

NWMHC GENERAL WINTER MEETING

October 22, 2016

Clackamas, OR

1. The meeting was called to order, at 1:20pm, by President Susie Gunther.
2. Roll call: **PRESENT:** President Susie Gunther, VP Christine Houts, VP-Elect Julie Hemenway, Treasurer Kathy Howard, Recording Secretary Janine McDonald, Club Administrator Judy Howard, Director Christine Houts, Director Joanne Ross, Director Kathy Sammons, Cindy Saum, Linda Van Fleet, Sharon Dickens, Linda Van Fleet, Katie Hansen, Sheryl Peterson, John Bosse, Lisa Mangles, Sarah Rinkel, Rinda Pullen, Gwen Rinkel, Carol Elvin, Kathy Howard (WA), Mike and Arlene Dickinson, Chuck and Bambi Roylance, Heather Kahl, Bob and Barbara Kahl
3. **MOTION** was made to approve the Winter Meeting minutes, as posted on the NWMHC website, by Joanne Ross. Kathy Howard seconded and all approved.
4. **President's Report** given by Susie Gunther.

Thank you everybody for being a part of the club this year. A very special thank you to the people who volunteered on a committee, or as a coordinator for a show, and to the Officers and Board of Directors.

This year has been a very positive year for us. Maybe not in dollars, but in the rebuilding of comradery.

The youth, well what can I say other than amazing. At Emerald Valley, when all of the adults were looking on, they took matters into their own hands and had the water, mud and confusion all taken care of. Good job!

There are some really great ideas being presented at this meeting, to make 2017 even better. As our shows had some ups and downs, we hope these new ideas will help our bottom line for the future.

Our banquet tonight honors all the miles, hard work, hours and money that you the membership have devoted.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the NWMHC.

Susie Gunther

5. **Treasurer's Report** given by Kathy Howard:

Same report as was given during the BOD's meeting, with a few additions listed below. Please see the BOD Meeting minutes for more details.

- We kind of fell off the board, as far as silent auctions, this year. Our goal is to have silent auctions at every show next year. We only had one 50/50 and it was at the CanAm show. The plan is to have 50/50 raffles at all shows next year.
- We want to thank Linda Van Fleet for putting on a schooling show this year. Linda donated \$250 of the proceeds to the Youth.
- Anyone wanting copies of the financials can email Kathy Howard and she will be happy to email you them. Club checking account has a balance, as of October 1st, of \$12,642.21. The club CD has a balance of \$12,828.25. So combined, the club has approximately \$25,000. The \$12,000+ in checking is needed to cover the start-up expenses on next year's shows. We don't want to touch the CD for those expenses, as that would incur early withdrawal penalties.
- Question was asked as to how we lost roughly \$2,600 at the CanAm show. Answer was that we only had 55 horses enter and it just didn't pay. It was a 3 day show this year, which is why we will be suggesting that it get changed to a 2 day show in 2017. Each day costs roughly \$3,500 to \$4,500. We need to do a better job at getting more participation up there. Some big trainers, in that area, have left the club.

6. **Audit Report** given by Janine McDonald.

- Judy Howard sent the Audit Committee all of the financials this Spring. No errors were found. There was nothing to report. Next audit will be performed in the Spring of 2017.

7. **National Director's Report** given by Joanne Ross.

First I want to thank you, the AMHA members, for your interest and support. My first 3 year term, as director of Region 8, is nearing completion. Boy did it seem to go fast. Region 8 includes Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho. There will be two candidates on the ballot, coming out in mid to late November, myself and Sheryl Peterson. I encourage you to participate in the election, by returning your ballots to AMHA, for the candidate of your choice.

One of the by-law changes passed in 2016, which was an important issue with our members, was the reopening of the hardship to AMHR horses. As requested by the majority of the members, I voted in favor of this by-law change, even though I did not feel it was in the best interest of the AMHA breeder. It passed by a few votes. Only one Region 8 member took advantage of this opportunity to add market value to their AMHR horse. With the opening of the AMHR hardship to Shetlands, there have been some big concerns about the impact of this change on the miniature horse, expressed by AMHR members who attended the AMHR Nationals. I understand they actually had some Hackney bred ponies showing in the 34-38 division. This could have a spillover effect on AMHA and what the AMHA horse might be in the future. Cathie Edmunds, from Southern California, had posted an excellent treatise on her Facebook page and I have shared it on my Facebook page. It is worth reading.

