

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 28th, 2012
Kit Carson Restaurant, Chehalis, WA

Called to order by Matt Davern at 11:25 AM.

Motion was made to accept minutes as published on the NWMHC website. PASSED

Presidents Report – Matt Davern – I am excited about new board we have in place. We should concentrate on new members joining and past members coming back to the club. Please invite all of the people who have not rejoined back to the club. Focus on positive outlook for the future. In 2012 we will have new employees at the shows, new board members. The Western Regional in Eugene, OR is going to be a good thing for this club.

Vice President – Susie Gunther - Apologize for rescheduling this winter meeting and thank you for being able to attend.

Secretary – Nickie Gunther - Working on getting NWMHC email set up, email addresses corrected and updated as per Membership List. Open to suggestions and input as to what the Membership would like to see and better ways to communicate. There is a new email address for the club email northwestminiaturehorseclub@gmail.com

Treasurer – Jodi Bennett - Would like the membership to know that they can contact her with concerns/questions at any time. If you have questions just ask. Other than things that are private by law, she will be there to answer any questions. Profit and Loss Sheet was distributed. Chart of Accounts was in disarray and is being redone to be properly structured.

PRESENTATION FROM ANNOUNCER CANDIDATE – DAN SAVAGE

Followed by Lunch Break

RESUME MEETING AT 1:12 PM

Introduction of new Administrator – Sheryl Peterson. She picked up all of the meeting info from LaVon during lunch break. Sheryl is working on a Membership drive, sending personal invitations to those who have not rejoined the club in hopes of gaining their memberships back. Changes this year include, our Treasurer is the only person taking \$ this year for anything other than show entries. Thank you to LaVon for absolutely everything you have done.

Directors Report – Kate Beevers & Margaret Slape – Nothing at this time.

Kate Beevers – Welfare Committee Report. Has a list of each Sheriffs Dept in WA

and OR – remember when you encounter a case that you want to have reported, take pictures and report before you do ANYTHING especially feed, water, etc. Body score information available and info will be on website.

Announcer Discussion – Discussion regarding Announcer position, pros and cons. Membership majority made the recommendation to the board to hire Dan Savage.

AMHA Directors Report – Written by Polly Hyde and read by Nickie Gunther. Polly wanted to thank those who worked so hard alongside her to get the Western Regionals in our area. She is going to the AMHA National Convention in February and would like a headcount from our Members as to how many horses they are bringing in order to present that to the AMHA at the convention.

Committee Reports

Bylaws: Lisa Pichler – Change to bylaws regarding the “News” since it is being changed to the ENews. Discussion as to whether we need to change the Bylaws regarding the News and rules/regs/changes being sent out. The Membership decided that the bylaws can remain the same since the Email News will still be “The News”. Also, Article 8, Standing Committees – it has been brought up to Lisa as to why the Committee Descriptions are listed in the Bylaws and not in the Rules & Regs. Sheryl Peterson brought up that the reason that it was added to the bylaws was in order to hold committee chairs responsible for any money taken regarding their committee. Since then these have been changed so that the committee chair does not collect any money. Lisa Pichler has volunteered to bring a synopsis to the board in order to clean up the club bylaws as far as standing committees versus floating committees and will report to the board before April 15th, 2012.

Gelding Incentive Fund – Lisa Pichler - \$1820 in the gelding incentive fund as of right now. Kim Schulte will be donating a piece of her art for the Gelding Raffle that will be at the Emerald Valley Classic. Thank you Kim. Budget of \$100 set aside for a “special gelding”. One award per show breaks down to \$33.33 per show. Her recommendation is that each time a gelding enters a GELDING class, that horse gets a raffle ticket to go in to a drawing for the item for that show. One gelding cannot win twice in one year. To include all classes that include the word “GELDING” in the title. Lisa will herself OR have someone to hand out the raffle ticket to each gelding in that gelding class OR Lisa will create tickets in order to give to our ring steward. Sheryl P MOVES THAT WE IMPLIMENT THE GELDING APPRECIATION AWARD AS WRITTEN. Helen 2nd PASSED.

