

SOHSET District Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2008

Jim Roper, District Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Roll Call

Present: Ashland, Bonanza, Crater, Eagle Point, Grants Pass, Henley, Hidden Valley, Illinois Valley, North Medford, North Valley, Phoenix, Rogue River, South Medford

Absent: None

Youth Representatives: Three youth representatives were in attendance. Again, teams were encouraged to have more youth representation at District meetings.

Minutes

Todd Steele, acting Secretary, summarized the previous meeting minutes. No corrections or comments were discussed.

Treasury Report

Income: \$17,233

Expenses: \$2,624

Account Balance: \$28,039

Bills submitted to the Treasurer included cattle contract from Jim Roper.

Question from the floor on when District fees are due. District fees are due now. We budget for District costs based on registration (insurance, etc.), so prompt payment of athlete fees would benefit district accounting.

SOHSET will work with schools to process checks. Please have your schools or Athletic Directors contact Marritt to expedite payment.

Jim Roper forwarded GPHS AD, Tom Blanchard, to Marritt for Grants Pass fees.

Motion to pay bill (Martha), unknown second. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report

Final budget figures not yet available. Athlete entries up this year at 152-154. The budget was based on 132 riders. We have more riders than anticipated, so increased revenues should help our bottom line. We will still need more funds to balance the budget.

A local club is dismantling and has approached us to donate the balance of their treasury to SOHSET (approximately \$1,200). Suggestion offered that we consider as part of this agreement to return some of that money if that club should attempt to reform in the next 2-3 years. Perhaps returning as much as \$500 that club could use as 'seed money'.

Albertson's is rejecting attempts to register for the donation cards as NV may already have an account under the same name or ID. Marritt is corresponding with Albertson's to resolve this issue and you will soon be able to register for the Community Partners card. More information on obtaining the Albertson's cards will be provided soon.

Registration

GPHS will have to be billed for all fees, including registration, stalls, camping, etc.

Clubs should be receiving bills from Marritt via email. If not, please contact Marritt to correct this problem.

Note: Please update your emailing list to include Peggy Sue Watson's email id, pgysue67@aol.com. Jim will resend any important District emails to Peggy Sue's new email id. IV's email contact has also recently changed. Watch Jim's next emails for updated email correspondents.

Auction income was \$9,147.18, less the 10% credited to each team for their silent and oral auction donations of \$11,362.02.

Teams contributing their 10% back to the SOHSET general fund, include: Crater, North Valley, Henley, Hidden Valley, and Ashland.

OLD BUSINESS

State Meeting Report

Peggy, John and Jim attended the last State Board Meeting.

Team size:

Size	Number of Athletes	#Teams in State	#Teams in Southern District
Small	0-6	36	3
Medium	7-10	35	5
Large	11+	40	5

A map was circulated for redistricting. There will probably be some redistricting in the future, but is unlikely to affect the Southern District. More likely, this is an attempt to address a disparity in district sizes up north. District boundaries may be adjusted.

Disciplinary action was taken against a specific OHSET coach and team as the result of the team riding without helmets and in parades (again, without helmets) while riding under the OHSET banner and logo. This is strictly prohibited under OHSET Rules. As a result of these infractions, the coach has been removed from OHSET and the team will forfeit all points for team events in their first meet.

Please be aware of and follow these rules regarding the mandatory use of approved helmets and our NOT riding in parades. We do not wish to jeopardize our insurance, nor be the subject of potential state sanctions.

IHOR pattern was considered to take too long for most to finish in 4 minutes; therefore the following changes were made to the pattern.

- Remove left barrel, circle only the right barrel
- Remove left sidepass and only attempt the right sidepass
- The hula hoop has been replaced with a chalk line
- The 'outer' hooves may disrupt the chalk line during the forehand or haunch turn without penalty.

Also, we are awaiting clarification on:

- The finished, top height of the trot over poles
- Gate for obstacles (e.g., around barrel) as they are not described in the pattern or in the rules. “Gates between obstacles are trot...” does not address the gate during the obstacles.