Looking forward to 2017, the next AMHA activity is the Annual Meeting, which will be held in Las Vegas at South Point. This is an equine focused casino and hotel. You can watch events in the arena, while eating in one of the restaurants. I am happy to announce our own President, Susie Gunther, was the winner of the lodging package raffle (a fund raiser for the World AOTE awards). A deluxe suite, with breakfast and dinner for two, was included with the 3 night stay. This is always a very educational and stimulating experience and an opportunity to participate in the decision making processes of AMHA. The meeting will be February 23-26. Make plans to attend now and stay over to see some of the shows.

The next event is the AMHA Western Championship Show, which will be held in Eugene, Oregon at the Oregon Horse Center July 21-23. To keep this show rotating between Region 8 and Region 9, we need to demonstrate our enthusiasm by having a strong Northwest turnout for this show. We also want to bump up the fun with exhibitor activities such as a spaghetti feed before the restaurant opens, maybe a karaoke party, some sort of exhibitor raffle, some fun events like a boot race relay....your suggestions are welcomed. One thought for our club is to discuss whether we want this show to count in our NW high point awards, to encourage our members' support of this show.

Most of you know that the AMHA World Show will be 30 days earlier this year, starting August 26 and going through September 2, 2017. The judges will be John Wolf, Sid Hutchcraft, Dana Gardner, Margo Shallcross, Vanessa Mullen and James Rutledge. The 3 judge system was instituted this year with a savings of \$35,000 for the show. There were pros and cons expressed by the exhibitors. The International Day and the free International Gambler's Choice Halter Class was said to be the highlight of many exhibitors. Contestants picked a card with the name of a horse they would show. These were top halter horses donated by US owners for the class. International flags were donated by Double E Ranch. People yelled and waved their flags for the 11 contestants during the class. Exhibitors were placed as top ten and then a champion and a reserve champion. It is recommended to be held again in 2017. There were about 600 horses, at the show, with an average of 3.8 entries per horse. That number is very similar to last year.

- Kathy Howard brought up a question about the 3 judge system. A gripe about the 3 judge system was that when we had it before, before we went to the 5, if a horse won 2 firsts out of the 3 judges, they were automatically the first place horse. There was one case this year where 2 judges placed a horse 1st and the 3rd judge placed the same horse 8th, 9th or 10th. Another horse placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th, under all 3 judges, receiving more points and thus won the class. This is going to be a big discussion and you can go

to the February meeting and help with the discussion, or you can give Joanne your thoughts and she'll bring them up at the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, the best thing would be to email your Show Committee and tell them your feelings about it.

- John Bosse commented that, as a newbie, the one thing that wouldn't make him want to go to Worlds again is the judging. John brought up that the judges should make the people square up their horses. They also seemed to favor the same people, no matter the horse. Joanne commented that she hasn't been happy that they're allowing them to stretch the horses without asking them to square up. People need to write their LOC and complain. We had a person, measuring at the Western Regionals in Reno, who did an awful job. Everybody was in an uproar and complained to Laura, the manager of the show. Joe, the President, was there doing the gate, so people complained to him as well. Joe told the people to write the License Officials Committee, who are in charge of the judging and the measuring. Joanne emailed and she also called them. The person in question was supposed to measure at the World Show but was removed. He still had a contract, so they made him the observer. So if you take your time, to let your committees know, there can be some changes. If everyone leaves it for someone else to do, nothing will happen. Joanne will ask Laura to have a conversation with the judges, letting them know how we expect them to judge. These are the rules and members have expressed concerns about them not being followed. Rinda stated that AMHA has judge evaluation sheets you can fill out as well. They are in the office with Rinda and Rinda will make sure they get back to the LOC. You can fill one out, whether you are showing or not and whether you are a member or not.

8. **By-Laws, Rules and Regs Report** given by Julie Hemenway.

The following proposals can be reworded, amended, etc. You can send suggestions to Julie. These will then be voted on at the Winter Meeting.

