

NWMHC GENERAL WINTER MEETING  
January 23, 2016  
Ridgefield, WA

1. The meeting was called to order, at 1:16pm, by President Susie Gunther.
2. Roll call: **PRESENT:** President Susie Gunther, Vice President Christine Houts, Treasurer Kathy Howard, Administrator Jamie Bethany, Director Joanne Ross and Recording Secretary Janine McDonald **GUESTS:** Carole Heermann, Arlene Dickinson, Jessica Kimball, Skylar Heermann, Katie Hanson, Amber Hanson, Linda Van Fleet, Julie Hemenway, Cindy Saum, Amanda Leichner, Dorothy Whiteman, Ron Whiteman, Tammy Osgood, Kathy Thomas and Klair Thomas **ABSENT:** Director Robin Hardy and Past President Lisa Pichler
3. Minutes of the Fall General Meeting were read. Carole Heermann made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Christine Houts seconded and all approved.

During the reading of the minutes, Carole asked if we could get a refund on insurance for a cancelled show. It's a flat fee that isn't broken down by show. Susie asked Jamie to ask insurance company when talking to them next time.

4. **President's Report** given by Susie Gunther.  
Same report as was given during the BOD's meeting. Please see the BOD Meeting minutes for more details.

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're probably \$3,000 ahead from last year. We have a carry-over from CanAm, plus a carry-over from the canceled Eugene show, for the arena deposits.

Budget will be finalized, after this meeting, based on what has been given to Kathy.

Donations were asked for, for the gelding incentive fund, and Carole pledged \$100.

6. **Club Administrator's Report** given by Jamie Bethany.  
Basically the same report as was given at the BOD's meeting, with a few minor changes, detailed below. Please see the BOD Meeting minutes for more details.

As of this meeting, we have 26 family memberships, of which 2 are new members. One of those new members is here and we'd like to welcome her, Arlene Dickinson. A new member packet is still being put together. Of the total family memberships, 1 is a sponsored youth, 6 have paid for NWMHC farm links and 5 have paid for Miniature Horse World advertising.

When asked if any questions for Jamie, Susie asked when the World Ad was due. Payment is due either August or September, per Kathy. We are good for now. Jamie will provide a current farm list to Joanne, in order to get the MHW ad updated.

7. **Show Manager's Report** given by Susie Gunther.  
Same report as what was given during the BOD's Meeting. Please see the BOD Meeting minutes for more details.
8. **AMHA National Director's Report** given by Joanne Ross.

Basically same report as what was given during the BOD's Meeting, with a couple of additions listed below. Please see the BOD Meeting minutes for more details.

AMHA has had less and less income, due to fewer registrations, because fewer people are breeding these days. More of their income has been coming from the Regional and World Shows. Memberships, the magazine and the farm listings are fewer. AMHA finances are not great.

The AMHA show manager, Laura Mullens, went and did an extensive search of all of the facilities in the Central region and nothing so far has turned out to be as good as what we're getting at the Fort Worth show. Worlds will continue to be at Will Rogers Stadium in Fort Worth.

The approval of the stock horse class, which has been temporary the last couple of years, will also be voted on in February.

## 9. **Committee Reports**

**BY LAWS/RULES & REGS** given by Julie Hemenway.

The by-laws were put on the nwmhc.com website December 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully everyone has read the changes, which were highlighted in red. The changes included taking out all mentions of a newsletter, since one isn't produced anymore. Under officers, the position of the club administrator is appointed for a "2 year" term by the President, under advisement of the BOD. **VOTE:** All approved.

The club administrator is a voting member of the board to have the same privileges as a board of directors. **VOTE:** All approved, except Joanne who abstained.

The elected AMHA Regional A director member of the NW board of directors shall have the same privileges, including voting as a director at large, provided they are a paid member of the NW club. Jessica asked that the wording be changed to what is up above. **VOTE:** All approved.

Under the Treasurer/Secretary section, line #2, the 10 days was taken out and then added back in. It now reads "Deposit or cause of to be deposited all organization money in the bank checking and/or savings account, selected by the board of directors, in a timely matter and no longer than 10 days after receipt of deposit." The 10 days used to be there but then was taken out at some point. This is just adding the 10 days back in. **VOTE:** All approved.

