

NWMHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Jan 24, 2015 Ridgefield, WA

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Pichler at 9:45 AM. Also present were:

Secretary/Treasurer - Margaret Slape

Director - Joanne Ross

Recording Secretary - Helen Halderman

Director - Christine Houts

Minutes of the Fall BOD meeting were approved as read. Thank you Jamie Bethany for taking minutes at that meeting.

Closed Session - recorded separately.

President's Report -

1. Emerald Valley Classic dates are confirmed for Memorial Weekend at Oregon Horse Center.
2. Lisa is President of the WA AMHR club. She assured the BOD that there was no conflict of interest, that all of their work for the year is completed. They have 1 show per year and most members are local.
3. Thanks to Lisa Abboud for helping to find this venue. Lisa has been in touch with other committee chairs and their committees are functioning.

Administrator's Report - no report. Sheryl Petersen is ill this weekend and cannot attend.

Director's Report - Joanne Ross

1. The club trailer has some cracked plastic and the roof rack is bent. This will be repaired.
2. Christine Houts will haul this year. Joanne will reorganize inside so that 1 horse can be hauled.
3. To save the costs of redoing the show dates each year, she suggested a sign such as "Like us on Facebook" and the club's website address. BOD agreed.

Director's Report - Michelle Michelson. No report, not present.

Director's Report - Christine Houts

1. Issues with outstanding checks. This was discussed in closed session.
2. Membership cards. Are they being sent out as was voted for in fall meeting?

3. Helmets for kids. We should encourage use of helmets when kids drive and they should never be penalized for wearing a helmet in the showring.
4. Can an adult be in the arena to help youth in hunter jumper classes? Answer is No.
5. Website - she has talked with Dawn Sayles about adding content.
6. Christine is in need of Schooling Clinic/Show help.

Treasurer's Report - Margaret Slape

1. Checking account balance is over \$8,000. CD is approximately \$21,000. Carole Herrmann stated she would look into safe investments that have a better return.
2. Diane Dorigan reported that when she audited the Kensington bill for year end awards she found a \$1,000 error. The company will give us credit on account or will send us a check. MOTION to accept credit on account to use towards this year's awards. PASSED.

Old News

1. Discussion about adding additional meetings during the year. This is not really feasible due to how geographically spread out our members are. RECOMMENDATION to have a 1-subject meeting at shows when needed. Also to encourage committees to have meetings periodically. Helen suggested a closed Facebook group for BOD communication rather than relying on only emails via the Yahoo group.
2. Class Lists. Lisa would like to use the same class lists for Emerald Valley and Can-Am. That would make Can-Am a 3 day show. She has had several commitments to attend with the extended format. This makes it more streamlined for getting info to Rinda for submission to AMHA for approval. BOD RECOMMENDS THIS CHANGE.
3. Stock Horse Classes. AMHA will be deciding at their annual meeting about adding/requiring Stock Horse classes at Regionals and then local shows in the future. BOD agrees that adding Stock Horse classes this year would be beneficial as long as they are sponsored. BOD will present 2 RECOMMENDATIONS to the general membership for a vote:
 - a. Option 1: 1 Youth mare/gelding; 1 Amateur mare/gelding/stallion; 3 Open - mare, gelding, stallion. Total of 5 classes.
 - b. Option 2: 3 Open classes - mare, gelding, stallion. Total of 3 classes.
 - c. Classes MUST be sponsored for \$125 for the year.
4. Schooling Clinic / Show. Ball was dropped on this and the facility was not reserved. Christine will call the venue to see if any dates are still available. If the facility is not available she will check with Cherie Smith and Kathy Howard about possibly using their facilities.
5. Futurity. Linda Van Fleet and Katie Hanson reported they had received the futurity notebook from the previous chairman. After looking through all of the material they discovered there was no standard method for calculating payouts. They recommend adding the payout method to the Futurity Rules so that it will be standardized. They passed around example payouts and calculations of sustaining methods. Linda suggests for

yearling sustaining fees to split 50/50 with 2 year old pot. Discussion of pros and cons of each method. Motion to adopt Linda's proposal for futurity payouts as she has printed. PASSED.

New News

1. Joint Shows. Suggestion to add a 2-day AMHR/ASPC show on Thurs/Fri before EVC. There are no AMHR shows in CA or OR this year and trainers from CA have guaranteed they will come up for it. Would need double carded judges who can also judge AMHA. RECOMMENDATION by Lisa that we investigate the feasibility of adding AMHR/ASPC classes on Thurs/Fri before EVC. PASSED.

Reminder that committee rule changes need to be submitted to the Rules and Regs committee for updating.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.