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New Years Greetings to each of you. Enclosed in this packet you will find a list of new proposals and a new rule book for our state association to be voted on and approved at our upcoming Winter meeting in February. I will also be mailing out hard copies of these to each of you. Please check attachments for the rule book. The meeting will be held at the Moscow Fairgrounds on February 6th at 1:00 pm. Please plan on attending and bringing your club voting delegates along with our membership dues so that your votes will be valid. Also when you talk to or see her...please take a moment to thank Anita Falen for all of her hard work and dedication on being our Historian as well as pulling this rule book together. Our President Shane Minden has put time and effort into this as well. Thanks Shane.

As many of you already know Nationals will be held in Kalispell, Montana this year. We are expecting a large turnout. Please let your members know that if they plan on competing they will need to ensure their membership is current with a participating saddle club before the deadline.

I know times have been lean for many people recently. I hope you are all doing well and are looking forward to the end of this recession as much as I am!

Please remember as well that we will be electing new officers at our meeting. There will also be a National Report given by our reps.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to approach any of your officers with them. Until we see you at Winter meeting Happy Trails!

Sincerely
Kim McLaughlin
ISCA Secretary

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Proposals for change to be voted on at Winter Meeting

#1 I propose that due to the amount of extra time and work needed to run the computer program that was used at the 2007 and 2009 ISCA O-Mok-Sees to tabulate times and points for High Point awards, that we no longer use the program. In 2008 when we did not have the program therefore used the "Old fashioned" ink and paper method, the results were available in a much more timely manner.

#2 I propose that the following be added to the rule concerning western attire: shirts/blouses are to be fastened (i.e. buttoned or snapped).

#3 I propose that if a club is not in compliance with ISCA concerning participation at the ISCA O-Mok-See (dues paid and membership turned in by the 60 day deadline) that said club with not be eligible for the Team Award at ISCA O-Mok-See.

#4 I propose that if a club is not in compliance with the ISCA concerning participation at the ISCA o-Mok-See (dues paid and membership turned in by the 60 day deadline) that said club must pay double the amount of State dues before any members are eligible to ride at the ISCA O-Mok-See.

#5 I propose that ISCA run one of the lengthier events (i.e. Cloverleaf Barrels) Friday night and have it coincide with a potluck dinner as a way to better get to know the other competitors and also as a way to make the ISCA O-Mok-See easier for the personnel.

#6 I propose that, due to the amount of time and effort exerted by ISCA Officers to put on the ISCA O-Mok-See, that they or one member of their immediate family if they do not ride have their entry fees waived for said O-Mok-See. (Note: Anyone who has attended the ISCA Winter meeting, when the elections are held, knows all too well how few people attend this meeting and how even fewer are willing to accept one of the elected positions.)

#7 In reference to the proposal at the October 2009 NSCA meeting "When riders enter the arena, they are indicating they are accepting their properties as set". I propose that the ISCA make this addition to their rulebook.

#8 In reference to the proposal at the October 2009 NSCA meeting, "Lane Judges, Head Judges, and Arena Directors will be responsible for checking properties to determine that they are set correctly before the contestant is given the ready light. If contestants have entered the arena and are in their perspective lands and a determination is made by the officials that properties are not correct, the announcer will be notified to either request contestants to exit the arena, stay in the place to wait to start, or waive the 10 seconds rule for the affected contestant". I propose that the ISCA omit this from their rulebook. Note: it is up to the club assigned any particular event along with guidance for the Arena Director (1st Vice President) to correctly set up that event.

#9 In reference to the proposal at the October 2009 NSCA meeting, "Judges may not coach any contestant in any lanes as to proper patterns or any other instruction that would constitute a "clean" run versus a DQ due to broken pattern. Judges may encourage or cheer for contestants running when no riders are in their lanes".. I propose that ISCA omit this from their rulebook. Note: the ISCA rulebook states that if a contestant or parent goes to a lane judge and complains about a decision about their ride that contestant will be disqualified". "The judges attention needs to be focused on judging for disqualification not coaching, I realize that some of our younger riders need assistance from time to time but there are almost always capable people in the arena who are willing and able to give that assistance.