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Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Outback Barrel Racing Association was held on January 11, 2025 at the Cadillac Lounge in Sidney, MT. Approximately 36 members were in attendance.

Officers and Directors Present: Trista Mantelli, Karli McGowan and Barb Pirrie

President Trista Mantelli called the meeting to order shortly after 1:00 PM, welcoming everyone that could come. Agendas and financial reports were distributed to those in attendance.

Treasurer Karli McGowan reported on the highlights of the financial statements. There were no corrections or additions, and the financial reports were accepted. McGrady Construction has sponsored the youth saddle for the past two years with \$1000 donation each year: together with all the barrel sponsors, banner sponsors and \$100 ad sponsors we have been able to increase the amount given toward saddles. Everyone did a great job with races this past year with 165 members and a great finals.

2025 confirmed race dates were announced. Members were notified that it would be nice to get a few more possibly at the Watford old indoor area at the fairgrounds, Leiseth's Arena, and Clayton Graham arena.

The July 3rd rodeo was discussed as another race and was approved if they will have us again.

Officer and Director positions were discussed. Officers and directors that wish to continue on are Trista Mantelli-President, Jamie Binstock-Vice President, Karli McGowan-Treasurer, Seely Daniels Secretary, Barbara Pirrie Immediate Past President. Members were asked if anyone wanted to nominate anyone for any of these positions and no nominations were received. President Trista asked for nominations for three directors to replace those that stepped down. Hope Dormer, Deb Ryan and McKenzy Averett were nominated and approved. Directors are asked to be available to help and attend finals as well as host races and keep up with discussions throughout the year and host races.

No old business was brought up

New Business

Discussion on splitting the youth 17 and under division into two divisions. Several pros and cons were discussed. A motion was made to split the division into a teen division 12 and under and youth division 13-17. Pee wee division was not changed. However, you cannot run in the peewee division and the teen or youth division, you cannot run in the teen and the youth division you have to pick one for a race. Teen and youth can still enter the open and roll their time to the youth or teen.

Discussion on the youth saddle as to if there would be one saddle, two saddles, splitting the same money now allocated to the youth saddle between the two divisions, getting more money to have two saddles. In the end we received a \$500 sponsor for the youth saddle from Ben Wensil. Motion was made for the normal budget of \$1500 would go to a teen saddle and the youth would get sponsors for an additional saddle. If McGrady again sponsor 1000 plus the 500 would give \$1500 each. Noting that saddle money is at the discretion of the directors subject to how well the finances do for the year awarded.

Discussion on the splits for the teen and youth division and will remain the same for both of $\frac{1}{2}$ and whole second split. $1D + \frac{1}{2}$ second = $2D$ $2D + 1$ second = $3D$. In both divisions the saddles will be awarded to the competitor with the most points regardless of the D division.

Kathy Wootan donated an additional \$500 towards the senior saddle for 2025.

A novice horse division was discussed. There was no interest, so this was dropped.

Trista would like the Balken Barrel Days to be a one-day race with all the added money going to a one-day race and have a no points slot race on Saturday. Discussion was held on the terms of slot race. The final decision was to have the slot race on Saturday open to members first giving them a specific amount of time to enter then open to everyone to fill the slots. The slots will be limited in numbers, must be paid for to hold the slots, can be sold, no refunds, and cost \$150 per slot. The race would be Saturday evening a 3D race with $\frac{3}{4}$ second splits. No points for members and a non-member fee would be charged.

Discussion on needing to volunteer, host a race, get a sponsor of \$100 or more, etc. to be eligible for year-end awards. Discussion was that it be the same as last year but raise the sponsor to \$300. After discussion, Motion was to keep all the same but raise the sponsor requirement to \$300 was seconded and past.

OBRA Stallion incentive idea was discussed. Was open for discussion to see if this would be something we would want to do in the future. It was a good discussion and will be continued to think on for a possible future endeavor.

Non-incentive horse. OBRA is signed up as a producer for this incentive. So any of you can register a non-incentive horse with the non-incentive horse program and have our races count when you run. Our races have to be declared an non-incentive horse race same as others like Future Fortunes and Home Grown. To be a non-incentive horse it cannot be registered with an incentive with any other incentive.

Any other business: Suggested to have a membership meeting at the finals on Saturday evening as a large number are in attendance and we can get more input from more members.

Meeting Adjourned

Prizes awarded