CoWN Board meeting notes

December 12, 2019 6:30PM

The following members were present: Kathleen McPhaul, Cintia Armstrong, Wayne Miller, Amanda Moore, Sue Gentle, Bill Gentle and guest Jim McPhaul in person plus Joining by Zoom were Laura Bergroth, Leah Griffith and Jennifer Merrill.

Treasurers Report: Savings Account has \$21,797.07 and checking account has \$34,534.05 with around \$3,000 owed by NJC

Winterfest recap: Income for Winterfest was \$70,290.64 and Expenses were \$57,147.73 for a profit of \$\$13,142.91. The main issue was the time frame on Sunday. We were lucky to have good weather to be able to move half the show to the outdoor arena. To alleviate this problem next year the suggestion was made to add a day and start the warmups on Wednesday. This would allow time for an Awards Ceremony early midafternoon on Sunday. Otherwise the show went very smoothly.

SHTX proposal: Jill Dunkel's proposal to CoWN is to raise CoWN's dues to \$30 with \$25 going to CoWN and \$5 going to SHTX to cover the cost of the rule book. Jill also proposed a joint meeting with some SHTX members and Some CoWN members. Bill will set that up most likely with Zoom.

End of Year Awards 2020: The motion was made and seconded to drop the 6 best show requirement and let all CoWN shows count for future year end awards. This is to protect attendance at the smaller shows. The motion was also made and seconded to upgrade the year end awards for 2020 and pay to 10 places.

Show Schedule for 2020: The date of June 20th was offered to us by The Ranch but it wasn't a useful date for us so we declined. Members agreed to keep Ride With Pride with a patriotic theme and to make Summerfest a double judged show for double points. Wayne said the Ben Tyner Benefit would be the same schedule as last year with Reining and Cow Horse clinic on Saturday and warm up on Sunday.

Nominating Committee: Nominations were Bill Gentle for President, Amanda Moore for Vice President, Laura Bergroth for Secretary, Cintia Armstrong for Treasurer and Wayne Miller for Educational Director. Several Board positions are open and nominations are Kerry Cogburn, Troy Griffith, Stacy Stern, Drake Johnson, Kathleen McPhaul and Sue Gentle. Nominations are open and if you would like to nominate someone or run yourself please contact Bill Gentle. Voting will be done at our annual meeting.

Volunteer Program: Wayne Miller and Laura Edling are continuing to work on this program.

Annual Meeting: the annual meeting and awards presentation will be held at the Summit again this year and will be free to members and guests. Cintia is working on a February date.

Other Business: The Collegiate show year will run from September through May and year end awards for this year will pay two placings for teams and three for individuals. Even though 4 teams showed at Winterfest only two formed teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.