

UBRA 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2018

Memberships – changes to taking memberships. Online only to help with paperwork. Class forms are online and you have to pay dues online. We will provide a link for a no cost membership for those with over \$200 in sponsorship. If you don't remember what you've done (with membership) check your email response or check with Angi on your membership status.

Sponsorships – You can pay this at the time of membership. It's only \$35. We need the sponsorship money to do what we do. The 2 big races in Heber pay for our year end awards. Sponsorship form is on the website. We have added a saddle sponsorship for \$1000 (cash) and we will put logos on saddles. We have added a saddle for the futurity and we need a sponsor for this. Classes don't pay for our year end awards. It's our sponsors and big races that allow us to do that. We spend about \$30K on year end awards. Sponsorship form is on our website sponsor page and has details about each of our sponsorship levels and what we offer our sponsors.

Incentive for \$200 sponsorship - gets you a free membership. \$500 gets you 1 free entry for Saturday and Sunday Open 5D at the big race in April.

Facebook – Members only FaceBook page. A place for us to post member updates and to get information to members out quickly.

Jackpots – Entries and start times stay the same as last year. Time onlys will be after the jackpot on weekends and no time onlys on weeknights. You are responsible for entry fees if you pre-enter and don't show up without texting Lea Dawn that you need to turn out. You won't be responsible for fees as long as you text Lea Dawn and let her know you won't be coming. Her number is on the website and pre-entry form.

Outstanding Fines and Dues – must be paid before the season starts.

Rake Rule – 2 rake rules. 1st 3 people (members) in each class set barrels for the next class. If you can't rake it's your responsibility to find someone to rake for you. If you don't, you will be fined a \$25 rake fine. You must also sign up to rake in the 4D at 4 races throughout the summer. After you rake, make sure you check in with Lea Dawn and let her know that you have raked. You won't have to rake in more than 1 class. You are not responsible to rake in a class you are running in. We try to keep track of this at the races and if we call your name to rake in a class you are running in – it's an error and we'll fix it.

Pre-entry Draw: Previously we have left 3 open spots in each class (excluding the 4D) and fill them with late entries (rakers) as an incentive to pre-enter. We will not do this in the open (late open entries will run at the end of the open class). **We will mix up leaving 3 spaces and not leaving 3 spaces – in all classes except the open. The open will be a straight draw. Don't assume because you pre-enter that you won't need to rake.**

Limited Rider Class – Proposal to not do a saddle in the limited. Subjective class. Should we just have the \$500 rule and not the rest? Can run in the class for 2 years? Suggestion to increase the entry fee to help cover the cost of the saddle. Need to take the horse out of the factor of the class, the class is based on the rider only. You can not have competed in little

britches or any other type of rodeo. Suggestion to give really nice awards in the 1D & 2D instead of saddle.

Limited Saddle input: 40 people here. 15 opposed to taking the saddle away.

Year End Banquet – Banquet will be in January

Jackpot Dates – This is a very difficult year to schedule venues. Suggestion: look at rodeo schedule and schedule a jackpot at the rodeo grounds the week after pro rodeos. Julie and Sheri will talk and look at schedules after that. Another suggestion: Could run a jackpot after a number of rodeos.

Suggestions – increase the cost of the limited and amateur class by a couple of dollars for each class.

Holding Pen and Alley Way Safety - Barrel racers have right of way in the arena, alley way and holding pen.

Need to review animal welfare/horse abuse rule. Question was asked: Is there a fine and the fine needs to be attached to a member? Answer: Yes and Yes. This applies to members, their friends, family or anyone associated with them.

The rule book currently reads (as a good reminder) :

Violations and Fines

Any person may be disciplined, fined, suspended or expelled from the association and may be denied any or all privileges of the association whenever it has been established by satisfactory evidence to the board of directors that such person has willfully violated any pertinent rule of the association. All members and competitors are required to read the rule book carefully and are encouraged to ask a board member for clarification if necessary.

The following items are considered violations, may be subject to fines and will be dealt with by the board of directors accordingly:

1. All returned checks will be charged \$20 for the 1st offense, \$20 for the 2nd offense and will be required to pay by cash for one year from the date the debt is paid. If debt is not paid within 10 days of first notification, offenders name will go on the ineligible list posted on our website and will be suspended from all UBRA functions.
2. Any competitor found guilty of using alcohol or drugs during a UBRA event or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while in the arena.
- 3. Horse abuse will not be tolerated.**
4. Running a horse excessively.
5. Any person who willfully causes trouble inside or outside the ranks of the UBRA by constant complaining, causing disturbances or unnecessary aggravation towards UBRA members, competitors or the board of directors.
6. Knowing and willfully falsifying a UBRA application or class form.
7. Cheating or willfully misusing a rule.
8. Running out of turn or before name is called can result in disqualification.
9. All riders are required to clear the arena and begin their run from outside the arena.

10. Failure to comply with the rake rule: \$25 fine.
11. Failure to help during the 4D at 4 summer jackpots: \$25 fine each occurrence. Fine must be paid by summer finals race or points will be retracted.
12. Working a horse on stakes or markers, barrels or poles before the race starts (except time only): \$25 fine
13. Circling barrel or pole more than once during a competitive run: \$25 fine