Class Registration

Due by Jan 22nd. Lanny has finished registration, but cannot finish the class registration matrix until he receives the team class registration information for the first meet. Thanks to Henley & HV for already submitting their class registrations.

Generally, we will use the same event schedule and same arena venues as we used for the first two meets as last year: Drill and IHOR on Friday, Performance on Saturday, with Gaming and Cattle events on Sunday.

One change being considered is to move Driving to Friday between Drill and IHOR.

Draw for order of appearance in first event:

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| 1. Grants Pass | 8. Crater |
| 2. N. Medford | 9. Eagle Point |
| 3. Illinois Valley | 10. Ashland |
| 4. Phoenix | 11. S. Medford |
| 5. N. Valley | 12. Henley |
| 6. Rogue River | 13. Hidden Valley |
| 7. Bonanza | |

Each subsequent event will move the first team to the end of the list providing a staggered start through Friday and Saturday’s events. All gaming will appear in this order, but they are strictly ‘first come, first served’. Cattle events order of go is drawn prior to the event.

Coaches, please work with your athletes to avoid long periods of delay at the performance events. Don’t stick to the scheduled time if your riders can be warmed up and ready to go early.

Judges

Judges listed in the agenda were not correct. Judges for the first meet are:

Performance, Compton: Bill Burke
Performance, Barker: Diana VanOrman
Performance, Isola: Tracy George
Performance judges will also judge Drill.
Two judges will be held over for gaming on Sunday.
Cattle events: Terry Cooke and Dave Hall

Please provide constructive judging critique using the SOHSET online form and please direct those comments through Martha, our District judging representative. See the form online at <http://www.ohset.com/pdf/judgeeval.pdf>.

Rulebook Review

Four schools (Eagle Point, Henley, Crater and South Medford) were asked to review the rulebook for correction or clarification on rules and patterns. Thank you for all your efforts.

Stalls & Camping

John requested stalls and campsite number now. Several schools provided estimates at the meeting. Please break down your stall requests by actual requirements for horses and then provide a wish list that includes tack & feed rooms.

With only 199 stalls and 150 riders, it is possible that we will not be able to satisfy all your requests for stalls. Please look into sharing stalls between performance and gaming riders, if possible. Look into hauling in for the day and tacking up at the trailer.

John will issue parking permits for the creek-side lot. Permits will be available for daily haul-ins and team tack storage. Vehicles parked in the creek-side lot without a permit will be towed. Park all other trailers and vehicles in the main lot 5 in front of the Isola Arena.

When submitting your stall requests, note the number of haul-ins you plan to have, so John can issue you parking permits.

We will satisfy all horse stall requests before tack/feed rooms. And the priority will be to address horses traveling long distances first.

Please submit your stall requests by Jan 22nd. Stalls will be unlocked on Thursday.

Work Assignments

Gymkhana – Crater

Cattle – South Medford

HS Over Fences – Eagle Point

Dressage – Ashland & Henley for set-up

IHOR – Grants Pass

Working Pairs – North Valley

Grand Entry – Bonanza

Saddle Seat – Illinois Valley

Hunt Seat – Rogue River

Drill –

Announcer and music – Andrew (Ashland)

Gate – Bonanza

Scribes – Crater, Ashland, Eagle Point

Runners – Rogue River

Showmanship – Phoenix

Working Rancher – Illinois Valley &
Henley

Stock Seat – Ashland

Trail – Hidden Valley

In-Hand Trail – Hidden Valley

Reining – Bonanza

Driving – North Medford

Cattle

Andrew will announce the cattle events. Have Andrew put together his booth team and notify Jim.

Reminder to have coaches put a priority on cattle events. We need to avoid delays in the team cattle events due to riders being at the gaming barns.

Is there a way to announce the cattle events at the gaming barns?

Wes Hardin will provide 60 head at \$1,600/meet. He will not be able to provide muley cattle for roping. Instead, he will provide some younger cattle with shorter horns (about the length of their ears).