- A proposal change, to section 5.01, is for directors' election and duration of term. It was discussed that we change it from *"a director shall be elected for a period of 2 three year periods"* to change it to *"every two years"*, since three years seems like forever. The change also would state *"One director term expires each year. A new director shall be elected each year to fill the vacancy"*. A discussion followed, saying that there are 3 director positions, meaning that if changed to a 2 year term, 2 of the positions would be vacant every other year. The 3 year term is so that one position is up for election each year and there is some consistency retained. The problem is that we've recently not had any last the 3 years. This is just a proposal so any suggestions can be given to Julie. We're one of a very few clubs that have BOD positions go for a 3 year term. If changed to a 2 year term, perhaps only have 2 director positions.
- An add-on proposal to the officers and duties, which is section 4.01 officer's eligibility, *"Any senior member in good standing, for a minimum of one year, has attended not less than one meeting prior to the Fall meeting shall be eligible to hold office. However, all candidates for the office of President and Vice President must have been members in good standing for no less than 2 years and held at least one previous elected office. In the event these eligibility requirements prevent filling an office of President or Vice President, they may be waived on a motion and affirmative vote from the membership."* It was brought to our attention that a person should be a member and at least attend a meeting before being elected to a position. People have filled positions and then 6 months later they resign. For instance, the Vice President position handles all of the shows, which is the heart of the club, and the elected person needs to understand this before taking the position on.
- A proposed change for the Rules and Regulations. It would actually go underneath the point system for all AMHA approved classes, per judge, for NW club year-end awards category, to add a ½ point for participating in our shows. A discussion ensued where it was stated that 1 point would be easier to add than ½ point. On the other hand, 7th place currently gets 1 point, so a participant would get as much as someone placing 7th. Julie was asked to amend this change to 1 point, versus the ½ point. We used to have the participation point but we lost it in the past 4 years or so. This will bring it back.

- A housekeeping cleanup proposal. Our website currently says “2016 High Point Categories”. The proposal is to take the year off, so that it doesn’t have to be changed each year.
- A proposal to breakdown AOTE classes into Level 1 and Level 2. This would add 7 more divisions that would add up to a total of 14 awards. The classes that would be broken down are AOTE Stallions, AOTE Mares, AOTE Geldings, AOTE Single Pleasure Driving, AOTE Country Pleasure Driving, AOTE Classic Pleasure Driving and AOTE Roadster. This is a proposal for 2017.
- At this time, no one else has come forward with any By-law rules or changes. Some other stuff that was brought up at the October 8th Show Committee meeting, was already in the Rules and Regulations. They have just not been enforced and that is concerning post entries and gate holds. There is a form people are supposed to fill out, if they want a gate hold. All gate holds must be requested, at the office, no less than 4 classes in advance of requested hold. These gate holds will be issued at no more than 2 minutes.

Judy Howard brought up a discussion about how we revamped the high point year-end awards last year. She suggested that we offer the Youth what we offer the Amateur or vice versa. What we have for the Amateurs is Amateur Level 1 Halter and Amateur Level 2 Halter, the same thing for driving and then we just have overall Amateur Performance. For Youth, they are broken out Youth 13-18 overall, 8-12 overall and then 7 and under overall. What Judy would like changed is that the Youth be broken down to 13-18 Halter, 8-12 Halter, 7 and under Halter, 13-18 Driving, 12 and under Driving and then have a Youth Performance, which would include Hunter, Jumper, Versatility, Halter Obstacle, Obstacle Driving. Judy was asked to write this proposal up, so that it can be sent out to the whole group. It will then be presented at the Spring Meeting and voted on. Any member can make proposals. Just find out who the chairperson is of that committee and get a write up of your proposal to them.

9. **Futurity Committee Report** given by Linda Van Fleet.

