OBRA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ashley Lee.

Barb Pirrie gave the Treasurer’s Report. Total expenses for 2022 were in the amount of $ . Gross Income was $ and net income was $ .

Membership was reviewed. Past average membership has been 94 members. In 2022, there were 138 members.

Three directors are resigning: Bailey Stuart, Lana Schillinger and Devynn McElvain.

Ashley Lee nominated Daetyn Quiroz for a directors position. Motions were made by Molly Losing and Ashley Fulton. Motion passed. It was decided there were sufficient directors according to the bylaws so the other vacancies were not filled.

Lana Schillinger also resigned as secretary and Karli McGowan resigned as event secretary. Trista Mantelli nominated Seely Daniels for the new secretary position. Motions were made by Kodi and Nakona Fischer. Motion passed.

Karli explained the event secretary duties as follows: being at the office in a timely fashion before the race, taking entries, posting draws, making sure the announcer receives the draw, entering times, printing checks and paying any bills due. Ideas for volunteers filling the position on a race by race basis was mentioned with the possibility of being assigned ahead of time according to volunteers. It was also suggested on making this a paid position of $100/race.

Discussion was made on the requirements of each director putting on a race for 2023. A motion was made by Ashley Lee and seconded by Barb Pirrie that directors do not have to host a race but they do need to find one to add to the calendar.

The pre-entry option was discussed. Karli stated it did not work as well as she had hoped. It was decided to eliminate the pre-entry option. The first draw will now be posted 1 hour and 15 minutes before each race. Late entry contestants can still enter up until the first barrel racer competes with the 2nd draw being posted after the 1st racer runs.

It was suggested that all advertising for races contain a Google Map address for the arena.

Finals was discussed for location and date. There are very limited indoor arenas in our area and Bowman is centrally located for the majority of our members. A motion was made by Barb Pirrie and Victoria Eskridge to keep the 2023 finals at Bowman, ND the weekend before Labor Day if the facilities are available. Motion passed. It was mentioned that Watford City, ND and Williston, ND are working on completing indoor facilities and will be researched for cost as they near completion for a possible venue for future finals.

Sidepots will remain at a maximum of 5 with the producer needing to be an OBRA member.

Races will continue to be a 5D format with the rules remaining the same as last year.

Discussion was held on whether multiple prize winners could combine their prize funds into one large prize. Autumn Dempewolf and Barb Pirrie made motions to give the prize member the option to consolidate multiple prize monies into one prize. Motion passed.

Lastly, the payout percentage was discussed as to changing to the BRN payout of 30%, 27%, 23% and 20% versus the NBHA and current OBRA payout of 35%, 30%, 20%, and 15%. Molly Losing and Britta Ryan made a motion to change the payout to the same as the BRN. Motion passed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.