

Board Meeting Minutes

**Date and Time**

11/1/2025, 10:11 AM

Venue

Fossil Creek Inn & Suites, Russell, KS

MEETING ATTENDEES**ABSENT**

1. Jared Scheck
2. Mark Riley
3. Norleen Knoll
4. Lynn Sidman
5. Howard Sauer
6. Jaiden Perales
7. Kevin Solofra
8. Camisha Stevenson
9. Cameryn Kinderknecht

10. Darcy Settrini
11. Riley Cameron
12. Jordan Hoesli
13. Jensen Miner
14. Jordan Cameron

1. Shannon Garten
2. Renee Nichols
3. Aaron Dohm

VISITORS

Lucille Benton, Ava Graf

CONSENT AGENDA

Howard Sauer moved to approve the consent agenda; Mark Riley seconded. Unanimous vote carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Special Events:** Norleen Knoll reported for Renee Nichols that even though there weren't many riders, the Benefit Trail Ride was a success. People remarked that, in the past, there has been an auction and activities after the ride on Saturday. Because that is a benefit to the association, according to the rules, there can be no other shows scheduled on that date. However, the auction and activities have not been included for a couple of years, so it could be held during the season instead of after. Other people wondered if the association could host 2 rides – one before the season and one after – but this will be for the new board to consider. Fall banquet activities are ready to go for tonight.
- **State show:** Mark Riley recapped state show's main events and successes. Board members said they appreciated having a third-party judge. We also felt that judge Shelby Getz showed a great level of respect for the organization by travelling to Benefit Show on her own time to observe our processes before she judged at state.
- **Awards:** Jaiden Perales reported that all the prizes were ready to be given and that they had come in under budget for state show and year-end awards. She also thanked her committee for all their hard work and input throughout the year.
- **Points:** Kevin Solofra said that all the year-end and high-point certificates are ready to go for the banquet.

- **Finance:** Norleen Knoll said that 94 meal tickets were purchased. This number is about average for recent years. We will cut off the silent auction basket bidding directly before announcing the high point awards.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judges: Howard Sauer reported that Ian Smith passed his judges test today and will completing his apprenticeship this show season.

Special Events: Norleen Knoll reported for Renee Nichols that the new board needs to decide whether it will be beneficial for KWHa to have a booth and a team for Equifest in Topeka on January 23-25. This decision needs to be done quickly since the date is approaching fast. In addition, there are a bunch of holiday parades that give KWHa publicity: Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas Parade, Dec. 6; Hays Frost Fest, Dec. 7, Theme "Timeless Traditions"; Great Bend Christmas Parade, Nov. 29, Theme "Holiday Movie Madness"; Hutchinson, Dec. 6, Theme "Light Up Hutch"; Salina Downtown Parade of Lights, Nov. 22; Stockton Old Fashioned Christmas Parade, Nov. 28; Russell Lighted Parade, Nov. 29.

Benefit show: Howard Sauer reported that benefit show went well, especially considering that we had to quickly implement an unexpected backup plan. He thanked everyone who jumped in to make this happen. President Jared Scheck strongly suggested to the board members who are staying on that they should have a backup plan ahead of time and set the dates of the KWHa Benefit and Scholarship Shows at their January meeting. This way, clubs aren't picking their dates and then having to reschedule once bids are submitted and accepted.

Scholarship & scholarship show: Cameryn Kinderknecht said that there was a total of 6 scholarship applicants: 4 high school students and 2 continuing education. The committee will be awarding 2 for high school and 2 for continuing education. First place is \$1,000; second, \$750. Unfortunately, the KWHa Scholarship Show did not generate much income this year due to

weather but thank you to Jordan Hoesli to all his arena work. Because of his contribution, Sunday's arena conditions were great.

Website/Social media: Lynn Sidman reported for Renee Nichols that the website/social media USB drive will be handed over when the new board takes office as it needs updated with all the historical data. Renee has also included the Eagle Communications contacts for the website. Once the Facebook rules were outlined in better detail, the committee did a great job keeping the comments positive and keeping other postings from spamming our own. The social media accounts will need a new administrator, which will be appointed by the new board. The website will also need a new administrator. The president, secretary, and historian will meet with the appropriate people to hand over all information before the end of 2025. After having ironed out issues for over a year, the committee's advice is to only have 1 website administrator and 1 backup person, so people aren't overriding others' work. The website is operational and ready for next show season.

Rules: Camisha Stevenson reminded everyone that next year is rule change, so we will need to be prepared for that.

Nominations: Jared Scheck announced that the committee struggled to find only 4 nominees for the 2026 board. He asked that the 2025 board recruit others before the general meeting and explain expectations of board members.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2026 State Show Bids:** Although the board heard multiple complaints about this year's venue, there was only one show bid submitted – Lyons, KS. Jordan Hoesli volunteered to organize the insurance again next year. Jared reminded everyone that if Lyons is voted down, it will be the responsibility of the new board of directors to find a solution. Mark Riley moved to accept the 2026 state show bid; Jaiden Perales seconded. There were 12 yes votes,

no vote was Howard Sauer. Motion passes. The 2026 state show will be held September 4th–7th, 2026, in Lyons, KS, at the Bar K Bar Arena, hosted by the 2026 Board of Directors.

GOOD TO THE ORDER

- President Jared Scheck thanked the 2025 board of directors for their work throughout the year. He mentioned his especial thanks to Renee Nichols for encouraging him to become president, for teaching him everything he knows, and teaching Lynn Sidman, the secretary, everything she needed to do.
- Howard Sauer commented that many people are leaving our association due to the internal bickering and drama, and expense. However, Jared reminded everyone that KWA's fees are minimal, compared to youth rodeos and rodeos in general.
- Norleen Knoll reminded everyone that the president does stay on as an adviser to the next board. She mentioned that the association is fighting over show dates because there are too many requirements before clubs can publish their dates. To resolve this issue, a rule change would need to be submitted before next year's banquet.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- The 2026 board of directions will schedule the next meeting after the election of officers.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Jaiden Perales moved to adjourn the meeting. Jensen Miner seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Submitted by Lynn Sidman, 2025 KWAH Secretary

ADDENDUM

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