

NWMHC Director's Meeting – January 26th, 2008 Centralia, Washington

Directors in attendance: Dave Miller, Nancy Rivenburgh, Carole Heerman, Jessica Kimball, Kate Sherry. Directors not in attendance: Helen Halderman, Sheryl Peterson.

Dave Miller called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

The Board approved the following recommendations from the Show Committee:

1. Barbara Ashby recommended, "The club not become involved in the selling of shavings. Exhibitors can purchase shaving bales from the show office."
2. Barbara Ashby recommended, "The club absorb the \$6.50 per yard disposal fee." The recommendation applied to the Can-Am facility increase in disposal fees.
3. Barbara Ashby recommended, "Can-Am discontinue class splits by height for amateur classes. "
4. Linda Dennis recommended, "The club permit the premium book to be posted online. Hard copies will be only be mailed by request."
5. Barbara Ashby recommended the deletion of rule 3 of the general show rules and regulations that states, "With approval of the Show Coordinators, if space is available a special section can be designated for 'sales horses.' Only horses can be placed in these stalls if the owner is participating in the show in an AMHA-approved class."
6. Barbara Ashby recommended, "No special sales area for 'sales horses' can be offered at NWMHC shows."
7. Barbara Ashby recommended that, "Foals be nominated in-utero."
8. Barbara Ashby recommended, "Mares may be nominated in-utero until March 1, 2008."

Mark Bullington reported that the PA system owned by the club was offered to him for sale. No price was set. A request by Margaret Slape was made to use the PA system for the schooling clinic. Nancy Rivenburgh's karaoke machine will be sufficient for the clinic purpose. Average internet price for the club's PA system sell for \$300. Mark will allow the club to use the system whenever the club needs the system. It will be needed twice this year for Mini Mac. If the system is ever needed for a club event and Mark is not in the area, Mark will pass the equipment along to a member to bring to the event.

Dave Miller reported that Diane Morgan-Stasiak requested that different types of measuring stick be provided at the Measuring Certification Clinic. Many volunteers have already agreed to provide the equipment. Dave Miller will be at the event and serving as an assistant.

The AMHA is suspending permanent measurement cards and will not be issuing any more permanent cards upon rule approval as reported by Dave Miller. Nancy Rivenburgh reported that permanent cards allow hoof manipulations during the show season until another measurement is required (as in for Nationals). Truer assessment of height will be attained if permanent cards are removed.

Starting this year, we will have an extra witness at all official show measurements. A recorder, measurer, and witness will be present and certified through the AMHA. Frank Parker, Gwen Rinkel, and Barbara Hento will be certified at the Measuring Certification Clinic and the club is covering their fee.

Laminated postings of AMHA rule 132 will be posted in the show office at all club shows. The rule states, "In furtherance of their official duties all Association representatives shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them." This is in response to an increase in aggressive behavior towards our show officials.

Barbara Hento requested clarification of show official appropriate attire. Proper attire is required within any show arena. Outside the arena (for example, in the show office), sandals and shorts are allowed. Show officials do not need to dress down when outside the arena.

Paid show officials received an increase in gas reimbursement costs. A raise to \$0.46 per mile will be added to their 2008 contracts. The Board approved Mark Bullington's announcing contract. The Finance Committee will conduct research for 2009 salary contracts during 2008.

Deposits have been made to all show facilities. With this money secured, Dave Miller recommended that \$10,000 of our start up funds be placed in a CD or in a high interest account to earn more money. Fees collected from the first shows of the season will cover needed costs for later shows so the \$10,000 as collected will be available.

To relieve some of the arena duties from the ring stewards, public watching club shows may be invited to hand out ribbons. White coats will be provided if attire is not proper for inside the arena.

Nancy Rivenburgh reported that the \$30 performance awards presented at 5 shows might be an item to consider dropping if the club has further increases in show facility fees. The program will continue in 2008. Embroidered bags may be a consideration for this year's award. Barbara Hento recommended, "The addition of versatility to the performance award categories. The recommendation was **APPROVED**."

The Board is concerned about the pressure on show officials to make our shows successful. Decisions by show officials are back and supported by the Board.

Proposal by Barbara Hento was submitted for the club trailer relettering. She was quoted \$135, which is comparable to previous trailer relettering fees. The proposal was **APPROVED**.

Barbara Hento made request for the Board to research acquiring a club credit card. The card would be used for airline ticket bookings, hotel reservations, other judge travel expenses, trailer inventory stocking, and other similar expenses. She currently uses her own card. Bonding may be required and Dave Miller will research further. The club would like a card with airline flight rewards points that would be transferable to any airline and has no blackout dates. This way we may earn a free flight for one of our future judges in the future. The estimated credit card maximum would \$5,000.

The Finance Committee recommends that no one be reimbursed for expenses at club shows. Financial worksheet forms must be completed, submitted to Barbara Hento, and reviewed by the Audit Committee. Check will be issued a week after the show once review is completed. The Board approved this recommendation. There may be 2 exemptions: the Central Point shavings bill and the Central Point stall fee bill. Both are fee large amounts and if needed before the end of the show are not appropriate to expect coordinators to cover for the duration of a week on top of other expenses. To note, the meals of show coordinators is not paid by the club.

Jessica Kimball moved for adjournment. The motion was **APPROVED**.

Meeting adjourned 3:40 p.m.

Hilary Schult
Recording Secretary