Rules & Regulations – Susie Gunther – Rules & Regulations and Bylaws are two committees that are combining in order to work more efficiently. SHERYL P MAKES A MOTION THAT WE CHANGE THE RULES AND REGULATIONSS TO NOTE THAT AT THE WINTER MEETING WE DROP THE “GELDING” PART FROM THE RAFFLE AND MAKE THE PROCEEDS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE COST OF THE BUILDING GO TOWARD ONLY THE YOUTH FUND. Kate 2nd and PASSED.

Elections and Nominating Committee – Sue Ann Dayton - SHERYL P MOVED THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED FROM OUR 2011 BOD elections. Helen 2nd – PASSED.

Finance – Margaret Slape- Margaret Slape is Chairperson. Club is hurting financially; we have to do everything that we can to get ourselves out of the red and in to the black. Promoting our club, entries, watching our spending, etc.

Stallion Auction – Nickie Gunther – Chairman – Heather Redmond, Lisa Pichler and Christina Terpenning on committee to organize a 2013 Stallion Auction. Will present to membership at Fall Meeting.

Futurity – Linda Easton - has taken over committee. Started database on Excel spreadsheet to keep track of all nominations/sustentions. That will be kept and be able to forward to whoever takes over in the future. In order to make more \$ on futurity, allow late entries but double the fee for late entries. However, mare must be nominated 30 days before is actually born. Suggested to have Certificate created for each nomination. Recommendation to implement late nominations and sustaining as well as gaining sponsors for awards. Linda E. MAKES A MOTION THAT WE ALLOW LATE PAYMENTS AT DOUBLE THE USUAL FEE FOR NOMINATING MARES UP TO 30 DAYS PRIOR TO FOALING AND DOUBLE SUSTAINING FEE FOR THOSE YEARLINGS/TWO YEAR OLDS THAT WERE NOT SUSTAINED BY DEC 31ST Heather 2nd PASSED. Linda will email Nickie to get this out to membership. ALSO...Linda was asked to implement the use of certificates for nominated/sustained

Publicity – Matt Davern - Matt has been in touch with KATU regarding Schooling Clinic, etc. Also recommended that Matt and the publicity committee work on getting in touch with news stations in Eugene regarding Regionals. Lisa P would like to get in touch with news stations that will allow advertising for non profits. Julie H would like to list in free magazine calendars for shows. Show Manager or show coordinators to be listed as contacts.

Hospitality – Susie Gunther – committee has been non-functioning in the past. Revamping and asking for volunteers to be “greeters” at the shows this year. Anyone with ideas, send to Susie. Sheryl P to check on adding a label to current flyers with contact northwestminiaturehorseclub@gmail.com

Website - Jodi Bennett - handout was distributed showing total hits, new visitors, etc. to website. Trying to keep the website up to date and easy to use. Discussion followed regarding adding Paypal to the website. Also adding a “poll” to the website regarding what interests are on website. Membership liked the idea of adding Paypal in order to pay for membership, entry fees, etc. Jodi will sponsor the cost of the paypal on the website IF it is less than \$20.00 per month. LINDA E MAKES A MOTION TO IMPLIMENT PAYPAL ON TO THE WEBSITE FOR ALL CLUB RELATED FEES. HELEN 2nd PASSED.

Alternative Activities - Joanne Ross – Clinic at Scott Creek Farm – Scott Creek is

holding a clinic March 3rd and 4th featuring Wayne Hipsley. Saturday March 3rd will include "Judging of Halter and Performance for Miniature Horses". Sunday, the 4th "Marketing Horses in a Difficult Economy". Start time both days is 10AM. \$25.00 to attend each day. This is a lecture clinic. No horses allowed.

Newsletter – Joanne – Goal is to get a print copy out first week of March. 2 print copies per year and the remainder on the website/electronic.

Regional Class Sponsorships – Regular Class Sponsorships will be \$100.00 with sign. Discount of \$50.00 to use your own sign OR if you do not care to have a sign. \$25.00 to AMHA and the rest to cover the sign, the rest to the NWMHC. JOANNE ROSS MADE THE MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THESE FEES AS PRINTED. SHERYL P – 2nd. PASSED.

