



Evergreen Rodeo Association

February 2008

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 Open

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Fundraising:
 Open

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 Open

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Parade
 Open

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Ragatta
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Scoreboard
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Security/Parking
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Tickets
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MEETING MINUTES

The January 30, 2008, meeting began at 7 p.m. and 2008 Evergreen Rodeo Queen Amanda Bodkins and Princess Emily Bowers were introduced. New managers of the Ice House, Charles and Cindy Shirley, we also introduced and advised that they will be providing the bar and food during the rodeo association meetings at this location. Ken and Judy Jeronimus were thanked for their continued support. A letter announcing Dave Marshall's resignation from the board of directors was read.

Other highlights include:

- The tax exempt status for the Evergreen Rodeo Association has been reinstated, effective January 1, 2005.
- "Tough Enough to Wear Pink", the fundraising campaign supporting breast cancer support and research will be held as part of this year's rodeo on Saturday evening. Wrangler requires a minimum \$250 merchandise order as a donation and the board voted to donate a minimum of \$500, with the entire board wearing the pink Wrangler shirts. The general membership can order shirts and also wear them Saturday night. All proceeds from the sale of bumper stickers will go as a donation and it was suggested that all P.R. be used to promote the Saturday night rodeo as "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" night.
- There will be a Kids Rodeo Stampede this year on the Saturday prior to rodeo weekend, with Tom Hushen as the liaison to the organizers of this event. Sponsors are needed, as well as a petting zoo and pony rides. It was suggested that the association put together its own petting zoo with animals owned by members.
- Queens were successful in promoting the Evergreen Rodeo during the 10 days of the National Western Stock Show in January.
- There was discussion regarding a scoreboard for the arena, with questions about location, cost, availability, and general feasibility. It was decided that a report should be presented at the March meeting about this topic. Rene Hunter volunteered to head up a scoreboard committee.
- Chuck Ridings will send a proposed budget to each committee chairperson.
- Work has begun on the planning for grounds repair and maintenance.
- The VIP tent may be renamed the Sponsor Tent and will be separated from the cowboy hospitality tent.

COMMITTEES CONT.

Veterinary

Shane Baird..... 303-279-4893 (w)

Volunteers:

Elizabeth Nordeen.... 303-670-8775 (h)

Website

Tom Hushen.....303-679-1195 (w)

- The Rail Benders will be playing at the Friday evening dance this year, with tickets available for \$20 in advance (\$25 at the gate) for both bull riding and the dance.
- The board of directors will discuss a possible dues increase.
- The Canyon Courier will print more programs this year.
- There may not be a regatta this year due to some problems with the manager of the Lake House, unfortunately.
- Shane Baird, who is the designated contact for our rodeo as far as animal welfare issues, will be giving an educational talk for the general membership pertaining to this topic.

- Rumor has been heard that there will not be a parade this year and that is NOT true. Please help to stop this rumor. Although we do need a parade committee chairperson, we fully intend to have a parade as part of this year's events.
- Please contact Liz Nordeen if you and/or your committee will need volunteers this year so that she can work out time sheets for scheduling. There may be a check in tent for volunteers this year.

DON'T FORGET

The next meeting of the general membership is set for Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Ice House.

DOs and DUES

Do remember, folks, that this IS a new year and, along with that, membership dues for 2008 are due and payable – of course, sooner rather than later. You can mail your dues to: Nancy Lyons, 6520 Bluebell Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439.

WELCOME...

...to new member Rex Eaves. It's great to have you as a member of the Evergreen Rodeo Association!

LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY!



OK, that may be an exaggeration. But we ARE looking for animals for the petting zoo that we'd like to have set up for the kiddos attending the rodeo events this year. Does anyone have a friendly goat or a pig? How about a llama or an alpaca? Donkey? Ponies? Sheep? Tom Hushen is working to put this together as part of the 1st Annual Kids Rodeo Stampede (see related article) and if you can help with this request, please contact Tom at: 303-679-1195 or via e-mail at: Tom@RanchandResidential.com

1ST ANNUAL KIDS RODEO STAMPEDE FUN RUN



Please help support the 1st Annual Kids Rodeo Stampede Fun Run family event that will take place this year on Saturday, June 7, at 9 a.m. at El Pinal Arena. Children will run laps around the arena and enjoy a post-race celebration which will include a petting farm (see related article), local celebrities, and plenty of treats.

In addition to having a whole lot of fun, the kids will have the chance to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Department of Rehabilitation. This department helps children who suffer from the effects of critical illness, accident, or injury to regain skills that will help return them to a normal childhood. The lives of many children in our own community have benefited greatly from these services. Plus, a bonus for all — the race kids will be able to

set and achieve physical goals and healthy habits through this race and our Evergreen Rodeo Queen will be distributing training packets to the children at local schools.

Please let us know if you would be willing to help out with this great event by:

- bringing horses/animals to the post race celebration
- operating the petting farm at the post race celebration
- soliciting sponsorships for the event
- volunteering to help with parking assistance the day of the event
- volunteering on race day
- helping with any of these subcommittees:
 - t-shirts
 - graphics
 - publicity
 - awards

Contact Tom Hushen at 303-679-1195 or Tom@RanchandResidential.com if you would like to help with this great community event to help promote rodeo, raise funds for a very worthy charitable cause, and help children experience the joy of exercise.



HELP WANTED

It's a fact that we couldn't put on the rodeo at all if it weren't for all of our great volunteers and the general membership. Have you ever thought about getting just a little more involved in the rodeo and/or any of the events included as part of the rodeo? Ever thought that your idea of managing something might be a little better or more efficient than what has been the status quo? This could be the best year for trying something new. Just by reading this newsletter you can find out about all the fun and exciting changes that are happening with our rodeo. It is evolving and changing all the time. There are many fun, exciting events and committees that will provide you with a variety of incredible experiences for your efforts. It costs nothing to volunteer and you'll receive untold rewards and a wonderful feeling of accomplishment for getting involved. Call Kristy Tolan at 720-530-4101 if you have the hankering to help!

WOW - WHAT AN HONOR!

Connie Bally has been asked to contribute her photography as a focal artist with a one woman show to the Toledo Art Museum, recognized as one of the finest art museums in the country, for a tribute to contemporary Western Art. And what better place to find Western art than in and around Evergreen and as part of the rodeo? With this area being so rich in the western lifestyle, Connie is requesting any folks who have horses, ranches, kids, kids with horses, barns, tack, wagons, and so on, to contact her at 720-320-0004 or clbally@gmail.com to come on out to your place for a photo shoot. The show will be Father's Day weekend so, obviously, Connie won't be here to show off her photography, but she'll burn a CD of the photography for any willing person who has any of their "life" included in this photography show. Here's your opportunity to help out a neighbor AND become your very own celebrity. Connie is just thrilled about this launch for her career and she could sure use our support. Thanks for helping her become a success!



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Hotel.