

Idaho Saddle Club Association

January 1, 2009

New Years Greetings to each of you!

I hope this letter finds each of you safely into the New year with fond memories of the Holidays and the 2008 season.

It is once again time to think about our winter meeting that is coming up on February 7, 2009 at 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Moscow Fairgrounds in our usual spot. If you need directions to get there please feel free to give one of your state officers a call.

As you can see this packet has some bulk to it. Please look it over carefully and discuss it with your club members as you will need to come prepared to vote on all of the proposals and amendment to By Laws that are listed in here. Please be reminded that each club must have their dues paid in order to have their votes count, therefore come a few minutes early to take care of this so that Myra has time to take care of all of you, and we may start our meeting on time.

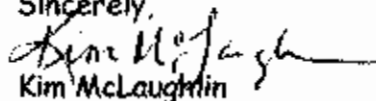
I have also included the results on the new proposals that were voted on at the Winter Meeting for the National Saddle Club Association. Our Treasurer Myra Metcalf and I traveled to Gillett, Wyoming to attend this meeting. A big thank you to Kim and Myra for donating the fuel for this trip. Each of you should know that the 2010 Nationals will be held in Kalispell, Montana. They are expecting a record amount of contestants and have requested that those of us up here in the Northwest become very involved to make it a successful show. If you are interested in becoming involved, please plan to go to the Winter meeting in Kalispell.

I would like to thank each of the officers this year. We broke some new ground and were able to host the 2008 State O-Mok-See ourselves without too many incidents of strife. (at least that I can think of at the moment, so it must have been a success).

We will be open to taking bids for the 2009 show. If your club would like to host, please be prepared to make a bid for the show at the meeting. Also please be prepared to nominate new officers as well. There are some new proposals regarding both of these issues so please read them carefully.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting. Until then any questions or concerns you may have can be directed to any of your officers as usual.

Sincerely,



Kim McLaughlin

ISCA Secretary

2009 ISCA Proposals for Change

1. I propose we run only the standard events at the State O-Mok-See.
2. I propose that any event that takes longer than 30 seconds to run, be ran first thing in the morning before the full heat of the day sets in. (ie barrel & stake etc)
3. I propose that should they chose to do so, the 8 & under kids may be lead in and out of the arena.
4. I propose that the leaders of the 8 and under kids be allowed to stay in the arena during their runs for safety reasons.
5. I propose that we keep the women's age groups split as they have been for the past two years. They would be 16-24 women, and 25 - 39 women.
6. I propose that we hold the state show later in the year rather than it being one of the first competitions of the year.
7. I propose that the proper sized equipment must be used for the events. (ie, Barrels are the be 55 gallon not the 30 gallon ones for barrel racing.)
8. I propose that we forgo Royalty for a minimum of 2 years. The drama that seems to be a continual problem with these girls has in my opinion gotten completely out of hand.
9. Should rule #8 be opposed in the voting process, I propose that any current royalty must raise funds for ISCA to match any amount of funds that they raise to put in their own pockets. This role as representation should not be a free invite to panhandle for themselves.
10. Should rule #8 be opposed in the voting process, I propose that each person to win a royalty title (plus their parents if they are under age) sign a contract with the ISCA that clearly states they are willing to follow the rules and do the things that are expected of them. In turn the rules will be clearly stated in black and white, and will not be deviated from once in place.
11. I propose moving the winter meeting which historically has been held the first Saturday in February, to the first Saturday in October annually.

12. I propose that the State officers once again host the State O-Mok-See.
13. Should proposal #12 pass, I propose an awards committee be formed, comprised of a minimum of 2 people.
14. Should proposal #12 pass, I propose a fundraising committee be formed, comprised of a minimum of 2 people.
15. In reference to NSCA 2009 rule and by law recommendations #8 which reads "change to read race and time ends when start/finish line is crossed by contestant. If a property hits the ground prior to a contestant crossing the start/finish line during the completion of the course the contestant will be disqualified. "I propose that ISCA also continue to use disqualification for not stopping in contestants lane if so required.
16. I propose that in order to be nominated for an ISCA office, the person must either be at the Winter meeting, or have sent a notarized letter to the ISCA President or Secretary stating which position they are willing to accept