If you look at the website right now, you'll see the Treasurer under the duties. It's missing 2 through 8 on the website. The missing sections were found by Julie and added back in. **VOTE:** All approved.

One more by-law change in the finance area. The only thing that's changed is that it's chaired by the "Treasurer/Secretary", as it is now a combined position. **VOTE:** All approved.

Linda Van Fleet noted that under section 202, it mentions youth as being under 18 while 18 year olds are still considered youths. It should read "under 19" instead. No need to vote on this cleanup.

The regs are missing the measuring requirements and a lot more. Julie will compare an AMHA booklet she found to what is currently in our regs. The rules and regs should be in

our premium. These are AMHA rules so Julie can add them to our regs as cleanup. All omissions / changes will be brought to the Fall Meeting.

NSF checks. This was brought up in the BOD Meeting but was tabled until this General Meeting. The rules and regs currently states *“There will be a \$25 charge for all checks returned for lack of funds. This must be paid before entry numbers will be issued at this or any following show.”* The rules and regs used to say *“If an NSF check cannot be resolved, it is to be turned over to a collection agency and the person suspended from membership in the NWMHC. The membership will not be reinstated until the NSF check is covered and the collection fee is paid in full. The AMHA will be notified and the person will be subject to the appropriate AMHA general rules and regulations. A \$25 fee will be assessed for each NSF check. Once that person has written two NSF checks in one year, no checks will be accepted from the person for the period of one year.”* We’re asking if the rules and regs can be changed to what they used to state. Jamie asked that the wording be changed to *“A \$25 fee, plus bank fees, will be assessed for each NSF check.”* A discussion ensued as to whether this change should be done during the General Meeting or should be brought up first at the BOD Meeting. It was determined that rules and regs are brought up and done in the General Meeting without notification.

**MOTION:** Janine made a motion to approve Julie reinstating the old verbiage for NSF checks, but changing the dollar amount to **\$50** and to include *“plus bank fees”*. Christine seconded and all approved.

Rules and regs for gelding. Right now it says for the gelding incentive that *“horses must compete in 2 out of the 3 NW sponsored shows. Points can only be earned in a gelding specified class.”* It used to read *“Horses must compete in at least 2 NW sponsored shows. Oregon State Fair is not a club sponsored show. A 2 minute discussion ensued.*

**MOTION** by Joanne for an amendment to add Oregon State Fair as counting in the gelding incentive points, in addition to the 2 NWMHC sponsored shows. Seconded and all approved except for Jamie...passed. **MOTION** by Julie to take out the total # of shows (such as 3), out of the rules and regs, for the gelding incentive fund. Christine seconded and all approved.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE** given by Janine McDonald.

We have to postpone our audit as our committee didn’t get the necessary financials from Kathy to perform the audit. Kathy will send out all of the financials within the week and Carole, Joanne and Janine will go over them. The committee members will stay in touch and bring up/discuss any findings as necessary. Any findings will be submitted to the board and brought to the next BOD meeting.

#### **FUTURITY** given by Linda Van Fleet

A total of \$585 is currently in the fund. The breakdown of the fund is \$280 for the 2014 foals, \$225 for the 2015 foals and \$80 for the 2016 foals.

The in utero nominations are down this year to about 6 or 7 foals being nominated. Last year there were 18 in utero foals nominated. The sustained yearlings are down to 3 being sustained, as opposed to 18 being eligible. We have three 2-year-olds that have been sustained, out of a possible 26 that were originally nominated. So we’re trying to figure out how to increase these numbers. The futurity committee was given some ideas today that they’d like to run by the club. Possibly one of the things that might help is changing our deadline date from December 31<sup>st</sup> to possibly February 1<sup>st</sup>. Someone else

