

NWMHC Meeting

January 7, 2012

Scott Creek Farms - Salem, OR

Board Members Present:

Matt Davern, President

Susie Gunther, Vice President

Jodi Bennett, Treasurer

Joanne Ross, Director

Margaret Slape, Director

Nickie Gunther, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by President, Matt Davern at 10:12 AM

Minutes from Fall (November 12, 2011) Meeting were read. Matt Davern made the MOTION to approve the minutes as read. PASSED

Matt Davern made the announcement that Margaret Slape has agreed to haul the NWMHC trailer to the 2012 NWMHC Shows. Thank you Margaret.

Outgoing Presidents Report - Sheryl Peterson: She included that she has a very positive energy about the NWMHC and its future.

Incoming Presidents Report – Matt Davern: Excited about future of NWMHC. Western Regionals held in our Region – focus on future of the club. Promote new and returning Members.

Vice Presidents Report – Susie Gunther: Future of the NWMHC needs to be more user friendly. Appreciation for all willing to take on positions/volunteers for 2012.

Secretaries Report – Nickie Gunther: Updating Email List, organizing Rules & Regs, etc. Still receiving all of the needed documents and meeting minutes. Will be updating lists to make sure all members are accounted for. Nickie Gunther made the motion that Club Email List be opened up to include club information, events, happenings, etc. Not to include sales, sexual content, religion or politics that do not pertain to the happenings of the NWMHC. Content to be monitored by the Secretary and overseen by the Board of Directors. Joanne Ross – seconded. PASSED.

Treasurers Report – Jodi Bennett: Suggested that we check in to central repository for records. Jodi made the MOTION to create a “Statement of Work” to have Jane Taylor organize, scan, post records and return them to the NWMHC. Motion Seconded by Margaret Slape. PASSED.

Financial Report was distributed. The NWMHC lost \$13,423.98 in 2011. Current lost in 2012 \$523.35. CD Balance is \$13849.14. No deposits have been made on facilities at this time. 21 Memberships for 2012 have been received.

Jodi will also facilitate help from Jane Taylor regarding club taxes, nonprofit status, etc.

Research has been taking place for other banking options for club – On Point Credit Union, locations Vancouver, WA to Eugene, OR. Cost of business account is \$10.00 and \$100.00 to open. None of the fees that Chase has at this time. Also researching possible “Line of Credit”. Joanne Ross made the

MOTION to have Jodi continue research into possible new Credit Union and Line of Credit and also find out when current CD matures and report back to the Board. Seconded – Nickie Gunther. PASSED.

Jodi also presented the “Square”. A device to swipe credit cards which plugs in to a smartphone. Will do more research and present to the club at the Winter Meeting.

Virus protection on club computer is outdated and expired. Susie Gunther made the MOTION that Jodi research free software and if it is not sufficient, that she go ahead and be authorized to upgrade/renew current virus protection. Joanne Ross – Seconded. PASSED

Joanne Ross made the MOTION that all monies except for show entries are to be sent to the Treasurer and all documentation addresses be updated. Margaret Slape – Seconded. PASSED

Western Regionals – Status – Matt Davern & Polly Hyde (via phone): Matt has spoken with Laura Mullen. The Regional Staff would appreciate the help of the NWMHC by donating club obstacles & jumps, setting up center ring, providing a list of hotels/restaurants, locating a printer in Eugene, OR, and with vendors and sponsorships.

Gelding Incentive Fund – Susie Gunther (appointed Co-Chair): Checks from 2011 season that were handed out at Fall Meeting have not been mailed as no addresses were provided. Suggested that GIF standings be updated after each show on website.

Awards Committee - No Report Given: Margaret Slape requested permission to have another wood slat added to the Twiggy trophy in order to have new name added – approved. Heather Redmond brought up the possibility of adding an Annual Award in the Memory of Gary Jensen (Gpa). Suggestion made that YEA Sponsor list be given to the Webmaster once a month in order to publish current list on NWMHC Website. Margaret Slape presented the possibility of changing YEA to a more limited amount. Joanne Ross made the MOTION to keep the YEA as they are and to work on the presentation of them at the 2012 YEA Banquet. Nickie Gunther – Seconded. PASSED. Nickie Gunther and Heather Redmond will be in charge of a Power Point Presentation of all YEA recipients at the YEA Banquet.

Finance Committee – Margaret Slape: Margaret reported that she would like to see more committee members.

Futurity – Linda Easton: Has not received any past info. New ideas for Futurity discussed and to be reviewed by committee and brought to Winter Meeting.

Website – Jodi Bennett: Pictures still appreciated. Mail them to the webmaster. Jodi will check on Paypal options. Joanne Ross made the MOTION that GIF Chairperson submit list of sponsors, \$ amounts and sponsor website/email to the webmaster AND Year End Awards Chairperson submit the same list to the webmaster, both by 3/1/12. Margeret Slape – Seconded. PASSED.

Club Administrator – Sheryl Peterson:

At the suggestion of the Board, Matt Davern appointed Sheryl Peterson to be new Club Administrator.

Newsletter – Joanne Ross: New options for Newsletter being explored. 11x17 folded News, 8 pages Bulk Mail Rate \$.20 per copy if at least 200 addresses. News committee will continue to research ideas for 2 time yearly news and 2012 Membership Directory. Joanne made a MOTION that we include a free business card ad in the 2012 Membership Directory for those who pay their 2012 NWMHC Membership fee in full by 2/1/12 AND provide her with a copy of the business card by that date. Nickie Gunther – Seconded. PASSED

Stakes Classes – Nickie Gunther: New class ideas are being discussed for 2012 season. Also new structure for stakes classes. \$3 from each entry will be given to NWMHC, except for Gelding stakes classes, which will donate that \$3 entry per class to the Gelding Incentive Fund. Also will be implementing a “minimum 3 entry rule” in 2012. Stakes classes will be presented to Show Coordinators ASAP in order to get into premiums.

Winter Meeting – (Report given by Susie Gunther): There will be a raffle for Youth and Building costs as usual. A NWMHC Member Tack Swap will also be added.

Winter Meeting Schedule:	9-10:30AM	Show Committee & Committee Meetings
	11-12:00	General Meeting
	12-1:00	Lunch
	1:00	General Meeting Continues

Youth Committee – No Report Given: Discussion regarding possible creation of Youth Board of Directors. Youth welcoming committee at shows as well as a Youth Booth.

Show Committee – Susie Gunther: Emerald Valley Class List rough draft was presented. Contracts signed for all shows this year. Deposit for Can-Am already paid. Deposits for Emerald Valley and Willamette Valley will be sent. Idaho State show included in NW Points this year, also has Arabian and Quarter Horse show/stallion auction same weekend.

Matt announced that we will have two people interested in the Show Announcer position in 2012 present at the winter meeting.

NWMHC Facebook page – Summer Sayles has set up NWMHC page. Club would like to have access to that in order to use in conjunction with website and Club Email.

Rookie of the Year – Joanne Ross made the suggestion that we change Rookie of the Year to be “Rookie Recognition” and do away with the actual Rookie of the Year, Year End Award. The BOD approved to take this to the membership at the Winter Meeting.

Scott Creek Farm will be holding a Judging Clinic March 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Wayne Hipsley guest speaker.

NWMHC Schooling Clinic – dates are still reserved for April 14-15<sup>th</sup>. Funding in the form of donation from farms is still being researched.

Susie Gunther moved that we adjourn the meeting @ 6:06PM. PASSED.