going to giving a saddle for their gymkhana prize but didn’t get the participation. Therefore, they will be having a drawing for the saddle at their September 2019 meeting.

Their bill for additional members and the New Year has also been sent.

**Gymkhana**

Jerry mentioned that Jennilea Brookins will be late to the Christmas Party/Gymkhana Awards Ceremony as she has to wait for her daughter to get off work. Also, the custom halters will not be available for the ceremony as the lady making them is behind schedule.

It was announced that Audrey will not be able to be on the gymkhana committee as she will be spending more time visiting relatives back East in the upcoming year. Audrey said the tasks she does would be better handled by several people as it is hard to keep score and do the announcing. She mentioned a few of the essential jobs, which include: setup, gate person, taking photos, announcing and scorekeeping.

Audrey mentioned Susie Blackburn, who wants to become a member, as a tech savvy person. Susie had mentioned that she would also like to be involved in the Fair, perhaps giving a packing demonstration.

Jerry said that the next gymkhana is May 19, 2019, tentatively. He will create a budget for prizes once he has all the financial info. It has been suggested that each month have a theme and that each prize be the same (e.g. a bucket of grooming supplies) for each winner. If someone gives a donation, it can be given as a special prize. There was a brief explanation of divisions, indicating that the budget should account for seven prizes.

Jerry broached the subject of having a gymkhana in Weaverville. No decision made, will discuss at next meeting.

**Concessions**

Jerry asked if 4H had paid for the concession items yet. Mary said she wasn’t sure. She would talk with Dennis Johnson, if someone would send her an email reminder.

**Trail Trials**

Jeanne mentioned that Karla Grasser wanted to continue to do the Trail Trials. Jerry said that she said she didn’t. Jeanne said that after the Oregon Mountain Trail Show she attended, she has a lot of ideas she wants to try.

**Fair**

Marsha and Audrey said that they will be meeting with Mike Fillette soon. Someone suggested they do it before the next Fair Board Meeting.

There was discussion on the same ideas as the last meeting, which included adding local classes to allow for any type of head stall, lead line and carting classes.

There was a brief discussion on the Trail Trial held during Fair, which most agreed should not be part of the series. There was disagreement on whether to keep the event timed. All agreed there needed to be written policies for the event to address such items as how many times a rider could attempt an obstacle before being asked to take a “Fail” and move on. Doesn’t need to be in the Premium Book but do need policies, especially for the judges, ahead of time.

Marsha mentioned there is a sponsored cash prize. The regular series event made enough money to pay for buckles but perhaps we should look at other prizes – like custom halters.

**Trail Rides**

Jerry mentioned the last ride up in the Barker Creek area that was attended by himself, Susie Blackburn and Gene Graves. He talked about cutting cross country and trying to come up with a loop trail of about 7 miles. He said there would be no more scheduled monthly rides until better weather next Spring.

**Dues**

It was mentioned that Membership Dues are now due. Single is $15, and Family is $25. Jeanne said she will also collect at the party on Sunday. They need to be in to CSHA by January 31.

**Holiday Party**

A reminder of the holiday party on Sunday, December 9 was made, which will be a potluck and White Elephant gift exchange. Discussion on what food dishes to bring.

**Audit**

Jerry said that per the By-laws, the Club has to have an audit once a year by a club member other than an officer. Karla Grasser took the books on did an audit on November 8. She reported that everything looked okay.

**Card for Gracey**

Jerry had the card for Gracey and will be sending it to her along with a check for $50 from the Club. He suggested a policy that this practice continues for club members that lose a horse due to some type of trauma, but not for a horse that just dies of old age.

**Cleaning Board Room**

A request has been made from the Fair folks to vacuum after our meetings because they have been finding a lot of hay on the floor after our meetings.

**By-law Update**

Jerry asked that if anyone had any suggested changes to the By-laws that they get them to him as this would be discussed at the next meeting in January.

**Website Update**

Discussion on updating website, and posting scores for gymkhana. A meeting was set for December 12 at 2:30 p.m. at Audrey’s house for a tutorial in updating the website. Jerry and Jeanne will be attending.

**Ewing Trail**

No updates. Audrey said they will be starting up meetings again next year.

**Other Business**

1. Maralee said her son and daughter will be opening a new antique store that also has Christmas item. Right now they are just selling the family antique items but at some point in the future will be taking items on consignment. The location is the old health food store; Freddy Martin’s place.
2. Mary said that Mike Fillette mentioned to her that he hasn’t gotten volunteer hours from many people. Everyone needs to do this.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.