suggested that we could maybe change the in utero nomination to \$20 but you would not have to sustain the foal for the yearling. The foal would already be eligible for the yearling class then. It would save the person nominating the foal \$5, rather than doing \$10 in utero and \$15 to sustain for the yearling. The only problem with that would be that the futurity committee wouldn't have any information on that foal. They wouldn't know which yearlings that are being entered into the yearling futurity because paperwork wouldn't be turned in for the yearlings. The only information there would be is the dam's and sire's names. However, when they do an entry form, the dam's and sire's names aren't on the entry form. Any suggestions as to how we could reconcile that? Jamie suggested that since the futurity class is a special class, it wouldn't be too hard to have people fill out a separate futurity entry form. Joanne brought up the fact that with each entry, a copy of the registration papers has to be included. Out of the above suggestions, the biggest change Linda would like to see is changing the cutoff date to February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Futurity Committee would like to think through the \$20 in utero fee change and possibly bring it back up at the Fall Meeting. It's too late for this year anyway. Linda made a **MOTION** to change the in utero futurity cutoff date from December 31<sup>st</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>. No second needed as the motion was made by a committee. All approved.

Linda did remind people that it's still not too late to nominate a foal in utero. You can still nominate a mare in foal up to 30 days prior to her delivering. It's just a \$20 fee versus the normal \$10 fee. The same applies to sustaining. The yearlings and 2-year-olds can still be sustained as long as they're done prior to the posted closing date of the show. You have to be entered by the closing date of the show. Again, it's double the fee but can still be done.

**GELDING INCENTIVE** given by Susie Gunther, as Robin Hardy is not present.

The Fall awards banquet meeting silent auction raised \$273. The live auction for the afghan, won by Jamie Bethany, raised \$175 (to be paid when afghan is completed). For sponsorships, we collected \$300. A total of \$573 was collected that night (silent auction and sponsors). Kathy Sammons and Joanne Ross (?) will send in their sponsorships to Kathy Howard at a later date. Right now, Robin is the only gelding incentive fund committee member. Garrett Harrington is considering becoming a member but we could use some volunteers at shows with the auctions. Some other ideas for fundraisers are having fun classes with your horses. These could be like a timed event, where you and your horse kick one of the big play balls down and around a cone and back. Another could be a relay race or a barrel race, set up with cones and tennis balls on top instead of barrels, to protect carts, horses and people. With an entry of \$5 or \$10, the top 3 entries would receive a prize of some sort. Another idea is to raffle off a quilt, if Robin can have one made in time. Would love any input, if anyone has any ideas for other things. Robin is really looking for more members to join her on the gelding incentive fund committee!

**NEWSLETTER/PUBLICITY** was to be Ivy Foxall but was given by Jamie Bethany.

Ivy has declined as being chairman of the newsletter committee. We need to find a new chairman for this committee.

The newsletter committee members are Jamie Bethany, Joanne Ross, Arlene Dickinson, Lisa Mangles, Ivy Foxall and Parker Creecy.

We've been unsuccessful at getting a good quality newsletter out. We have sent several short emails, through iContacts last year, to members for reminders and such, but no actual newsletter since the digital one Dawn Sayles worked on at the beginning of 2015. Jamie will be teaching Arlene and Joanne how to use iContacts, so that they will be able to put out a newsletter as well. Further committee members have agreed to take lots of pictures at events, and submit articles, so that we will have a better newsletter for members in 2016. Any other members are more than welcome to submit pictures, stories or news to Jamie, or any of the newsletter committee members. Your input is very welcome. Our goal is to get something out to members bi-monthly. Susie graciously put together a last minute one page newsletter that just went out. This newsletter just went out with renewals, so it didn't get sent out to all members.

The January newsletter will be posted on the website. The next newsletter to go out would be around March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**YEAR-END AWARDS/BANQUET** given by Kathy Howard, as Judy Howard is not present.

Banquet - The only place we found and are recommending (sent it to the board) for the banquet is at the Creekside Golf Club in Salem. It's about 5 miles off of I-5 on Highway 22. They are currently holding the day, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, but Kathy needs to send them a deposit. The board meeting is setup to be from 9am-noon. Lunch will be from 12-1pm, where you can eat at their restaurant. General meeting will be from 1-4:30pm. A meet and greet will be from 5-5:30pm. Dinner will be a buffet style with potatoes, salad and a choice of 2 entrees. The buffet will run around \$25 but it will be a buffet. We don't have to guarantee any certain number of plates but we do have to pay a \$500 deposit. The room charge is \$250 but anywhere you go it costs that or more. This place we know is nice. They gave us options for decorating and you get your choice of linens. They will furnish little pumpkins that are decorated. They'll put a mirror on the table. They'll give us as many tables as we want for free. There will be lots of motels available in Salem. The awards presentation will follow. The committee is making a **MOTION** to send a \$500 deposit to hold the Fall Meeting/Banquet on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Creekside Golf Club in Salem. All approved.

