

# UBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 11, 2026

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Location:** Bastian Agricultural Center

**Called to Order By:** Toni Hamilton

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## 1. Welcome & Organizational Updates

- Thanked the attendees.
- Introductions of board members:

### Board & Key Roles

- **Toni Hamilton** – President & Accounting
  - **Chance Kendall** – Vice President & Accounting
  - **Katie Smith** – Secretary & Poles Class Representative
  - **Lea Dawn** – Jackpot Secretary
  - **Angi Hawthorn** – Points & Standings; \$5000 Class Support
  - **Travis Nowers** – General Support; Board Food (Heber)
  - **Sheri Young** – PR, Sponsorships, Arena Coordination
  - **Jan Brangle** – Open Class Representative; Time/Only Coordinator
  - **Carly Lewis** – Barrel Setter Coordinator
  - **Makayla Peterson** – Barrel Setter; Limited Class Representative
  - **Tia Smith** – \$5000 Class Representative
  - **MarDee Brown** – Non-Pro Representative
  - **Oaklee Ferman** – Youth & 4D Representative
  - **Suzan Holdaway** – Announcer
  - **Kristi Brangle** – Amateur & Futurity Representative
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- Membership growth exceeded **200 members** in the previous year.
  - Recap of the **Summer Series**:
    - Because of our growth we were able to have **increased added money** at first races of each month, starting this past year, we were able to up the added money to the 4D from \$300-\$500 and the Member Incentive from \$100 to \$250.
    - Increased **awards budget**.
    - Always looking for ways to give back to the membership
    - Thank you membership and sponsors
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## 2. Meeting Purpose

- Membership meetings are **informational only** and are **not voting meetings**. This is per the UBRA by laws and articles of incorporation.
  - Members are asked to **submit proposals via email**.
  - The **Board of Directors** evaluates and votes on decisions in the best interest of the entire membership.
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## 3. Financial & Administrative Updates

- **Checks are void after 90 days**; members must cash promptly.
- **Uncashed checks** from the previous Summer Series will **no longer be honored after month-end (Feb 2026)**.
- Checks will now be **mailed** rather than distributed at races.
- **Direct deposits** may be explored for security and efficiency (reference: Kayla Jones, Colorado Classics). One member expressed concern for security and increased risk of audits. Toni acknowledged that security will be taken very seriously and believe that QuickBooks is secure, UBRA utilizes this tool for our accounting and 1099's. This is a reputable and reliable system. If this was to ever be offered, it would be completely voluntary.
- **1099 Forms:**
  - Sent via email from QuickBooks and mailed.
  - Issued to **160 individuals** earning over **\$600**.
  - Many verified they received their 1099 in the mail the same day as this meeting.

## Membership Procedures

- Join through **SaddleBook** when entering the first race. Membership fees did not change
    - Single Membership \$100
    - Family Membership \$150 (Up to 4 in a family)
  - **Membership is required** to earn points, including at the first race.
  - When paying via **Venmo**, include the **race date in the description**.
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## 4. SaddleBook & Entry Timing

- Entries open for races at **8:00 AM** the morning after the previous race. As an example, the first summer series race of 2026 will open on Feb 19, at 8:00 am. Toni and Chance gave examples of why this is done this way, including:
  - So people don't enter the wrong race
  - So people don't enter too early and then forget they entered and then they don't show up or pay. This causes more work.

- So people don't buy up all the time only
  - **Time/Only Sessions** (when offered):
    - There was an extensive conversation about time only, Jan explained how she does her best to get people in and out. How she is willing to get people in if there is time between when there is not anyone in there ready to go. She explained that people need to keep it to the 60 seconds, and if they go over, she will take the time from their next run. People expressed frustration about not being able to get time only's. Jan and others explained that we do the best we can, we get into the arena when we can and when we have the help to do it.
    - **4:30–6:00 PM**, Sign up in Saddlebook.
    - **24 riders per 30-minute block.**
    - Riders must be ready for their time slot.
    - Arena raked every **30 minutes**.
    - **60-second limit** enforced.
    - Sessions **end at 6:00 PM sharp**.
    - Time only's are not refundable.
    - Names will not be added to Time Only List if they are not paid for.
  - Dedicated Time/Only nights discontinued due to **arena availability, and they are not cost effective**.
  - Venmo payments must again include **race date**.
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## 5. Classes & Procedure Updates

- **\$4000 Horse Class** increased and renamed to the **\$5000 Horse Class**. A member expressed concerns about us upping this class again, however we discussed how it had not been upped since approximately 8-9 years ago. There was discussion how many opportunities there are out there to win money, so the board voted to up it to \$5000.
- **Horse earnings can be** viewable under “Rides” under each association. You can see each ride on each horse and earned money (if applicable).
- **Members Sponsorship Benefits Clarifications:**
  - \$200 sponsor → **Free membership**.
  - Every \$500 sponsorship → **\$150 Heber entry credit**.

### Member Proposals Reviewed

- **Youth Saddle Award:**
  - Board voted against this proposal for various reasons including:
    - It would require converting Youth to **1D**, leaving out opportunities for a variety of youth at different levels.
    - Currently **15 youth awards** and increased youth budget is already in place.
    - UBRA works to give out quality saddles, youth saddles would be outgrown

- UBRA is mainly an adult organization, not looking to expand to more youth.
  - Looking for someone to start a youth organization.
  
  - **Change 4D to 5D:**
    - **Board Voted Against this because:**
      - Not feasible due to **funding and rider count.**
      - Would reduce payouts and awards budget.
  - **Poles Class to 2D/3D:**
    - **Board Voted Against this because:**
      - It would limit awards to **one saddle.**
      - Current **1D format** rewards consistent attendance.
      - A 2D or 3D, would change the way the points are distributed. When a one or two off event causes the consistent runners to fall into other divisions, it throws off the point system.
      - It would increase the size of the pole class.
  - **Combine Draw into One Race:**
    - UBRA board (as a whole) prefers **running classes together** to:
      - Stay with UBRA's unique format, this is one aspect that sets us apart from other associations. Been around for 67 years, we like to keep it unique.
      - Maintain peer competition within classes.
      - Keep **ground conditions consistent within classes.**
  - **Pee-Wee Race at Heber:**
    - Under board consideration for **September.**
    - **Not feasible in April** due to time constraints.
    - It would require **sponsorship, pre-entry, and rider limits.**
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## 6. Heber Themes

- Appreciation expressed for suggestions. A couple more ideas were suggested (i.e. Sensational Silver)
  - **Themes to be announced soon.**
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## 7. Summer Series – Tentative Dates

- **Feb. 25** – South Jordan (Indoor)
- **Mar. 7** – Grantsville (Indoor)
- **Mar. 25** – South Jordan (Indoor)
- **Apr. 8** – South Jordan (Indoor)

- **Apr. 17–19** – Heber Race (Non-Sanctioned)
  - **Apr. 22** – South Jordan (Covered)
  - **May 6** – South Jordan (Covered)
  - **May 27** – South Jordan (Indoor)
  - **June 2** – South Jordan (Indoor)
  - **June 13** – Nephi
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## **8. Closing Remarks**

- Reminder about Awards Banquet, to sign up in SaddleBook.
- Members were reminded to follow **arena and warm-up etiquette**.
- Members were thanked again for their attendance
- Meeting adjourned.