Western Regional Committee – Kate Beevers, Carole Heermann, Sheryl Peterson, Christina Tarpenning, Julie Hemingway, Linda Easton, Dominique Eaton, Joanne Ross, Heather Redmond. Carole Heermann is CHAIR. Susie G has spoken to Major (OHC) about having a dinner at the restaurant there, as a taco bar buffet for \$8 per person or 9.90 per person for BBQ buffet. OR we can let the cook shack that we do not need them at that time, and hold our own meal NOT in the kitchen area. Also follow up with Vendors for the Regionals. Western Regional Logo presented. JOANNE MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE WESTERN REGIONAL T-SHIRT, ADOPTING THE LOGO PRESENTED. Sheryl P- 2nd PASSED. For Greeters – Carole Heermann offered her t-shirts.

Stakes Classes – Nickie Gunther – Stakes classes for 2012 will consist of three classes at each show. There will be an All Ages Gelding Halter Stakes class at each show, with \$3 from the entry fee to go to the Gelding Incentive Fund. \$3 from each entry in the other two classes will go to the NWMHC. Also there will be "buckle" series with a year-end award for the horse that earns the most stakes \$ throughout the year.

Year End Banquet – Kate Beevers – Discussion about moving the Year End Banquet back to Woodland area. SUSIE G MAKES A MOTION THAT WE MAKE CAROLE HEERMANN THE NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR YEAR END BANQUET. KATE 2nd. PASSED. Also, possible help from Youth Group for decorations.

Winter Meeting – Lisa Pichler - Lisa Pichler MAKES THE MOTION WE HAVE THE WINTER MEETING AS A ONE DAY MEETING AGAIN IN 2013. Heather Redmond - 2nd PASSED.

Youth – No Report Given - Margaret Slape has offered to be the Board Liaison for the Committee. Discussion regarding possible youth meetings, events and creation of NWMHC Youth Facebook page.

Discussion regarding current NWMHC Facebook page. Membership would like to see something a little more user friendly. Sheryl Peterson MOVED THAT NICKIE G CREATE A NWMHC YOUTH AND A NW MINIATURE HORSE CLUB SITE ON FACEBOOK. Lisa P 2nd. PASSED.

Year End Awards – Dawn Sayles via Heather Redmond. - Checking on year end awards but doesn't know what awards we will be able to afford till later in the year when sponsorships come in.

Ribbons/Trophies – No Report Given

Show Manager – Rinda Pullen –7 of 8 Judges contracted for 2012 season. If the membership would like to send in their registration papers early, she will accept those starting now.

Judges:

Emerald Valley Classic: Roger Eitel, Patricia Hough, Margo Hepner -Hart

Can-Am Classic: Frank Parker, Deborah Walter-Schleim, and Chris Bickford

Willamette Valley Classic: Billy Heseltine – 2nd Judge still to be determined.

Roger Eitel and Deborah Walter-Schleim are World Show Judges.

The idea of exhibitors meetings came up – discussion was that we quit holding them in the past as no one had time to attend. . Idea of New Exhibitor Meeting a possibility or possible form email sent out a few days before travel time with info for show.

Show Committee – Susie Gunther - Susie Gunther gave definition of new “per owner” charge – only one owner will be charged this fee per horse. EX: If a horse is on a co-ownership, only one owner fee will be charged.

Show Coordinators Reports –

Schooling Clinic - Margaret Slape -Schooling Clinic is pending. Tentatively scheduled at Longview Fairgrounds on April 14th, 2012. Margaret said that it takes most the day to do the schooling clinic itself. Approval is sent to AMHA for \$500 donation. Requested the cutoff date for funds to be extended until after the AMHA Convention. Lisa Pichler will supply doughnuts, coffee, pizza – Margaret Slape will send email to Amateur Director and copy Polly regarding possibility of AMHA Amateur Funds. Lisa Pichler suggested to have Amateur Exhibitors to write letters to AMHA about the Clinic. Farms willing to contribute to Clinic Costs: Carole Heermann , Matt Davern, Sheryl Peterson, Joanne Ross. RECOMMENDED TO EXTEND CUT OFF DAY FOR FUNDS NEEDED FOR SCHOOLING CLINIC TIL AFTER THE AMHA CONVENTION – DEADLINE WILL NOW BE THE 18TH. **MOTION BARB McDonald; 2nd – Dave Sandeno PASSED.

