



**DIRECTOR ZOOM MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2024**

The Director Zoom meeting roll call started at 6:05 PM. Directors Julia Tietz Wintersteen, President; Jess Woodring, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Kristy Sheehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Katie Vanio, Treasurer; Channie Heimer, Director-at-Large; and Secretary, Jan Finn were all present.

**Minutes** were approved as written. Channie Heimer made a motion to accept February minutes as written; Katie Vanio seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

A **financial** report in electronic format was provided by Katie from QuickBooks. The parameter was from 1/1/24 to 3/11/24. The monies do not reflect the 2024 'season' where memberships, sponsorships, silent auction, or other payments were incoming prior to 1/1/24.

\$1,320 incoming memberships	\$510 incoming auction	\$500 incoming Sponsorship
		\$2,330 Gross Profit
\$875 in advertisement spent	<i>other expenses</i>	
		\$1,222.20 Net Profit

**Committee reports:**

Stallion Service Auction Committee was reported on by Jan Finn. A total of 18 stallions nominated for 2024 auction; 7 of them were new to the RMBA auction; 3 were new families to the RMBA. Two stallions were paid in as Reference Sires. Round 1 auction, 4 breedings sold. As of 3/11/24, no breedings sold during Round 2.

Proposed changes to the Stallion Stakes classes (part of the Ranch Horse show series) did not have a consensus from full committee on changes. Request to table this was agreed upon. Payout structure will go through committee for added monies & consistent payout to eligible riders and expand to include incentive for stallion owners or nominators to take effect in 2024. Class changes goal is to have them updated to take effect 2025.

Marketing & Sponsorship Committee was reported on by Jan Finn. One full page, full color, full bleed ad was placed in *The Wrangler* specifically for the Stallion Service Auction. Graphic design donated (by JoAnn F). A two-page full color, full bleed ad was placed in the *Montana Quarter Horse Assn (MQHA) Directory* with one page highlighting 2023 SSA co-Hi Selling Services & the other page the programs & promotion of the association. Flash posters were designed & printed for both the Reining and the Intro to Ranch Horse clinics; a flash poster was designed & printed for the Ranch Horse series. Posters were sent to Channie Heimer and Julia Wintersteen to hang in businesses in the communities. Those same flash posters were posted to the RMBA Facebook page and on multiple other social media pages for clinic and show series information. A member, Cheryl Asay, mentioned she'd seen the RMBA promotion in multiple FB posts and she thought it was well covered.

Show Committee reports covered the clinics and the current show series items. Julia Wintersteen reported on the RMBA Reining Clinic held March 9-10, 2024, with clinician Renee Pipinich and held at Pipinich Reining Horses in Helena, Montana. There were a total of 6 riders, 3 of which were youth riders age 13, 14, and 16 years; another rider is typically a Versatility Ranch Horse (VRH) competitor. All feedback was positive from rider and clinician. [*reining clinics are a historical part of activities within RMBA*]

Channie Heimer reported on the "Intro to Ranch Horse" clinic coming up on April 20-21, 2024, with clinicians Austin Grazier for reining portion and Tim Unzicker for cattle portion. Clinic is slated again for Saddle Peak Equestrian Center in Belgrade, Montana. The clinic is full and there are 6 names on the wait list.

Channie also reported on some show series items. She and Jane Mersen are working on sourcing rider numbers for this year. Riders should keep their number all season. Instead of calling riders by name, judges will now use the rider numbers. The deadline for show entry will remain no later than the Wednesday prior to the show, closing at 9 PM. Entries will open 20 days before the shows. This should allow Show Secretary, Elena Klasing, time to have draws and entry information for the shows. There also is a real need to have an "assistant" Show Secretary to help move entries through the Show Office and in the event Elena is unable to make a show. Announcement for assistant should be placed in the newsletters and on Facebook for maximum exposure. Specifics will be identified post this Director meeting.

Discussion and decision by Directors to increase the Ranch Riding class entry fee from \$25 to \$45 to allow jackpot payouts to be available for the riders; a change from previous years. Channie made a motion to increase Ranch Riding entry fee to \$45 and to pay jackpot monies out from each show; Jess Woodring seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rules Committee had multiple submissions before the Directors. Many were language clarifications, expanded descriptions, but no significant changes. The items the Board voted on are listed on the section "**Rules Committee**" with the Board decisions. The relevant details from requests the Board would vote on were all included in one motion. Jan Finn made a motion to accept all clarifications to time limits, language, specific class limitations/exclusions, non-eligible payout or Year End award eligibility for riders not completing all 3 segments (reining, cow, trail) of all classes, except Ranch Riding, etc. Channie Heimer seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. This same listing was forwarded to the Rules Committee Chair, Diane Wyn, on 3/14/24 by Jan Finn.

**IRS Update on Status** was provided by Julia. She had been in contact with the IRS and at this time, no guidance has been provided. Julia filed back tax report. In her research, she found that the IRS still showed a contact person from multiple years previously. She is updating to change to reflect her location. We may still be able to dba "Rocky Mountain Breeders Association." Possible may need to pay some corporate income tax. Nothing definitive at this time.