- As of January 23rd this year, the Futurity account had a balance of \$585. The Emerald Valley show in May brought in \$35 in entry fees. \$315 was paid out to Futurity winners at the Emerald Valley show. The CanAm show in June brought in \$35 in entry fees. \$147.50 was paid out to Futurity winners at the CanAm show, leaving a \$192.50 balance in the account. This balance breaks down to \$112.50 for the 2015 foals and \$80 for the 2016 foals. There are 7 2016 foals that can be sustained for the 2017 yearling Futurity. There are 3 2015 foals that can be sustained for the 2017 2-year-old Futurity. The names have been posted on the NWMHC Facebook page.
- The committee was asked to come up with some ideas as to how to gain more participation. The following discussion was started in the BOD Meeting. Please also see #6 of the BOD Meeting minutes. The Futurity Rules currently read *“Both sire and dam must be registered with the AMHA and the owners must be members of the NWMHC. Foal must be Norwest bred, which is defined as the breeder residing in the AMHA Region 8, Alberta or British Columbia.”* The proposed change would read *“Both sire and dam must be registered with the AMHA. The owner of the dam, at the time of nomination, must be a member of the NWMHC.”* This way, if you should buy a bred mare outside of the NW, you could then nominate the foal once the mare was in your name. This would also make it so that the owner of the sire wouldn’t have to be a member of the NW club. You can breed your NW mare to any stallion, just as long as the foal is born in the NW Region. Since this was a recommendation from the committee, it was voted on. All voted yes, so this **MOTION** was passed. This change will be written up and posted on the website.

The way that you participate in the Futurity is when you have a pregnant mare; you can nominate the foal in utero (before it’s born) up to 30 days prior to foaling. The form is on the website. The Futurity rules are also there. February 1st is the deadline but, if you miss this date, you can still nominate the foal up to 30 days prior to it being born. There is just an additional late deadline fee, which is \$10 right now. The Futurity is for yearlings and 2-year-olds. After the foal is born, you then have to sustain it for the yearling Futurity and then once again for the 2-year-old Futurity. The sustaining forms are on the website and need to be turned in by the February 1st deadline. They can still be sustained, after February 1st, up to the closing date of the Futurity

show (Emerald Valley for 2 year olds; CanAm for yearlings) with an additional late fee. Entry into the class is \$35. All money received is paid out.

10. **Gelding Committee Report** given by Julie Hemenway.

There is \$1,554.05 currently in the Gelding fund. The 5 cents was a carryover from 2015. The breakdown is as follows: Sponsors \$563; Afghan auction \$175; Show entries \$350; Silent auctions \$466. No ribbon tickets were donated this year.

The Gelding Committee is asking for farm sponsors. This will be brought up at the banquet as well. If anyone would like to be on the Gelding Committee, please volunteer.

11. **Website Report** given by Susie Gunther.

- John was asked to come to the banquet but couldn't make it. Because of his hard work on the website, the club sent him a \$50 Amazon gift card this year, in appreciation. John is excellent at changing things on the website, if you bring it to Susie's attention. If you see something, that needs fixing, please let Susie know. If anyone would ever like to help us with the website, please let us know. We are willing to take on help from any and all volunteers.
- During the week of Regionals, the hits on our NWMHC Facebook page went up 200%. Approximately half of the extra hits were from non-club members.

The website comes up differently, depending on what device you're using. It appears to be a Mac or iPhone issue. Others believe it is a Chrome versus Firefox issue. This problem has been brought up to John but it hasn't been fixed yet.

12. **Winter Meeting** discussion started by Susie Gunther.

Janine was asked if she'd checked out any sites for the Winter Meeting. Janine hadn't, as Susie had suggested that we perhaps find a place to bring food into, instead of the Jollie's Restaurant we've gone to the past couple of years. We went to holding the meeting at Jollie's, in order to save the club money. Do we want to spend money on a grange-type location instead? Kathy Howard recommended we stick with Jollie's, as it costs the club nothing. Consensus from the group was that we meet again at Jollie's. Janine will call them and either book the weekend before or after the Super Bowl.

13. **Newsletter Committee** discussion started by Susie Gunther.

Joanne is overwhelmed with everything she is involved with. Susie asked how many people wanted to see a newsletter and how many people did not. Consensus was that most would like to see a newsletter. We don't want to consider the newsletter defunct, at this point, so please help out if interested. It would be nice to at least have 3 newsletters a year; one right after the Fall Meeting, one right before the Winter Meeting and one during the Summer. Barbara Kahl volunteered to be the chairperson of the Newsletter Committee.

14. **Youth Committee Report** given by Kathy Howard.

Same accounting report as was given during the BOD Meeting. Please see the BOD Fall Meeting minutes, page 2 bullet #6, of the Treasurer's Report.

