

**HDTPA  
Meeting Minutes  
February 5th , 2025**

**Roll Call:** Chisum, Elyas, Lisa, Sherry, Jake, Jennifer, Mike, Amy, Shannon

**Approval of Minutes:** Jennifer- motioned 1<sup>st</sup>, Lisa- motioned 2nd

**Treasurers Report:** Mike- motioned 1<sup>st</sup>, Elyas – motioned 2nd

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Welcoming Jake Kellames to the BOD.**
- **Welcoming Chisum Wagner as our new President and Elyas Boan as our Vice President.**  
A huge thank you to Brian Chew and Jennifer Efstratis for wonderful years as our President and Vice President. (Madam VP)
- March 1<sup>st</sup> is the Awards Banquet. We will get details to everyone as soon as we know. Bread pudding as the dessert was recommended by everyone.

**New business:**

1. Final approval of Bylaws
2. Rating Chair process. Do we need to add process in Bylaws?
  - Tabled for next meeting.
3. Ranchhand Handicap?
  - Elyas motioned for there to be a handicap on the new Ranchhand class. Jennifer seconded.
4. Sorting Rules/ Bylaws. Overlaps and contradictions.
  - a) **By Law changes:**
    - Rules of conduct: Move “Rules of Conduct” to “Rules and Guidelines” with the change of the 2nd offense being \$25.
    - Safety/ Fallen Rider: Jennifer motioned to remove this section and Elyas seconded.
    - Rules of Conduct: Changing The penalty for the third offense will be loss of membership in the HDTPA, and banishment from all HDTPA sanctioned events for up to one (1) year from the date of the infraction.”
    - Rules of Conduct: Starting line changed to the last paragraph. “ The Board of Directors, including the President & Judge, have the right to admonish, disqualify or refuse entry to any contestant.... Etc.” for the end of that paragraph to say “ for sorting rules please see Sorting Rules and Guidelines” Lisa motioned to leave this section in the Bylaws and Jake seconded.
    - Dress Code: At the end of the paragraph to add, “ See Rules and Guidelines”
    - Gate Horses & Riders: Elyas motioned to take out line, “ Must not make any aggressive move on the object numbered cow while driving it toward the gate.” Lisa seconded.
    - Ranchhand class: Jennifer motioned to change the 75 second time limit to 60 second time limit and Elyas seconded.
  - b) **Rules and Guideline changes:**
    - Safety/ Fallen Rider: Elyas motioned to add “ If a rider falls off their horse or is injured during a clean run, a team member must raise their hand.” Shannon seconded.

- Safety/ Fallen Rider: Adding “C.” Mike motioned and Lisa seconded. “ In case that both riders fall off, clock will be immediately stopped.”
  - Safety/ Fallen Rider: “ Downed Cattle” Deleting #15 on page 2. “ In case where a cow falls down behind the line, any team member can stop the clock by raising their hand. This will allow the Arena Director/ Flagger to make a decision as to whether the problem resulted from rider error or the cow being faulty.” Unanimous Decision
  - Downed Cattle: Verbiage changed to “ Times may be stopped for downed cattle by any team member by raising their hand and stopping the clock.” Unanimous decision.
  - Downed Cattle: Elyas motioned and Jennifer seconded. Verbiage to say, “Downed or stuck cattle includes cattle that fall down, but not as a result of roughing, and are down for 5 seconds. Remount, go to the other side of the start line and continues their run from where the clock stopped when they fell.”
  - Bad Cow: Elyas motioned and Jake seconded to keep this section in the Rules and Guidelines.
5. Possibility of open meeting for members.
    - BOD agreed this is something that could happen. Tabled for next meeting to iron out details.
  6. Meeting Agenda, getting rid of the “Old Business.” Unanimous vote to remove.
  7. Change the treasures report from January - December, to March- October.

***Directors, please set a good example for other members!***

**Next Meeting: March 5<sup>th</sup> @ Reno Pinocchio's 6:00pm.**