Year-end awards. The committee members consist of Judy Howard, Kathy Howard, Katie Hanson and Linda Van Fleet. We have discussed in general the high point awards. One of the things that we've noticed is that we don't offer enough awards, especially open awards. More open awards would generate more memberships and more banquet attendance. For instance, if you have a junior mare, we offer 7 classes at our shows but only give out one junior horse award. It's really not how fancy the award is because it gives the horse a title. The kids like it because there are more awards to get. This would be going back to the way it used to be, when we gave a smaller award for classes and then we gave an overall high point award. Smaller awards could be a plaque with the horse's name on it. People come to the banquet because they win an award. People join the club because they can win an award and now we're missing that. This could also lead to more horses showing at the later shows, as they'd still qualify for a lesser award. The price range, of the smaller awards, is within our means. **MOTION** Committee recommends giving individual awards for each class. All approved except for Jamie, Carole and Julie who abstained.

Need clarification as to how points are to be categorized. Kathy asked how to allocate the points if, for instance, a horse places in AOTE and Amateur Level 1 and goes onto

Grand and Reserve. Which class would the Grand or Reserve points go to? It was stated by Dorothy that the Grand and Reserve points shouldn't count towards the total points, just the class you qualified in. If you qualified in 3 classes, they would go to all 3 classes. The Grand and Reserve shouldn't count to the total points unless there is a tie. Reserve is 1 additional point and Grand is 2 additional points. This is really only an issue in the Amateur, Driving and Youth classes. Committee made a **MOTION** to change the Rules & Regs to add "Grand & Reserve points will be used for Open Halter classes, for tabulating total points, and also will be used for any ties in Performance and Amateur classes." All approved, except for Jessica, who abstained.

We're just defining what the overall open driving horse is. It's all single-pleasure, country-pleasure, classic-pleasure, roadster classes in the open divisions. Open divisions would include the height classes, stallions, mares, geldings, gentlemen's and ladies classes. There's nothing in there, so it's a clarification. Then it's clarifying what a performance horse is. Open performance classes are designated as hunter, jumper, halter obstacle, obstacle driving, versatility and liberty. Showmanship wouldn't count because showmanship goes with the person, versus the horse.

In case an amateur was in two different levels, in halter and performance, all points will be allocated to amateur level 2, in both halter and performance. So all of the points would go to one and it would be the higher division. This is the way AMHA does it. This would just be for the overall high point award. This only affects two awards, the amateur level 1 and amateur level 2 high point awards. Committee **MOTION** In case of an amateur being in two different levels in halter and performance, in tabulating the overall high point level 1 and level 2, all points will be allocated to the higher level. All approved except for Linda, Julie and Jessica who abstained.

The ribbons have been counted and the only ribbons we need to order are Grands and Reserves. Christine and Kathy are going to get together and go with the best bid. If we order by February 17<sup>th</sup>, we can get a 10% discount. There's a possible better deal from another source. Kelsey volunteered to do the CanAm supreme awards. Kathy will contact Kelsey. Besides the ribbons in the trailer, Diane has more ribbons. Sue Newnham is aware and will go to Diane's to pick up the ribbons. There were some leftover blankets, from the year-end awards, that we've talked about using for some of the high points at the shows. Jamie stated that Diane still has those. Christine has already asked Sue to pick up any blankets as well. Christine and Kathy will work together to determine how many grand, reserve and supreme ribbons need to be ordered.

The other thing, that the year-end awards committee would like to ask, is if the club makes more than the projected budget, that the year-end awards would get a percentage of any profit. \$3,500 is budgeted for awards. Previously, for two years, we had a gift to the club to pay for those awards and last year the club paid for the awards. We wouldn't ask for any additional money to go to awards until after all of the shows this year are done and a profit/loss can be determined. This would be around September and only if there was a profit. We could decide at the Fall Meeting, if there is a profit this year, whether to budget more for awards in 2017. We're hoping to get more sponsors this year. We need to work on getting more sponsors.

