

River Run Committee Meeting / Report – 10/04/18 – 6:30-7:25 pm

We as a committee, all in consensus have decided that the following will be the best way to accommodate suggestions received from competitors, spectators and general member observations:

1. Adjust class age ranges

a. Pleasure

- i. 12 and under walk trot, 13 and over walk trot
- ii. 12 and under W/T/C, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19 and over
- iii. Keeping pony class, removing “EWD” and making it all lead line
- iv. Keeping discipline rail and pony class

b. Speed

- i. It is our consensus as a committee that we will regulate the pole bending to contestants 14 and older. We are doing this because most 13 and under riders are still learning to lope/canter and it is a safety issue to allow them to try and run poles, this is a speed show, a commitment to speed must be shown in order to teach our kids how to run the patterns
- ii. A commitment to speed has been defined by the committee as not breaking to a trot for more than 10 consecutive strides
- iii. We are adding a second speed show, first show will have 3 events, second show will have 4
- iv. In order to draw more contestants, we are adding a “walk trot” class to keyhole, speed and action, barrels and flag race
- v. Also in order to draw more contestants, we are discontinuing awards and ribbons for the speed show only, and re-allocating those funds to a payback format

We have come to these decisions not of our own bias, but after careful research in to how other week night speed shows run. This is our final attempt at hosting speed shows, if the leadership does not properly coach their individuals in these events so as to draw a bigger participation, we will discontinue the speed shows in 2020.

c. We as a committee feel that it is the responsibility of the educational committee to host and coordinate all clinics, and are discontinuing our clinic show

d. In order to cut costs, we are choosing to switch to equal quality double layered flat ribbons for the pleasure shows instead of the rosettes, currently the rosettes cost

almost \$2.00 per ribbon, we hand out roughly 270 ribbons per pleasure show, which amounts to an additional \$ \$2,599.20 that could be better spent on the new fairgrounds.

Attached is a summary of what our 2019 projected costs would be pending approval of all the above changes.