Driving

Suggestion to move driving to Friday night before IHOR. We will look into making that schedule change.

Question also surfaced about our SOP which does not allow non-athletes over the age of 18 to warm-up horses. The state rules prohibit non-athletes from riding or carting horses for athletes. Val (SM) and Peggy Sue (Bonanza) recall this change to the District SOPs. We will have to investigate why these have not been included.

Shavings

Ashland will supply shavings again this year. Pricing to be determined and sent to the email list. Please contact Todd Steele with your request for shavings, so we can pre-order these from Gutches.

Jumping Clinic

There will be a jumping clinic on Friday night (late) to allow riders registered in the HSOF class to attempt two jumps, then make an attempt at the entire course.

Hospitality

Request a change in the SOP to separate Office Manager from hospitality duties. This includes having food and water in the judges room and providing lunches to our judges on gaming day. Grants Pass will meet with Jim to discuss what is required and will try to satisfy this need.

Concession

The local concessionaire does not want to open for the meets. Darryl Whicheloe, a vendor with current ties to the Expo, would like to provide concession services for the meets. Darryl will have to contact the Expo to make an agreement to come in during the meet.

Athlete Advocate

Chuck provided a summary of meetings he is planning for increased athlete participation. The Athlete Advocate meetings are designed to get OHSET/SOHSET information out to the athletes and to provide a means of athlete input into District decisions. For example, Chuck will go over the recent changes in the rulebook policy and solicit input on preferences for awards.

For the February meet, all available athletes should attend the Athlete Advocate meeting one hour before the coaches meeting (11:30 AM). The second and third meets will be limited to team athlete officers.

Teams should send an email to Chuck listing their team's athlete officers (captains, president, vice president, etc.)

Condos

No progress on getting rid of the condos. Annual costs include \$521.62 per condo, per year. Last year we were also billed another \$500 for interim upgrades.

Recommendation from the floor to contact an attorney to resolve this issue. Bonanza representative requested background information on the condos (email to Peggy Sue), so he can contact some of his business associates for their opinions on what our legal options might be.

Drill

Drill patterns should be submitted by Jan 22nd. If you change your patterns before the meet, bring 5 copies to the Office Manager on Friday.

Dennis is going to investigate whether we can replace the two gate entrance in the Compton with a bow gate similar to what we will see at State. If this is possible, we may make this change for the third meet.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Boyce Memorial Fund

We would like to do something to reflect the generous and warm spirit that was Fred Boyce. Fred provided cattle to SOHSET events and at the OHSET State meet in Salem at no cost. In lieu of flowers, Fred's family requested donations to St. Judes or SOHSET. The Brushriders of Williams would also like to donate funds to SOHSET in Fred's name. Jim also presented Merritt with a donation check for \$70.

At some point, we should sit down with Fred's family to decide what to do with these donations. Perhaps we can set up a fund to assist disadvantaged athletes with their fees.

The Secretary will send out thank you notes to all contributors.

Insurance

Send Jim a list of our arenas to ensure they are listed under the OHSET insurance policy.

Jim will work with OHSET and Martha to insure the upcoming driving and IHOR clinic at her facility.

Schedule

Athlete Meeting	11:30 AM
SOHSET Meeting	12:30 PM
Judges Meeting	2:00 PM
Drill Begins	4:00 PM

Rulebooks & Throws

Athletes and new coaches receive a rulebook at no cost. Existing coaches must purchase their rulebooks for \$2.96.

There are still a few OHSET throws for sale. Contact Merritt for details.

Dave Hall

Dave Hall donates his time as a timer for our gaming events and has been a big supporter of SOHSET. He is also a member of the Josephine County Sheriff's Posse. As outgoing President of the OAMP, he will be holding his annual convention in Grants Pass in mid-February. As a gesture of our support we would like teams to donate local food or wine items to create baskets the OAMP can auction off at their meeting. Please bring your items to Jim at the first meet.

Jim ended the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Steele