

Castle Rock Village Inn – Meeting of November 29, 2008

President, Laurel Hanlon, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. There was no secretary's report from the Fall Flannel show, because it was such a short meeting. There was also no treasurer's report.

The first item of business was the stall decorating contest. It brought in \$312.00 to go towards our 2008 year end awards. We also accumulated approximately \$150.00 from the bike raffle held at the last show. The bikes were donated by the Gray's. The \$150.00 earned from that will also go towards year end awards. With all of the fundraisers & cash donations we acquired this year, there is around \$832 that was made for the 2008 Year End Awards.

Then, we had a stall decorating contest update. Tickets were sold to determine the winner, however, we may need to reorganize that process next time it's done.

Formal donation letters were passed out to everyone, so everyone could have a chance to go get a money donation or an item donated. This letter would have to be filled out to make it 'official'.

The next item of business was goal setting for our budget. This is definitely something to consider for this year, 2009. In 2007, there was approximately \$2,000.00 brought in for year end awards. However, in 2008, there was only a little over \$800.00 brought in. It was agreed that we need to bump it up and bring in some more money this year, if we would like some higher quality awards.

This led to a discussion on where cash donations could be acquired. Jim Gordon mentioned that if you go to stores for donations either at the very end, or the very beginning of the month, you will have a better chance to get those donations. The following are some ideas we came up with:

- Kohl's – if you request money donations from them, they will send 3 people & \$500 to help with an activity ~ so, we would not only get a donation, but we would also have some help with an event
- Wal-Mart - usually always giving out money, and it's a great place to go for material items

Other fundraising ideas:

- Horse Wash – possibly at Rendezvous, when horses need washed before showmanship
- Car & Truck Wash – any horse show, but most likely not, very costly and time-consuming
- Clean Tack – again, at horse shows
- Art Contest – could have an entry fee, then votes by dollars (each dollar equals one vote)

The discussion continued as to how we would go about these fundraising ideas. We could possibly clean tack at Stock Show. But not all of us might be able to attend, and it's very busy. We could very easily clean stalls in shifts at some of the horse shows. It would cost \$5.00 per stall per time cleaning, which would bring in a lot of money. ~People do not want to clean stalls at horse shows, especially when they're in show clothes. We could also have a costume Showmanship class. It would have a jackpot layout, where there would be a \$10.00 entry fee, then the winner would receive a 50% payback. A Freestyle Reining class could also be held at a horse show. We would have to look into the entry fees and prizes, but there would definitely be a fabulous payback. It's also very popular to watch and to participate. It's a fun class. Another idea, is to hold an art contest, Art of Paint, at a particular horse show. All of the youth members would be required to enter a piece of artwork, and anyone could vote for a winner with a \$1.00 donation to the RMjPHC. Something that we are definitely going to do is to set up a pay-pal account to help sell used tack and possibly show clothing through the RMjPHC website.

As the discussion continued, we decided that we would like to offer a horse, tack, and stall cleaning service at Rendezvous. We would like to hold the Art of Paint art contest at the Colorado Gold, which we need to discuss with SCPHC. We'd like to have stall cleaning at Fall Flannel as well, and need to discuss with SCPHC. This year, we will hold the 2nd annual stall decorating contest at Rendezvous in April.

*Note from Jim Gordon, if you tie your total proceeds to any charity (like 10%), usually anything is donated

Jim Gordon gave out contact information for the Maverick Press – Mike Davis (303-918-5668) – he would be able to help get the club in the news, or special announcements in the news. This would significantly help our club, and possibly help us with donations.

For the Art Contest at the Colorado Gold, we decided that the APHA judges are to judge the contest. We could give away 1 hour of instruction with a local artist, a t-shirt with the winners art depicted on it to sell for the Rocky Mountain Junior Paint Horse Club, and savings bonds would be a good 1st & 2nd place prizes to give away.

Lindsey brought up that a fun meeting sometime in 2009 would be great to have. This will be decided at a later date.

Following our fundraising discussion, we moved on to rule changes for 2009. In 2008, each youth member was required 6 hours of volunteer work for the club, and to attend 3 meetings. There was no objection to raising the number of hours worked, in fact, everyone attending the November 29 meeting was for it. In 2009, each youth member will be required to work 10 hours of volunteer work, and still attend 3 meetings. However, each \$50.00 that youth member can get donated to the club, it will be equivalent to half an hour of volunteer work.

Our final order of business was to elect officers. A vote was taken for President, and our 2009 Rocky Mountain Junior Paint Horse Club President is Laurel Hanlon. A vote was taken for Vice President, and our 2009 Rocky Mountain Junior Paint Horse Club Vice President is Brogan Horton. A vote was taken for Secretary, and our 2009 Rocky Mountain Junior Paint Horse Club Secretary is Rachel Green. A vote was taken for Treasurer, and our 2009 Rocky Mountain Junior Paint Horse Club Treasurer is Bailey Johnston. A vote was taken for our National Directors, and our 2009 Rocky Mountain Junior Paint Horse Club National Directors are Christi Gordon and Beth Peacock. Nominations were opened for a new youth director for 2009, and Lindsey Berbee was nominated. She accepted and a vote was taken for the Youth Director. Our 2009 Rocky Mountain Junior Paint Horse Club Youth Director is Lindsay Berbee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1: 45 p.m., by President Laurel Hanlon. The date of the next meeting is to be determined.

The following members were present:

Laurel Hanlon
Brogan Horton
Bailey Johnston
Rachel Green
Trevor Green
Christi Gordon
Beth Peacock
Tierney Horton
Ashley Barton
Emily Archuleta
Jena Williams