Christine mentioned that, instead of miniature horse farms, we could get community sponsors, as they are doing for the Gypsy show in April. The sponsorship forms also have a line item for year-end awards. They can choose to sponsor the show or just a year-end

award. Either way it helps us. If each and every show does that, then we can actually make more money from the community sponsors. Outside businesses such as Wilco, Ford, Chevy, etc. will be asked to sponsor the Mt Hood Gypsy/Mini show. They can even donate some grain, a halter or whatever. It's a great idea but will people truly hit the pavement and work on community sponsors?

**WEBSITE** given by Jamie Bethany.

The website committee consists of John Sayles, Cindy Saum and Jamie Bethany. John has been doing a good job of keeping up with the website and is very responsive when a change is made (usually 2-3 days after emailing him). New farm links and membership lists will be updated in February. Since we have so few, hopefully this will give more time for more to come in, since membership renewals just went out. So that we don't bombard John with changes, Jamie usually gives him a list of changes once a month. It is easier and less confusing to give John a completed file, rather than multiple changes in a short period of time. The 2016 show schedule should be up soon and our first show should be highlighted on the main page.

Any suggestions? The classifieds are really outdated and need to be cleaned up. Jamie will work with John to get the classifieds cleaned up.

**WINTER MEETING** given by Susie Gunther.

Thanks to Janine and Carole for shopping for our venue. The 2017 Winter Meeting will be tabled until the Fall Meeting.

**YOUTH** given by Susie Gunther (Sue and Jamae not present).

Sue Newnham and Jamae Creecy have agreed to co-chair the youth committee. Committee members include Devlin Newnham, Parker Creecy, Kendra Bell, Josh Hanson, Lee Foxall, Ivy Foxall and we are in the process of soliciting more adult and youth committee members.

The goal of the youth committee is to encourage participation in club activities by the youth members and develop programs specifically for this group, i.e. scholarships, clinics, seminars, social activities, fund raising ventures and education.

The youth fund currently has a total of \$1,359.32 (as of January 4<sup>th</sup>).

The horse show activity they would like, just at Emerald Valley, CanAm and WOW (but they may want to add the new Mt. Hood show), is a horse show clinic Thursday evening 6 or 7pm. This would be a time for youth members to bring their horses and practice showmanship, halter obstacle and/or hunter. The clinic(s) will be led by volunteer guest trainers, adult members and/or more experienced youth members. The goal is for youth members to get to know each other, learn new and/or more refine their show skills techniques and to support youth members who may be new to the AMHA show ring. The cost would be \$0.

Youth night. Friday or Saturday evening, depending on schedule, between 6:30 and 7:30pm. Games, prizes and pizza in the main arena. Boot relay, egg race, Simon says, liberty, etc. (kids only, no horses). Cost would be \$200 for pizza and prizes per show.

Fundraising ideas..... Kathy Howard clarified, any fund raising at Emerald Valley goes to the gelding incentive fund. All of the following ideas, the donations would go to the

youth fund and to support activities (**except Emerald Valley**). **Pass The Hat:** Place a decorated hat on someone and they pay (not a specific amount) to move the hat to someone else. For example, if the hat started with Sue and she paid \$5 and passed the hat to Jamae, who then paid \$5 to pass the hat to someone else, etc. To move the hat to the next person, members donate and select the next person to donate. We could set a \$1 minimum price and a \$20 maximum. Expected donations: \$500-\$800. **50/50:** Youth members sell tickets and donations are split between the youth fund and the ticket winners. Expected donations: \$500-\$800. **Rent A Helper:** Need help setting up your booth, carrying equipment, filling up water buckets or walking a horse? Rent a youth for 30 minutes or 1 hour blocks of time. Suggested donations \$10-\$15. Contact Sue, before or at the show, and she will arrange for a youth member to help you.

Scholarship Amount: \$500

Scholarship Rules:

Must be a member of the NWMHC.

Must have attended at least 3 NWMHC functions in the year.

Open to high school seniors and college students up to age 21.

Scholarship may only be earned 1 time.

Must complete application and submit it by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Scholarships are made payable to the students school and students have two years from being awarded the scholarship to use it.