Susie asked for volunteers to help the Youth Committee. Kathy Howard (WA) and Heather Kahl volunteered. Kailee Michelsen has also asked to be on the Youth Committee. Kathy, Heather and Kailee will discuss and decide on who will be the chairperson. Sue Newnham has also said that she'd like to help out at the Emerald Valley show. That is the only show she plans to attend, so she won't be able to help out at the other shows.

15. **Year-End Awards Banquet Committee Report** given by Judy Howard.

This year we had 23 Youth, 38 Amateurs and 155 Open horses that got points. This compares to last year where we had 23 Youth, 37 Amateurs and 142 Open horses that got points. There will be about 3 times the

awards, given out this year, in comparison to last year. The members of this committee are Judy Howard, Kathy Howard, Linda Van Fleet, Katie Hansen and Jessica Kimball. They worked hard to come up with nice awards for the money allotted.

Joanne and Lisa did a ribbon count last night. It looks like we'll probably have enough regular ribbons for next year. Heather and Barbara Kahl have graciously volunteered again to donate the supreme awards for all 3 of our shows next year. So the club is only going to have to purchase the grand and reserve ribbons. At the CanAm show, Kelsey received donations and purchased a really nice halter for the supreme winners, in addition to the neck ribbons. We hope to do this at all of our shows next year.

At tonight's banquet, there are going to be two really special awards handed out, at the end of the awards presentation. These awards were sponsored by Heather and Barbara Kahl. One will be handed out for the all-around Youth horse and the other will be handed out for the all-around Amateur/Open horse. Thank you again Heather and Barbara!

16. **Publicity Committee Report** given by Julie Hemenway

We put up the NW boards and brochures at the Mt. Hood / Gypsy show in April. Also, at the Oregon State Fair, Christine made sure that stalls were decorated in the main arena. Christine put up a NW Club table, out at the entrance, where the public could pick up brochures. Jessica and Christine also made sure that there were demonstrations with the miniatures, throughout the Fair. Jessica and Callie were also on the Nightly News.

Christine, Cindy, Carole and Julie went to the Canby Tack Sale in March. Our NW board was displayed there as well.

Cindy and Julie have what they call a "blue board" which is in a case. It needed a lot of cleanup. Glass was broken, pictures were moldy, mice got into it and the picture frames are old. The spotlights had to be thrown out, as mice ate holes in the cord. There were lots and lots of mice damage. The board has been cleaned up and Julie and Cindy are asking people to email photos, so they can be added to the board. The pictures will be velcroed onto the board, so they can easily be taken off for storage. This board will be stored in the trailer from now on.

17. **Show Manager Report** given by Rinda Pullen.

- The following procedures will be enforced as currently stated in the premium. All additions, that need to be made to the premium, are highlighted in **red**.
 - Stall requests **MUST** be accompanied by full payment **and submitted with entries**.
 - **No stall requests will be accepted by show coordinators**.
 - Requests received after the closing date will be assigned in the order received.
- Proposal to offer the judges a flat rate. This proposal is detailed out in the BOD Meeting minutes, on page 4, under New Business, bullet #9. Currently the club is paying approximately \$1,770 per judge, for a 3 day show, and \$1,320 per judge, for a 2 day show. These amounts do not include a rental car and are only for Oregon / Washington judges. Flat rates would make it easier for Rinda to call non local judges, as currently we pay a minimum of \$600 just for their air. Every show, except for WOW, Rinda gets one World judge to attend. Judges don't know how much we're cutting back on them, as they don't know how much we pay for their airfare, their hotel, etc. Giving them a flat fee can actually benefit the judge, by booking airfare using their frequent flyer miles, getting hotel deals that they're privy to, sharing a car rental or hotel room with another judge, etc. They can actually pocket more money. In the past, we've had judges actually ask us for a flat rate. If this doesn't work, Rinda can always come back with more suggestions. Since this was a proposal, it was voted on. All voted yes, so this **MOTION** was passed.
- Our walkie-talkies are very old. Rinda talked to several people and took them into places to have them serviced. A couple places reported back differently, so Rinda researched some more. All of the radios are