EMERALD VALLEY CLASSIC – Margaret Slape, Julie Hemingway, Nickie Gunther - Class List is approved and done. Stalls are \$66 plus market cost of shavings. Lisa Pichler is the stall manager. Must have cash in hand for shavings when you arrive at the show. Lisa will take \$ for shavings. She will be there beginning Thursday night to set up stalls and check people in. Money can be sent to her before the show to cover for shavings in stalls. Rinda and Lisa will stay in touch about who has paid for shavings via the entry form. Topic of wet shavings last year at OHC – Lisa will make sure to ask them about that this year and make sure we have dry shavings. Addition being built at

OHC so you will enter to the right when you arrive at OHC.

CAN AM CLASSIC – Dave Sandeno – Contract in hand. RV price went up – Have had trouble in the past with people not paying for RV spots – Barbara McDonald volunteered to be RV Person and make sure that all are paid that are plugged in. All the stalls at the Tacoma Unit should now be matted. **DAVE MAKES A MOTION THAT WE UPDGRADE THE STALL FEES FROM 55.00 TO \$65.00 INCLUDING SHAVINGS. Sheryl P 2nd - PASSED. ALSO DAVE MADE THE MOTION TO RAISE THE RV FEES FROM 15-17.00 Sheryl P - 2nd. FOR: 6 AGAINST: 10 MOTION FAILED – DAVE MADE THE MOTION WE RAISE THE RV FEES TO 20.00 PER NIGHT – Jodi B - 2nd. For: 11 Against: 4 PASSED.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CLASSIC – Helen Halderman - Susie G has done all negotiating with Albany. Bulk shavings – need to figure out how to monitor shaving use. Check in to how other clubs that have shown at that location have handled the shavings situation; \$2000.00 per truckload of shavings. Can we bring our own shavings? Susie or Helen will find out. Barb McDonald said she spoke to someone who shows pinto there, and they charge \$75 per stall with shavings included. Class list is done. Deposit has not been made for this show. \$2100.00. Need to fill 100 stalls to make this show affordable. CAROLE HEERMANN MOVES THAT WE GRANT THE BOARD THE ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE THE BULK SHAVINGS SITUATION AND MAKE THE DETERMINATION ON WHAT TO DO REGARDING FEES. LISA P 2nd. PASSED.

OREGON STATE FAIR – Matt Davern - Trying to get show dates changed to Fri, Sat, Sun rather than Mon and Tues. Consensus is that we want the 1st weekend of the fair NOT the holiday weekend. Carole Heermann brought up problem of water wagon not being used last year Matt will follow up on being able to get that out more often. Also trying to arrange classes to start later in the day when the public is actually there rather than the usual 8AM start.

Idaho Show – Stallion Breeding Auction – Show premiums will be online as well as will be sent to the NWMHC. Twin Falls, ID. Next year is in Caldwell, ID. Make sure info for this show is on the website www.intermountainminiaturehorseclub.com

Spring BC show – Friday AMHR Sat/Sun AMHA – June 8-10.

Club Trailer - Margaret Slape said that the Club trailer at her house, working on inventory and will be hauling it to the shows. CAROLE MOVED THAT WE PUT REGIONAL SHOW DATES ON TRAILER. KATE BEEVERS WILL SPONSOR THE MAGNETIC SIGN TO GO ON TRAILER WITH REGIONALS INFO OR THE LETTERING TO BE REDONE ON TRAILER TO MAKE IT UNIFORM.

New Show Steward - Gwen Rinkel's daughter Sara will be our Show Steward for 2012 – she will be assisting with measuring as well. She will be staying with Gwen. Both Gwen and Sara are being considered for use at Regional Show as well.

NWMHC Ad in the World Magazine – Membership dues must be in my 3/1/12 and the drawing for the focus ad portion of the World Magazine ad will be held on 3/15/12. To be considered for the World Club Ad Focus you must have your dues in by 3/1/12.

New business – Barb McDonald added that we should add a Tack Sale/Swap to the Schooling Clinic and ask for donation to the club from anyone selling items.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 5:00PM Passed.