Scholarship application at:

[nwmhc.com/Web%20Pages/Youth/NWMHC%20Youth%20Scholarship.doc](http://nwmhc.com/Web%20Pages/Youth/NWMHC%20Youth%20Scholarship.doc)

Sue and Jamae need the most recent list of NW AMHA youth members. Jamie will provide this list to them.

Kathy mentioned that there is a silent auction at the CanAm show, which they didn't mention, that is designated to the youth. The \$200 per show, for pizza and prizes, would come out of the youth fund.

**NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS** – Susie says we don't have anybody in there and it's all open and we're not going to worry about it right now. We'll worry about it later at a board meeting.

**PUBLICITY** – Susie says that there's no chairman for this one as well.

Christine mentioned that for the Mt Hood Gypsy Horse/Mini show, the State Fair is actually going to do the publicity for us. They're going to put it on the boards, list it on their website as what's going on at the State Fairgrounds and they'll even publicize it on a radio station.

Joanne has a financial request for publicity. We need new banners. Jessica has someone that can make us some new banners for fairly cheap. Joanne made a **MOTION** that \$250 is given to replace banners. Kathy seconded and all approved. Christine and Jessica to get bids on the new banners.

Kathy brought up redoing the lettering on the trailer. Letters were removed but it's still sticky. Linda Van Fleet will try and get the sticky residue off of the club trailer.

**SHOW/VICE PRESIDENT** given by Christine Houts.

The schooling show at Kathy's won't be taking place, due to Kathy's upcoming surgery. Linda Van Fleet has said that she would actually do the schooling show at her place. Linda mentioned that it will be done as the previous clinics put on at her place were. It's not a club function but rather put on by her farm. Profits would go to 4-H or Youth or be split between them. She can do a schooling show, like she's done before, where they have halter classes, obstacle, hunter and driving classes. Or she can do it more as a play day and have kind of fun play day stuff, like running barrels etc. It's whatever the club thinks might be of most interest. The dates that Linda has open is April 2<sup>nd</sup> and possibly a date in March. Linda is not asking for anything from the club, except for maybe someone to come help a bit. Linda will make up a flyer and send it out. A volunteer who could judge would be nice as well. Christine mentioned that a lady named Sandy Johnson, who judged our schooling show last year, said she would do it this year also. Christine will give Linda Sandy's phone number. For volunteering last year, we just bought Sandy lunch.

The Mt. Hood show is all pretty much set. We just have a few tweaks here and there to do. We have judges of Chris Bickford and Sami Scheuring. The Gypsy horses are having a 3<sup>rd</sup> judge, which they're paying for. For that show, you can bring your own sawdust or you can buy sawdust at the show. Christine will have the sawdust in her trailer and there will be a lock on it, so you'll have to go see Christine. The show will be April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

For Emerald Valley, we have Jessica Kimball and Joanne Ross that are going to be our coordinators. It will be an AMHR, ASPR and AMHA show. Emerald Valley will be the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. We're not sure of the judges yet. Rinda sent Christine a report but her phone won't open it.

Christine has all of the contracts for all of the facilities and they will be signed and sent out Monday. The Mt. Hood show contract is already in. All of the contracts this year have gone up around \$100-\$125 per show across the board. To offset this increase, we'll be increasing our office fee from \$5 to \$10 per entry/horse owner. Christine made a **MOTION** that we raise the office fee from \$5 to \$10 to cover the raise in facility costs this year. Jessica seconded and all approved.

For CanAm, the coordinators are Kelsey, Christine and Dorothy (quietly and only as needed—not a front runner). Susie will be helping with stalls, as she will be arriving a day earlier. CanAm will be June 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The WOW show, we're going to find out if we're going to be doing the AMHR portion, which is the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. Kathy will find out from Casey. WOW show is August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, unless we add the R show on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Whiteman asked whether we were using the same judges to judge both the R and the A classes. The answer was yes but that the R show just has 2 judges, so an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> judge is just for A. He raised a concern about showing a horse in both R and then A and the judges having a preconceived idea about the horse already. It's too late to change for this year but perhaps we can consider switching up judges for next year.