There was no other new business and no meeting date set.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Finn, Secretary

**RMBA RULES COMMITTEE**  
**Changes Submitted to Board of Directors**  
**March 11, 2024**

Most recommendations from the Rules Committee were clarifications of existing language that did not change the purpose, judging, structure, or other specific class requirements with the exception of inserting definition of penalty point on specific skill. Those items inserting clarifying language did not require Board approval. [example: expanding description for clarity on the Box Drive<sup>2</sup> class]

Other items specifically included for Board including Board action and/or decision as follows:

1. Add language relevant to jackpot payouts AND Year End Awards to include **must** exhibit in all 3 segments; any rider exhibiting in two segments are not eligible for jackpot monies or Year End Awards.  
**Board APPROVED**
2. Add to Entry Regulations: **A)** no later than 3 days prior to show; **B)** time deadline no later than 9 PM of deadline day; **C)** no last-minute changes after entries close; **D)** all contestants must check in with the Show Secretary to receive an exhibitor number at least 1 hour prior to class; and **E)** exhibitor numbers **MUST** be displayed on the Left side, back corner of saddle pad.  
**Board APPROVED**
3. Log drag to **A)** not be allowed for the Beginning Youth class; **B)** allowed for the Advanced Youth class; and **C)** to not be allowed in the 2-Year Old Class for shows 1-4, but allowed in shows 5-8. [*this was based on 2 YO progressive skills throughout summer to align with both dry & cow work*]  
**Board APPROVED**
4. Add Refund language: **A)** scratches are not entitled to any refund monies; and **B)** a Vet or a Medical 'out' is eligible to receive only the jackpot fee refunded, no refund on cattle fee or office fee.  
**Board APPROVED**
5. Add Insufficient Funds language: **A)** no points to be awarded from the show(s) where Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) check was issued; **B)** no payouts from the show(s) where the NSF check was issued; **C)** checkwriter will be ineligible to enter any RMBA-sponsored show until the RMBA is paid in full; and **D)** a \$50 Inconvenience Fee will be assessed.  
**Board APPROVED**
6. Add "Advanced Ranch Horse" may only cross-enter in a Prime Time Class\*. *Could they enter Advanced Ranch Riding*  
**Board APPROVED**
7. Classes 2-10 as in the order found in existing Rule Book: **A)** cow work timed at a maximum of 70 seconds; and **B)** insert ... any AQHA legal bit.  
**Board APPROVED**
8. For the Box Drive Box Drive class: **A)** add drive cow past center marker on the 2<sup>nd</sup> run down the arena; and **B)** cow work cannot exceed a maximum of 1 minute 45 seconds.  
**Board APPROVED**
9. Youth classes: **A)** cow work is for 70 seconds.  
**Board APPROVED**
10. Schooling classes were recommended to be removed.  
**Board DENIED** – move scheduled schooling classes to end of day; cow work at end of cattle classes. Retain Schooling classes
11. Time and Time Start: **A)** boxing classes have 70 seconds; **B)** riders are not to engage the cow until the cow gate is closed; and **C)** time starts when cow gate closes.  
**Board APPROVED**

12. 2-Year Old Class time: **A)** shows 3-4 are 35 seconds of boxing; **B)** shows 5-6 increase to 70 seconds of boxing; and **C)** shows 7-8 are to box, then drive down the fence between the barrel/cone & fence.

**Board APPROVED**

13. Interpretation for riders of Judge whistling: **A)** one whistle means the cow work is terminated; **B)** two whistles means the Judge has awarded a new cow; and **C)** rider may not school their horse while waiting for a new cow.

**Board APPROVED**

14. A Show Liaison will be identified for riders: **A)** riders requested to take questions, issues, etc to the Show Liaison; and **B)** riders are requested to not go directly to the Judge.

**Board APPROVED**

15. Year End Awards: **A)** clarify awards given to High Point and Reserve High Point; **B)** same horse/rider duo must show in a minimum of 50 percent of the available shows to be eligible for awards; and **C)** that to qualify for YE awards, the horse/rider duo must show in all 3 segments of the class.

**Board APPROVED**

16. Entry fees for 2024 season proposed fees: Classes 1-6 & 9-15 **A)** office fee of \$25; **B)** jackpot fee of \$25; and **C)** cattle charge of \$50 (*help identify rates including for refunds if applicable*) TOTAL \$100. Class 7 (Advanced Youth) & Class 8 (Beginning Youth) **A)** cattle fee only of \$50 for Youth. Class 16-17 Ranch Riding classes including Stallion Stakes classes **A)** *increase* entry fee from \$25 to \$45 to allow jackpot payouts for these classes for each show.

**Board APPROVED**

17. Stallion Stakes class structure and changes to consistent added money payout structure; request to table. Payout decision will be effective in 2024; any potential class structure will become effective in 2025.

**Board TABLED**

18. Bits to copy NRCHA Bit description; cite some language unclear. Decision to table briefly.

**Board TABLED**

19. Roughing of cow to expand penalty of: “any injury or death of cow caused by contestant will result in contestant paying for injury or death.”

**Board NO DISCUSSION**