

Waska Riders Saddle Club
Meeting Minutes February 2009

The February 23rd meeting of the Waska Riders Saddle Club was held at the Pizza Ranch in Glenwood and called to order by president, Byron Lutterman.

Roll call was taken and new member, Brittney Jordahl was introduced.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Trail committee-we need volunteers to be on the trial committee.

Parade committee-The queen's crown and serape need to be passed on to the new queen.

Show committee-The show committee meeting was held February 5th, will be covered in new business.

Old Business:

Bridgette will be checking the PO box periodically.

We are hoping to have our clinic the first weekend in May, Kristin will have more information at the next meeting.

Members are reminded to pay their dues by April 1st. \$15 individual and \$25 family.

New business:

Show committee: There will be a seminar on running fun shows at the fairgrounds on April 18th at 9:00. Setting up the timer, game patterns, and running the books and PA will be covered. Anyone who has not run a fun show in the past should attend.

Our open show will be held July 4th and 5th. We will be dropping the novice classes but keeping walk-trot and the jackpot classes. 4 in a line and rescue race will not earn points. Awards and age divisions will remain the same as last year. Trail class will be divided into 3 age divisions instead of 5. Games will be on Saturday the 4th and games will be on Sunday the 5th. The fair board has ruled that there should be no pets on the grounds during the fair, and we will not allow pets at either fun shows or the open show.

Gravel has been added to the arena but we are not sure who is responsible. Chris Staebler attended the fair board meeting and asked about getting gravel or sand in the arena. They will be willing to help us out but need information on type and amount needed. Janice Johnson volunteered to get an estimate for the amount of fill that would be needed to cover the arena floor to a depth of 4". We would prefer washed sand over gravel if possible. We will try to get machinery donated to spread the gravel. Volunteers are needed to oversee arena maintenance. Nancy Determan volunteered to do weed control and Janice Johnson volunteered to see to it that the dirt work got done.

The subject of judges for fun shows was brought up. We would like to have a different judge for each fun show and have them stay for games. Some ideas were brought up: Swapping member judges with other clubs and having 4-H judging teams.

It was decided by the show committee to go back to just having age divisions and no novice classes at fun shows. Year end awards will be given to both high point and reserve winners in all age divisions. The show dates for 2009 were announced and rules will be the same as last year.

Sarah Basweti made a motion to approve the decisions made by the show committee and Steve Anderson seconded.

Fair Board meeting:

Chris S. had some other news from the fair board meeting that she attended:

The fair board reminded us that we are responsible for our garbage from fun shows. There are usually two cans at the arena and they are always full when we get there. Bridgett G. generously offered the Pizza Ranch dumpster to drop off the garbage in after our fun shows.

There will be a “spruce up” day at the fairgrounds on June 15th. It would be nice to have a good showing of Waska members there to help around the horse barn area.

The fairboard will not allow horses to be left in stalls during fun shows and our open show.

Donnie Harth and Jim Kraft will have the work on the crow’s nest completed before the first fun show.

It was decided that meetings in the cool months (October and January - April) will be held in the Pizza Ranch basement and at the Wildridge from May to September.

The meeting was adjourned.