



## Rulebook Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Jed Lawrence.

Those in attendance were: Jed Lawrence, Ernie Dowell, Sarah Lawrence, Melissa Rueth, Barb DeWell, Dave DeWell, Stefanie Backus, Sam Holwerda, Bandy Russell, Steve Schibi, Wendy Crader, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Travis Tieman, Amy Roberts, Lori McMahan, Tawney Denn, Jim Harroff, Jerry Keeney, and Erica Keeney.

### Proposed Rule Changes:

1. Boxing time limit changed from 60 seconds to 50 seconds. Discussion was brought about how this benefits the exhibitor, the wellbeing of the cow, horse, and exhibitor for a more positive show experience. Majority favored, vote passed.
2. Working Ranch Horse- Instead of the dropping of the rope being a 0 in the roping portion, exhibitor will be able to dismount and pick up the rope but will incur a penalty, can also be a – in the trailing portion of the Roping. Exhibitor must stay within the 6-minute time limit. Vote was taken and passed.
3. Rule was proposed to change all patterns from walk in to lope in. After discussion, the vote was put to change all patterns to trot in verses lope or walk in, if exhibitor does not trot in they will be a DQ. Patterns will be changed in the Rulebook. Vote passed.
4. ARHA will include 2 additional Ranchmanship patterns as well as 2 novice patterns without lead changes. Show management/judges will be able to pick from Ranch Reining pattern 1 (with lead change) as well as the 3 other patterns without a lead change for Novice Ranch Reining class. Members voted and majority passed.
5. Rule Change proposal: to make the stationary steer an optional obstacle. Vote was denied and stationary steer will stay a mandatory obstacle. Discussion was brought up that exhibitors will be required beginning in 2018 to carry a rope into the class. If the rope is dropped before the stationary steer exhibitor will be a DQ because they are unable to stop and pick up the rope without going off pattern. Show management may design class to be exhibitor friendly (ex. Putting stationary steer at the start of the pattern) It was also discussed that exhibitors will now be credited based on their ability to correctly handle a rope, and that catching will be a way to continue to show your horse.
6. Showmanship- Add to Section K-1, D-5 An exhibitor showing with spurs will be disqualified. This vote was DECLINED by majority because at ARHA we are focused on the all-around horse and exhibitor, however, if you trip or your spurs hinder your performance you will be judged accordingly.

7. Ranch Cutting Rule Clarification- Should your cow touch another cow in the herd, you will receive a 0 score.

8. Revision of Regions: North East- Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri

South East- Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida

North West- Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah

South West- California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico

Majority voted to approve Region Change for 2 years.

Conditions include- must earn a minimum of 25 points for Region award. ARHA has agreed to elevate the Region awards because of greater competition. Discussion was brought up this would give more incentive for exhibitors to travel to other charters and in turn boost charter show attendance.

9. Beginning in 2018 the use of a one-piece or Roping Rein will be permitted in the Ranch Roping class. Vote was passed.

10. ARHA will open the registry to all western type breeds (horse must walk, trot, lope) This includes Arabians, half Arabians, Morgans, Quarter Pony (must be a minimum of 13'2 hands), etc. ARHA will also open up to Grade Horses under the following conditions: Grade registrations must submit photos as well as video of walk, trot, lope to registration committee, grade registrations will NOT be taken at shows. If a judge finds a horse is gaited and is showing they reserve the right to file a protest to the Registration Committee. The Registration Committee will reserve the right to pull any ARHA Registration they see do not fit the criteria. Registration fees will be forfeit, no refunds or transfers.

11. Revision of Youth Team Tournmanet Rules- Each charter will be required to 'Adopt' a child who may not have a team, charters will be asked to divide up team(s) if they have multiple by 14-18 exhibitors, 13 & Under, Novice Youth, and 10 & Under. New document will be presented with detailed rules.

12. Ranch Conformation Category C- This is an option that is in addition to Category A and B! Category C will consist of 3 Divisions, Open, Amateur, Youth but all sexes and ages are combined. Conformation points will still report on Lifetime Conformation category. No grand and reserve points will be given.

13. New money division for ARHA- Top Hand Challenge, 4 ARHA classes from list of approved classes, minimum of \$500 added for Open Division and \$250 for Amateur Division. Will have Futurity, Derby, and Aged event divisions. Will post official guidelines as well as money break down in a new document. It was also discussed that ARHA is tracking money earnings on horse and rider and that charters can jackpot classes as well as put added money in any division/class as they wish.

14. No new novice classes were added at this time in order to help the charters have enough fresh cattle for the shows. Vote was passed. New novice eligibility will increase the point cap to 1,000 points this includes lifetime points in all divisions. ROM's can now be earned as well as World Championships (in novice division only) and Year end titles. Showmanship points will now count towards novice eligibility but conformation is now excluded. A new document with specific rules will be presented. Exhibitors may contact the office to receive their eligibility. Exhibitors may return to novice if they meet the 1,000-point criteria and have NOT won a World Championship or Year End title in an upper division (All Age, Junior, Senior, Amateur, or Youth). New Novice eligibility requirements will be sent out as they are finalized. Vote was passed with ALL in favor.