

## **Membership Comments received at the September show**

The RHAM board appreciates all comments and we try to accommodate our members!

**\*Please split up Junior and Senior Classes. Suggest Senior first and placing Junior at the end.**

Revising the class order for Ranch Riding is planned for 2024 so Open-Junior horse and Open-Senior horse are separated by the two Amateur and two Youth classes.

**\*There is a lack of communication from the board to the membership about what is going on with the club. There have been no financial updates. There have been few emails and no newsletters. Not everyone is on Facebook.**

More frequent communications are planned for this year and 2024. There will be an update at the end of 2023, and again at the General Membership meeting in Feb 2024. The board will target at least 4 updates by a newsletter or email per year as well as the updates provided on the website and FaceBook page.

**\*Post on Facebook and at the shows the etiquette rule for the arena.**

Rules are posted at the shows. We can add these to the newsletter and FaceBook page.

**\*Better Weekend High point awards worth higher dollar amounts.**

The budget for high point awards is dependent on membership participation and Sponsors donations. Providing better weekend awards will be considered for the 2024 budget.

**\*Give away random prizes to members during the shows (door prizes/gift certificates.)**

Providing random door prizes and/or gift certificates will be part of the budget considerations for 2024. We are open for any Sponsor donations for these prizes.

**\*More Team Competitions at shows.**

We had a positive response for the Team Challenge this year and plan to hold the Team Challenge again in 2024.

**\*Give Weekend Award for Dry Classes only (exclude cattle classes in point count).**

Adding additional weekend awards will be considered for the budget for 2024.

**\*Bring back Division champion and reserve highpoint.**

All Awards (Weekend and Year end) will be discussed and may be revised for 2024.

**\*Pam, parents, and other adult volunteers were straightening poles and retrieving ropes in September instead of Youth. They are supposed to be working hours to obtain the club's financial support for the World and MidWest shows.**

All the youth that received RHAM money for World and Midwest shows had all their expected work hours completed prior to the September show. Having Trail Class as a draw class does restrict the availability of the youth to help as their time/order to show their own classes is restricted. We welcome parents and others to help/volunteer at the shows and many members are happy to help as needed.

**\*Raise the youth blanket and class entry fees.**

Youth class fees and blanket fees will be discussed for 2024.

**\*Bring Back Category B Conformation so there are points for Grand and Reserve.**

Category C Conformation format takes less time during the show than Category B Conformation classes format. The 2024 showbill, classes, and class show order will be discussed with potential changes considered for 2024.

**\*Keep Trail Classes at Draw and not At Will in 2024.**

Keeping the Trail classes as a draw class or return to at-Will for 2024 will be discussed as part of the overall 2024 showbill.

**\*Set up a RHAM banner at the show to be a background for pictures**

Board is planning for photo background banner/set-up and location for 2024.