at least 25 years old. The batteries are supposed to be changed every 10 years. Batteries can be bought for fairly cheap. The problem is with the headsets. Only 1 headset, out of the 4, still works. We need at least 2 pairs of headsets. Rinda can't buy replacement headsets, which will connect to the radios we have, because they are so old. Besides that, around 2003 the FCC changed the regulations, so the bandwidth on our radios is now illegal. Doubt they'd ever come after us but they could. Comparable radios, to replace what we have, are about \$190 each. That price doesn't include the headsets. Each headset would be an additional \$25. We could get lesser quality radios, for \$150, including the headset. They most likely wouldn't last as long, however, plus the charge on the batteries is questionable, as to how long they would last. We need 4 radios but only 2 headsets, which would total just over \$800. Kathy Howard suggested that we see if anyone has a connection with someone in the electronics/2-way radio world. Perhaps we could get an even better price. Rinda will provide the name and model to Kathy and she will further research prices. Our current radios are all Motorola, so Rinda was looking at Motorola radios to replace them.

18. Vice President/Show Committee Report given by Christine Houts.

Christine is trying to make it a smooth transition for Julie Hemenway to take over this VP position in 2017. It can be very overwhelming, trying to figure out all of the contracts and everything for each and every show. With that being said, Christine thanked everyone for coming out, for participating, for being exhibitors and for bringing out all of the beautiful horses.

Christine went over a lot of the same show information, which she gave during the BOD Meeting. Please see Section #5, of the BOD minutes, for more detail. Only new items, brought up at the General Meeting, will be detailed out here.

- At the Emerald Valley Classic show this year, there was a breakdown of sorts in communication between the coordinators, the board members and all. We hope to have that corrected for 2017.
- The CanAm Classic went like Kathy said. The attendance was down, making the show a loss. The committee recommends that we make this a 2 day show in 2017. This would make the show viable so we could continue to have it. Discussion followed. This recommendation was voted on and the **MOTION** passed, with no one opposing or abstaining.
- The Show Committee recommended that the WOW show not held in 2017. We'll try to set the 2018 dates for WOW, just to hold the dates. This recommendation was voted on and everyone voted yes, except Arlene who opposed, and the **MOTION** was passed.
- The Oregon State Fair show will coincide with the World Show. In prior years, AMHA would not allow any shows to be at the same time as the World Show.
- The Show Committee recommends that one set of points, from the Western Regional Championship Show, be awarded to year-end awards. This would help replace the points lost from not having a WOW show in 2017. It's also important to try and get as many people to attend, so that we can keep rotating the show between Reno and Eugene. This would hopefully encourage attendance as well. However, no points will go towards the Gelding Incentive year-end awards, as we don't bring in any money at Regionals. A discussion followed. This recommendation was voted on and the **MOTION** passed with no one opposing or abstaining.
- Kathy Howard (WA) brought up a question about qualifying for Regionals. Joanne responded that a horse has to show at 1 show to qualify to go to Regionals. However, Joanne mentioned that she'd like to take to the February AMHA meeting the following suggestion. Since the AMHA World show is earlier this year, making it earlier to qualify for Worlds, Joanne will suggest that AMHA have no pre-qualification, in

order to go to Regionals. She will advocate for this, at the February meeting in Las Vegas. If anyone else goes to the meeting, from the NWMHC, Joanne would like their support on this matter.

