

# Capital City Horse and Pony Club

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## MINUTES

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. On Monday, November 8, 2010. Those in attendance were April Ostransky, Clarissa Nutt, Jonna Sipp, Pam Butterfield, Jay Butterfield, Nancy Hula, Travis Hula, Mike Hula, Don Hansen, Chris Lonowski, Ken Lonowski, Hailey Hula, Mikayla Whaley, Ellie Hula, Vanessa Butterfield, Megan Hansen, Rachel Hansen, Shane Ostransky, Lena Ostransky, Carla Finkner, Nicole Finkner, Deb Welch, Heather Welch, Dave Arntt, Brian Lashley, Lisa Finnell, Fran Smith Roemer and Mark Roemer.

Introductions were made around the table for those who hadn't met one another.

There were no prior minutes to present.

April Ostransky presented the Treasurer's Report to let us know the current balance is \$10,781.45 prior to paying for year-end awards.

Deb Welch reported that she was pleased with how the Playdays went this year and is looking forward to next year. Sherry Cades will be assisting her in 2011.

Pam Butterfield was also pleased with the success of the Speed Series and will help Don Hansen with his new chair position. She will edit the showbill and forward documents to him accordingly.

Fran Smith-Roemer and Carla Finkner discussed whether or not to have the 4D series be affiliated with Nebraska 4D. It may be possible to affiliate a portion of the events rather than all of them. They will research and decide.

A committee was formed to review the Bylaws and Playday rules since they have not been amended since May 2008. Committee members will include Pam Butterfield, Jonna Sipp, Nancy Hula, Chris Lonowski, and Brian Lashley. This will include the addition of the Speed, 4D, and Roping chair positions.

There was discussion on membership forms and the age in which a member must sign up as an adult. If a member is 19 on January 1, they must join or renew as an adult. Members 18 or younger on January 1 may be included on a family membership with their parents as long as they are living in the same household.

There was discussion in regard to creating membership cards for individuals to carry. This will ease in entries at shows. There were pros and cons presented, but it was voted to try it to see how it goes.

We also discussed whether or not to continue the liability waivers to be notarized. It was decided we should continue this to help ensure protection of the club. The membership form will be revised to include the waiver verbiage at the bottom rather than using a separate form. Please be aware that we usually have a notary on the premises, but you can also have the forms pre-notarized by the individual of your choice.

A motion was made to move Playday and Speed start times to 10:00 a.m. next year. With the increase in participation, the shows have gone late into the night. Therefore, we hope that this will make it easier for more people to stay around for the later classes. This will also ease some burden on those who stay late to work the shows. This

will include both Saturday and Sunday shows throughout the year.

With the concern of church-goers for Sunday shows, there was also discussion to hold a small Cowboy Church service on those days.

Dave Arntt suggested that there be some changes in the Mystery Race. It was voted that any Mystery Races that require a partner use a draw-pot method to determine teams. This will ensure the events are fair and fun. It was also then decided that the Mystery Race shall stand alone for its own year-end award and not be used toward high-point points.

April Ostransky then presented the renewal form for the Nebraska Horse Council. It was moved and approved that we renew membership to this organization.

Fran Smith-Roemer started to sing Happy Birthday to Jay Butterfield and we all joined in!

The next Board meeting will be on December 6, 2010 at 7:00 at the Trackside Bar and Grill in Waverly, Nebraska.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Butterfield,  
Secretary

## 2010 AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet for 2010 was held November 7 at the Davey Hall and what a great turnout! Potluck dinner, slideshow and awards!

[2010 Slideshow](#) (click on link to view)

Congratulations to Playday High-Point winners Heather Welch, Allison Densberger, and Jeanne Masters. Reserve High-Point winners were Vanessa Butterfield, Ashley Densberger, and Tyce Lilienthal. Additional congratulations to Speed Series High-Point winners Vanessa Butterfield, Dusty Ehrlich, and Jeanne Masters. All-Around winner of the 4D Barrel/Pole Series

goes to Jamie Thomas.

Special congratulations to all those who received plaques, trophies, and tack items. You all deserved it with the dedication and hard work throughout the year.



## HANDY TIPS!

### Measuring A Western Saddle Seat

Western saddle seat sizes are easy to measure accurately. Below is an illustrated photo showing how to do it. Using a tape measure or ruler, measure from the front of the saddle's cantle (shown in the photo as the left-hand end of the blue line) in a straight line to

the front of the seat (shown in the photo as the right-hand end of the blue line).



Do not make the common mistake of touching the tape measure or ruler to the saddle pommel to get the seat measurement. Many saddles have a pommel that slopes forward, and measuring all the

way to the pommel will result in an inaccurate measurement. Be sure to measure in a straight line, and stop measuring at the front of the seat, which is illustrated in the photo by the red line.

## Measuring English Saddles

English saddles are measured differently than Western saddles. To measure the seat of an English saddle, place your tape measure or ruler at the cantle, the same way you would with a Western saddle. However, instead of measuring straight forward to the front of the seat, with an English saddle you should run the measurement at an angle to the nail head or rivet visible at the front of the saddle skirt.

## FUN STUFF!

### A HORSE'S VIEW OF THE WORLD

Do you ever wonder what your horse is actually thinking? How often have you ever wondered if you are on the same page or even talking the same language? Take a look at some of the definitions from the horse's dictionary and compare them to yours.

**Arena:** Place where humans can take the fun out of forward motion

**Bit:** Means by which a rider's every motion is transmitted to the sensitive tissues of the mouth.

**Bucking:** counter-irritant.

**Dressage:** Process by which some riders can eventually be taught to respect the bit.

**Fence:** Barrier that protects good grazing.

**Grain:** Sole virtue of domestication.

**Owner:** Keeper of the grain.

**Rider:** Owner overstepping its boundaries

**Hitching Rail:** Means by which to test one's strength

**Horse Trailer:** Mobile cave bear den

**Farrier:** Disposable surrogate owner, useful for acting out aggression without compromising food supply

**Trainer:** Owner with mob connections

## 2011 Officers and Board of Directors

- President-Jay Butterfield
- Vice President-Mike Hula
- Secretary-Pam Butterfield
- Treasurer-April Ostransky
- Playday Chair-Deb Wech
- Speed Series Chair-Don Hansen
- Roping Events Chair-Clay Heerman
- Jackpot Barrels Chair-Carla Finkner
  - 2011 Board-Melissa Bartels
  - 2011 Board-Jonna Sipp
  - 2012 Board-Donna Snover
  - 2012 Board-Nancy Hula
  - 2013 Board-Chris Lownoski
  - 2013 Board-Lisa Finnell
- Youth Board-Heather Welch
- Youth Board-Vanessa Butterfield
- Youth Board- Nicole Finkner



*Ride for the fun of it.....*