

December 2019

Another season for BMC has come to a close. We'd like to thank the membership for another successful season. As we prepare to slog thru the winter, we're entering the planning stages for 2020.

A board meeting was held December 8th and a tentative 2020 schedule was hammered out. You'll have a chance to either confirm or modify this schedule at the General Membership meeting which has been scheduled for January 11th, 10 am at River Ridge Golf Course located at 295 Golf Course Loop Rd, Selah, WA 98942. We're reserved a small meeting room there and if attendees will by lunch there will not be a charge for the room so.....come hungry.

I've done a lot of reaching since the board meeting to clubs similar to BMC and asked a lot of questions. I've also reached out to individual members for some fresh input trying to determine if there's more we can do to meet the needs of the BMC membership. I did find out that we are one of the only clubs not jack-potting our classes. I also found out that we lost some entries last year because of it. I also found that many if not most clubs, including NCHA affiliates, are being creative in trying to attract more members & participation.

I'd like to implement a *Long Range Planning Committee* to be comprised of 2 current board members and 2 additional members from the general membership. I have found that gathering and processing this information is really time-consuming and a little help would be great. If you have an interest, please let me know.

I'd also like to establish a small *Outreach Committee* (maybe 2 members) to reach out to other horse organizations to find out how we can develop some interest within their membership in the very specific sport of cutting. Every person's journey into this sport may be a little different but most seem to have the same essential elements and mirror my own. They seem to come from the barn's of trainers and/or friends. Regardless, it would be helpful to see if potential members can be in other places. I believe that we have to be our own ambassadors and make every effort to promote & support our trainers.

We're going to have some officer/board positions to fill at the general membership meeting. The Presidency and Vice Presidency will be available as well as 2 Director positions. If there is not any interest, members currently filling those positions are agreeable to continue. And every year I make the Newsletter/Web Site position available.

Hope to see many at the meeting. It's a small room so be prepared to get cozy.

Please take a minute to complete the survey and email the completed form to gkjranch@elltel.net.

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