- Cooler donations, to hold the free water at the shows, were asked for. The cooler(s) should have wheels. Carol said she could donate at least one. Kathy (WA) brought up the fact that at the last show, at the end of the show, there was a lot of litter from the water bottles. Christine suggested that we put up a garbage can, just for the bottles, so that they could be recycled. Half-filled water bottles are set down everywhere and people don't come back to them. A suggestion was made for a cooler with a spigot or a water cooler and some Dixie cups. Pros and cons were discussed. It was also suggested that perhaps it be half and half....bottled water and Dixie cup water.
- Gwen wanted to give thanks to Kathy Sammons for donating 3 safety halters, various sizes, and leads. Kathy realized there was a need, when her own horse broke one at a show. They now reside in a black case, inside the club trailer, and will be placed by the gate at all shows.
- The 2 minute gate hold was discussed (more info in the BOD minutes under New Business). The discussion was about when to start the timer. Recommendation from the Show Committee is to have 3 signs made up and posted at the shows. This recommendation was voted on and the **MOTION** passed with no one opposing or abstaining.
- Who will pull the club trailer this year? The perks are 1) a small stall was built in the back so it can also carry one or possibly two horses and 2) you get paid 41 cents a mile. The trailer has to be at the show the day before the show starts. If for some reason you're not entered in a show, you can drop off the trailer and then come back at the end to pick it up. The coordinators for each show will setup the center ring etc. The person hauling the trailer isn't in charge of that, unless they're one of the coordinators. The trailer is currently parked at Joanne's place. Susie asked that everyone think it over during the Winter, as this has to be figured out by Spring. It can also be shared, where one person hauls it to a show or two and then another person hauls the trailer to a different show, etc. Christine is willing to haul it to the first show. Kathy or Joanne can haul the trailer to Eugene, for the Emerald Valley show.
- The Show Committee recommends that there be no youth classes on Fridays, due to school, for any 3 day shows in the future. This recommendation was voted on and the **MOTION** passed with no one opposing or abstaining.
- The Show Committee recommends that we breakdown the AOTE classes into Level 1 and Level 2. Further description is in the Rules & Regs section #8 above, bullet #5. This recommendation was voted on and the **MOTION** passed with no one opposing or abstaining.
- Christine wanted to remind show coordinators that they can make the show their own. If the coordinators want to give out any special awards, they can do so. If the items total more than \$25, you have to get it pre-approved by the Treasurer Kathy Howard. If you want to donate the prizes, or get sponsors for them, these are options as well. Have fun!
- Email entry forms will get charged an extra \$5, as Rinda will have to print them out. Our entry forms will have this additional fee on them.
- With your first entries, or even before, please send in front and back photocopies of the registration papers. Please snail mail them to Rinda. This also includes any stallion verification forms, if you're showing a stallion that is 3 years or older. If you're leasing a horse, you need to send Rinda the leasing paper that AMHA stamped and sent back to you. Any horse that you think that you might show, send Rinda the necessary papers. Even though you have to send papers into Rinda, you also have to bring a set to the show, for measuring. If your paperwork is expired and AMHA still has them, you have to get a letter from AMHA, stating that they're in process.
- A discussion was started about late entries. Rinda is seeing more and more late entries, sometimes not until the show. There are getting to be 40-50 late entries she is receiving at the show. It is recommended

that the late entry fees of \$25 per horse and \$3 per class be enforced once again. Pros and cons discussion ensued. Why not do it similar to the World Show? You have to send in your entries with your stall requests for Worlds. If both aren't together, you can't enter. One possible solution, if people don't go through Rinda, they don't get their stall assignments. Not having a newsletter anymore, show deadlines can easily be missed. Barbara Kahl said she'd make up a calendar, showing all of the show dates and deadline dates. It will be sent out with the next newsletter and can also be posted on the website. Joanne asked that we table this discussion and send it back to the committee for more work. A new proposal would then be brought to the Winter Meeting. Anyone, pro or con, that has a strong opinion should let the Show Committee know their suggestions. Show Committee agreed to table for now. Christine also mentioned a possibility of having refrigerator magnets made up, with the show dates on it. First, we'll have to get bids on magnets, to see if feasible.

19. **New Business**

- Barbara and Heather Kahl would like to see the older minis get back in the ring. They would like to offer a Doc award, since they owned an old show stallion named Doc, for minis that are at least 20 years old. This would be a year-end award. They would follow all of the point rules that we have for points. She suggested a perpetual trophy but it was countered to be an annual. After a discussion, Barbara agreed on an annual trophy. This request was voted on and the **MOTION** passed with no one opposing or abstaining.
- Kathy Sammons brought up the idea of having the year-end banquet dinner changing to a brunch. This would make it easier for people to get home a lot earlier. The BOD and General meetings cover a lot of the same stuff. We really only need to have a BOD meeting if it's a closed session. Susie thinks the idea of a brunch is a great idea. If we can better adhere to the 2 minute and 10 minute discussion windows, we could compact the meeting time down a lot. Anyone with an idea, take it to the committee that needs it.

20. **MOTION** was made by Susie to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm. Barbara seconded and all approved.