Another issue was brought up about the R classes. The premiums before had all halter classes in the morning and then all driving classes in the afternoon. It will be a 2-day show in Emerald Valley. There will be stallion and gelding halter classes on one day and

mare halter on the other. The driving classes are split both days and the pony classes will split them up some.

Oregon State Fair is August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The class list will be the same as the one we use for the Mt. Hood show. Christine is working closely with Ron Hood. She has gotten everything into Ron that he needed to go ahead and do the hardship show for the Oregon State Fair. Ron has asked us to come up with some classes, such as barrel racing or chariot racing or something that will keep people in the stadium after the draft horses are done in the evening. If anyone has any events or exhibit ideas, etc. please let Christine know, so that she can submit the idea to Ron. Wayne Hipsley, Richard Petty, Steven Hatch and Steve Bryson (sp?) are the judges for AMHA and Pinto. We're going to have Pinto minis, A and R, plus Pinto ponies this year and some open pony classes as per requested by Kathy.

We're going to be doing the tack sale this year on March 19<sup>th</sup> in Canby. We'll be getting the 10 X 10 space. Anyone that wants to donate anything to that sale, the proceeds will go to the club....not to the donator. Items can be given to Christine or Julie. Carole and Skylar are going as well.

There's a horse expo in Albany. It's too late to do it this year, so it's tabled until the Fall Meeting. You can do a breed showcase or just an exhibit. We'll look at this in the Fall, for 2017 possibly.

For CanAm, the Gypsy horses that we're going to have at the Mt. Hood show, have requested that we put in a smaller class list at CanAm. They would provide the awards for the division. We don't have carded judges for them. It's more like a schooling show or play day. The NWMHC is to collect income off of the class fees, stall fees and office fees. The Gypsy club doesn't want any of the proceeds, just our time and space. There would be 16 classes for the drum horses and 19 classes for the Gypsy horses. The coordinators can decide where to put them. Christine thinks maybe for next year but this year, since we're just getting our coordinators in place, it's too much of a squeeze. We'll see how the April Mt. Hood show goes this year. Christine recommended that we don't add Gypsy horses to the CanAm show this year and everyone agreed.

Any questions? Linda asked to address the uniformity of the class schedules from show to show. Christine is working with Rinda on doing the class lists from the Regional show. Regional specific classes will be taken out and we hope to use it at CanAm, with the addition of the futurity classes. Emerald Valley will remain the same as it was last year, just because of the AMHR portion of it. It's a work in progress.

#### **10. Old Business**

One of the action items from the Fall Meeting was to ask for volunteers for the 2016 Western Regionals social aspect. Asking for volunteers was forgotten during the general meeting portion of the Fall Meeting. Should this be brought up at the Winter Meeting or possibly just iContact members and ask for volunteers. We need volunteers to help out at Regionals to make it a more social event. Susie asked if anyone was going to Regionals. Joanne and Kathy will be going. Joanne has already mentioned some possible things in the BOD meeting, such as a barbecue.

#### **11. New Business – None**

#### **12. Announcements**

Susie asked Dorothy about her clinic. Evergreen Miniature Horse Club has gotten really involved with the carriage driving and the minis and so they are sponsoring an ADT, which is an arena driving trial, which is dressage cones and hazards all inside in one venue. So that's at our farm, in Elma, WA on February 20<sup>th</sup>. So the week before that, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, they're having a clinic for people who want to do the event but know nothing about it. So if anyone is interested in carriage driving, it might be a good starting point. If you go to the Evergreen Miniature Horse Club website, you should be able to find more information. So far there are 3 people in the clinic and 8 people in the ADT. The judge is an international dressage judge, so her comments will be excellent.

Kathy's clinic that was scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, with Casey Campbell, is postponed until later in the year. Casey still wants to come but because of Kathy's surgery, it can't happen in March. There will be more information on both Kathy's page and on the club. There will be one day spent a lot on grooming. Casey's girl, that grooms professionally, is going to come and do grooming and clipping. Kathy thinks she'll do a halter and a driving. It's going to be this year all geared to miniature horses, A's and R's. It may be held the first part of May but not scheduled yet.

13. **MOTION** was made by Christine to adjourn the meeting at 4:25pm. Jamie seconded and all approved.