2009 NSCA Rule & By Law Recommendations

1. Pg 9 & 10 - Article III: Membership and Dues, Section 2: Remove - "Associate membership for individual horsemen shall be \$25.00." Replace with - Associate membership for individual horsemen shall be \$10.00. ***PASSED***
2. Pg 10 - Article III: Membership and Dues, Section 5: Change to read: Any saddle club belonging to the NSCA will be allowed to enter contestants in the NSCA Championship Show upon payment of their Saddle Club dues to the NSCA and their State Association dues paid to the NSCA. *** PASSED***
3. Pg 26 - Rules & Regulations - Entry information #1 change first sentence to read: age divisions are as follows: 7 & under 8-11 12-15 women(16-39) men(16-39), Senior Women (40 plus), Senior Men (40 plus); Senior man be abbreviated as Sr.
(if rule change recommendation passes for changing Under 8 to 7 & Under, all existing records for Under 8 will be renamed as 7 & under and all events where age groups are noted, change Under 8 to 7 & Under.) ***PASSED***
4. Pg 26 - Rules & Regulations - Entry Information #2. Change to read: Entry fees for the NSCA Championship Show will be set yearly by the Board of Directors at the Annual Winter Meeting. Entry fees will either be \$4.00 per event, per contestant for times events, with an additional fee (up to \$1.00 maximum) added if approved by the Board of Directors-Or- A flat entry fee price for each contestant entering all individual running events offered at the championship show. Late entries not received by the NSCA Secretary by the due date and entry changes made at the show will be charged an additional \$5.00 per event per late entry or change for each individual event and each pair or team event late entry or change. Queen and Princess Contest entries will be \$5.00 per entry with \$5.00 late entry fee applying if entry not received by NSCA Secretary by the due date. Any contestant whose NSCA dues are paid through a saddle club will be charged a \$10.00 fee if they enter separately from their saddle club.
FAILED
5. Pg 28 #4 - Rule change on allowing the usage of rubber bands. Proposed proposition to allow usage of rubber bands on the stirrups. (Note: There were additional comments sent with the rule change request, however is not part of the actual rule change. This additional information is available upon request and will be part of the correspondence read at the annual meeting.) ***FAILED***
6. Pg 28 & 29 - Arena & Property Specifications - Add New Rule: #13. NSCA officials have the rights to modify the arena to fit the grounds as needed for safety reasons with a two-thirds vote by NSCA officials. ***PASSED***

7. Pg 30 - Judging of Events, #2: Add F: All rides must be a forward motion at all times to be considered a qualified ride. This means no deviation of the course or loss of forward progress of the course (no circling or coming back to "fix" course if property passed or run by during the event.) ***FAILED***
8. Pg 32 - General Regulations - Change #6 to read: Race and time ends when start/finish line is crossed by contestant. If a property hits the ground prior to a contestant crossing the start/finish line during the completion of the course, the contestant will be disqualified. ***PASSED***
9. Pg 32 - Miscellaneous Guidelines & Information #1 - add E. NSCA Directors may vote to eliminate events scheduled for the NSCA Championship show at a meeting held prior to the start of the show with the approval of two thirds of the qualified voting delegates. If events are eliminated at the show, no refund of entry fees or riders fees will be given. ***PASSED***
10. Pg 36 #4 - Three Person Rules Committee - New Rule: No complaints will be accepted at all. ***FAILED***
11. Pg 36 Duties of Officials-3- Person Rules Committee- Change number 2 to read: After checking and discussing complaint, their decision es final. The complaint form will be signed by the committee with their decision and turned into the NSCA Secretary. No additional complaints may be written to override the decision made by the committee.***PASSED***
12. Pg. 38-Gate Person - Add #3. If alleyway gates are used for entering and exiting the arena, in lieu of a Gate Person, the announcer will signal the riders to exit the arena once all riders have finished the course and the acknowledgement is made for disqualifications from the judges. The announcer may also give riders specific permission to exit arena at anytime during an event due to safety concerns or issues. ***PASSED***
13. Pg. 47-Scurry Race: All Age Groups- Add as last sentence: For the Under 8 division, the jump shall be set at a height of approximately 6" above the ground. (if rule recommendation #3 passes, change Under 8 to 7 and Under) ***PASSED***
14. Pg 54 -NSCA Scholarship Program-Add: Only one scholarship will be awarded to any one person per year of application, including winners of Royalty Scholarships if included as part of the Royalty awards. ***RESINDED***